

The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



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27th Sunday of the Year
8th October, 2023

The following celebrations will take place during the coming week.

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

Tuesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Mary Nugent

Thursday: 10.00 Service of the Word with Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church

Saturday: (14 Oct) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Albert and Norah Lagan

Sunday: (15 Oct) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

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
- all those whose memories we cherish at this time
- Ayo Elumah and Joyce McTaff who have died
- and all our Diocesan priests who will be meeting with Bishop Stephen this week

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The next preparation meeting for our young people from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation takes place this Monday, 9th October 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 this session

Bishop Stephen will come to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass on Sunday, 19th November at 10.00 in St. Patrick's Church.

Prisoners' Sunday

This Sunday is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners and their families. Prisoners' Sunday is a time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment.

So let us pray: Lord God, we thank you for grace and mercy and that in receiving your forgiveness we are able to forgive those who have hurt us. We pray for those who find themselves in prison, that they will also come to know your goodness and be glad to receive your love, so that their lives too, can be transformed and renewed. 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.

Covid Autumn Booster Vaccinations and Flu Vaccinations are now available

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

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.

School News from Mrs Robinson

Our Reception children are having a special prayer service next week with their Y6 Buddies. We will pray together that they continue to settle well into life at St Alban's school. And thank you to those parishioners who volunteered their time and came into school to pray a decade of the rosary with the children during their playtime. It was a very lovely, prayerful moment in the busy-ness of the week. Rosary continues for the next two Fridays, in school, at 10.30. If you would like to join us, please ring the school office (0191 4693251) to make arrangements.

'Eucharistic Miracles of the World' Exhibition

The Association of the Eucharist will be hosting an exhibition about Blessed Carlo Acutis and his documentation of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The exhibition will be held at St Joseph's, Gateshead, NE8 1LX from Saturday 14 October to Saturday 28 October. On Saturday 14 October, Bishop Emeritus Séamus Cunningham will celebrate Mass to mark the opening of the exhibition; there will also be a guest speaker and a time of Adoration. For the remaining two weeks, the exhibition will be available to visit, for a period of time, on a daily basis. More details about the launch day and timings to follow. Event details can be found at <https://bit.ly/DHNCarloAcutis>

Children's' Liturgy of the Word

As we continue to move on from Covid, we would like to explore the possibility of reinstating the Children's' Liturgy, when the time is right. The Diocesan Liturgical Formation Team is offering a training programme to both parishioners who are currently involved in the ministry of Children's Liturgy of the Word and those who are interested in becoming involved. There will be two sessions looking at principles, practicalities and resources for Children's Liturgy. Session 1 takes place on Monday, 30th October, 19.00 - 21.00 and Session 2 takes place on Monday, 6th November, 19.00 - 21.00. Both sessions take place at Saint Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY. The cost is £10.00 per participant and is paid for by the parish. The booking deadline is Monday, 23rd October, 2023. If you would like to attend, please contact Fr. Patterson to discuss it with him. He will then arrange for your registration for the course. For more information [view here](#).

Laudate Deum

On 4th October, 2023, Pope Francis published part two of his exhortation on the environment (part one being his Apostolic Letter Laudato Si' published in 2015). If you would like to read Laudate Deum and its important message on the climate crisis facing our world, please visit https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

Parking in our church car parks

Please be aware that the Trustees of the Diocese cannot accept responsibility for injury, loss or damage to third party property, vehicles and their contents whilst left in the church car parks.

Recent expenditure

The Insurance premiums for our parish property arrived last week. St. Alban's premium is £2,954.79 and St. Patrick's is £6,770.25

The Annual Diocesan Levy for 2023/24 has also arrived. The Levy for St. Alban's totalled £2,091.85 and St. Patrick's came to £5,259.06

As you can imagine, this expenditure has considerably depleted our reserves.

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.

For St. Alban's: Account name: DHN Pelaw St Alban: Sort code: 40-34-18 Account No: 92010984

For St. Patrick's: Account name: DHN Felling St Patrick: Sort code: 40-34-18 Account No: 52010453