

The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



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25th Sunday of the Year
24th September, 2023

The following celebrations will take place during the coming week.

Saturday: (23 Sep) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (24 Sep) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Brian Quigley

Tuesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Ellen Farrell

Thursday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Peter Coyne

Saturday: (30 Sep) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (01 Oct) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: In Thanksgiving (Laurie)

Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from the [Holy Name, Jesmond](#). Visit the website for Mass times this week.

When you are unable to celebrate Mass in Church, you may wish to make this act of spiritual communion:-

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital
- and all those whose memories we cherish at this time, especially Dorothy Diamond

Afternoon Tea Party.

Join us next Saturday, 30th September for a "Forget Me Not" Afternoon Tea Party from 14.00 -16.00 in St. Patrick's parish centre

This event is open to everyone from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's, along with friends and neighbours.

Covid Autumn Booster Vaccinations are now available

Everything you need to know may be found here [Getting a COVID-19 vaccine](#)

A Deputy Headteacher for our School

Applications are invited from practising and committed Catholics for the post of a Deputy Headteacher at St Alban's Catholic Primary School, to work closely with the Headteacher to lead the school in the next exciting phase in its development. We are looking for an individual who has superb interpersonal skills with a drive to build upon the existing success of the school. For more information click on the following link: [Deputy Headteacher – BWCET](#)

What do Catholics believe and why?

If you would like to know more about what Catholics believe, perhaps with a view to considering becoming a member of the Catholic Church, you may be interested in a series of talks which will take place over the coming months in St. Patrick's parish centre on Tuesday evenings at 18.30 in St. Patrick's parish centre, Felling.

RAAC

St. Alban's Church and presbytery were surveyed by the Diocese last week and thankfully there was no evidence of RAAC having been used in the construction of the church and presbytery.

Could you lend a hand to clean St. Alban's Church please?

If you can, please come along on Friday, 29th September, 2023 from 10.00.

School News from Mrs Robinson

It was lovely to meet you last week during my visit to St Alban's and St Patrick's weekend Masses. I was also delighted that 41 parishioners have already signed up to be Prayer Sponsors for our school. This year, we're trying to remember to look after each of the little things that makes our school faithful, happy and vibrant. Becoming a Prayer Sponsor may seem like a little thing, but making the commitment to say a little prayer every day for our school will have a noticeable impact. I have sent sign-up sheets to Fr Patterson so that, if you didn't get a chance to sign up last week, you will be able to add your name. Over the next couple of weeks, I will then get back in touch with you all through Fr Patterson, to partner you up with children or classes. Thank you so much for your support and your prayers

Joe's Place

Joe's Place is a project supported by the parishes of the John Ingram Partnership. It supports some of the many vulnerable people in the local area. It was founded in 2014 and takes place every Wednesday in the Parish Hall of St Joseph's Church, Gateshead. Guests are served freshly prepared hot or cold food at their tables. Food is prepared in the kitchen using donated tinned and dried foods, together with fresh and frozen food purchased using donations from local schools, businesses, parishes, and individuals. During the past five years the parishes in the Partnership have made financial contributions to the project, according to their means, to help cover the cost of renting St. Joseph's Hall and the cost of utilities. This year following consultation with Think Tank members and others, it was agreed that St. Alban's would donate £200.00 and St. Patrick's £300.00. At the same time it was agreed to use the proceeds, for the next twelve months, of the Charity Box in St. Alban's Church for Joe's Place and to place a similar box in St. Patrick's Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation - Sunday, 19th November, 2023

Bishop Stephen will come to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass on Sunday, 19th November at 10.00 in St. Patrick's Church. Please put the date in your diary and come along to support our young parishioners who are currently preparing to receive this special Sacrament.

The final two sessions for our young people from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's who have expressed an interest to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation take place on:-

Monday 9th October and Monday 6th November

in St. Patrick's parish centre at 18.30. Parents and sponsors are also welcome. In order to proceed to Confirmation, it is necessary for prospective candidates to attend all three of these sessions.

The Season of Creation

The Diocesan Environment Group invites you to attend an online event to mark the Season of Creation which will take place via Zoom from 10.00 – 12.00 on Saturday, 30th September, 2023. It will provide the opportunity to hear from guest speakers about the Season of Creation and to reflect on the progress made over the last few months by the Group with updates from parishes and schools working towards the Live Simply Award. Places can be booked by clicking this link - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seasons-of-creation-webinar-tickets-682122455627?aff=oddtcreator>

Rosary Rally:

A Rosary procession will be held on Saturday 7 October 2023 from St Joseph's Church, Gateshead to Northumberland Street, Newcastle followed by public Rosary in Northumberland Street. The day will start with Mass at 11.00am at St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead (near to Gateshead Metro Station), then the Marian procession will start with a statue of Our Lady from the church at 12.30pm, walking over the Tyne Bridge before assembling in Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 1.15pm. All are welcome and anyone can join at any stage of the event.

Your offerings are our sole source of income

Although we do not take a collection at Mass by passing round a basket, we do hope you will feel able to make an offering towards the upkeep and running costs of our churches in one of the boxes you will find at the entrances to our churches. Alternatively you may consider making your offering by Standing Order the details of which are below.

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