

The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



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26th Sunday of the Year
1st October, 2023

The following celebrations will take place during the coming week.

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)

Tuesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Special Intention (SS)

Thursday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Special Intention (RJ)

Saturday: (7 Oct) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (8 Oct) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Dorothy Diamond

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

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Friday 6 October is Cafod Family Fast Day,

It is a day on which we are invited to pray, give and eat simply in solidarity with the global family. Special Cafod envelopes for those who may wish to support Cafod's Appeal will be available from both of our churches this weekend.

Covid Autumn Booster Vaccinations are now available

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

16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

Jesus promised to be present in the midst of his disciples whenever they gather in his name.

On 4th October in Rome, Pope Francis will open the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. He invites us to pray during the month of October that the Holy Spirit may strengthen us in communion, guide us to the whole truth and continually enlighten the participants in the Synodal Assembly.

Let us pray: *"May God our Father, who many times and in various ways spoke to our fathers through the prophets, guide the whole Church in fidelity to His Word and in the discernment of His will. May the Son, sent in the fullness of time to manifest to all men and women the riches of the Father's mercy, keep us in communion with Him and with our brothers and sisters. May the Holy Spirit lead all of us, and in particular the Synod Assembly, to recognise the signs of the times so that, adhering in everything to the will of God, we may bear the abundant fruit of unity for the life of the Church and for the proclamation of the Gospel. Amen"*

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.

Bongo Bingo

By popular demand Bongo Bingo returns to St. Patrick's parish centre on Friday, 20th October from 19.00. Admission is free. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Everyone is welcome.

A Deputy Headteacher for our School - Closing date for applications, Wednesday, 4th October, 2023

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](#)

School News from Mrs Robinson

Our Head Boy and Head Girl represented our school family last week at a Mass with Bishop Stephen. We gathered with staff and children from all across the Diocese and offered prayers together for everyone involved in Catholic education in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle.

To strengthen these prayers, I have sent prayer cards to Fr Patterson for all of you who signed up to be a Prayer Sponsor for our school. All we ask is that you remember us in your daily prayers.

If you are able to come into St Alban's school on a Friday in October between 10.30-10.45 to pray the Rosary with the children, please ring the school office (0191 469 3251) to make arrangements.

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 11.00 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 12.30, walking over the Tyne Bridge before assembling in Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 13.15. All are welcome and anyone can join at any stage of the event.

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.

Holy Island Camp

Holy Island Vinnies Camp is looking for volunteers to help in their kitchens on Holy Island. The Camp runs holidays for many of our Catholic Schools in the North East during the months of April to July and September to November, Commitment can be as little as a few days a year or more if you are able to and willing! We are running a camp afternoon tea at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Newcastle airport, on Saturday 7th October from 14.15 - 16.45. People who are interested in volunteering are more than welcome to join us, but please email John Flynn on JohnF@svp.org.uk to book a place.

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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