

The Newsletter of the parishes of



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29th Sunday of the Year
22nd October, 2023

The following celebrations will take place during the coming week.

Saturday: (21 Oct) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (22 Oct) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Ayo Elumah

Tuesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: George Owens

Thursday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: A safe journey

Saturday: (28 Oct) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (29 Oct) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Father White

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 especially Brian Quigley and Father White
- Billy Bennett and Margaret O'Dowd who have died

Bishop Stephen to celebrate Mass with us

Father Patterson has invited Bishop Stephen to celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Feast of All Saints (a Holyday) on Tuesday, 31st October at 18.00 in St. Alban's Church.

He will also be visiting St. Patrick's to celebrate Mass on Sunday, 19th November, at 10.00 when he will also confirm young people from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's.

World Mission Sunday.

This weekend the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity, and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is: *'Hearts on fire, feet on the move'* (based on Luke 24). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for *'everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone.'* Donations and prayers on this day have a direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. Our donations help build the Church, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission in often dangerous and remote places.

There will be an opportunity for those of you who wish to contribute towards this work this weekend. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "World Mission Sunday" and place it in one of the boxes at the doors of our churches. Those of you with boxes of envelopes should have an envelope in your box. For more information about World Mission Sunday please visit [About Missio - Missio](#)

A Prayer for the Israeli and Palestinian People

Heavenly Father, we come to you as the source of all comfort asking that you send your Spirit to surround and uphold all those who are grieving, all those who are suffering, all those living in fear, and all those held in captivity. May the arms of comfort and compassion, overwhelm the arms of war. Amen.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The final preparation meeting for our young people from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 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 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.

Afternoon Tea Party.

Join us next Saturday, 28th October 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.

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](#).

School News from Mrs Robinson

School will be closed next week for our half term holiday but we look forward to being in touch again in November. Thank you for all your continued prayers – the children and adults of our school community were delighted to hear that they were being supported every day in prayer.

Clergy Training Fund (formerly the Priests' Training Fund)

Next weekend 28th/29th October there will be an opportunity, for those of you who wish, to contribute towards this fund. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "Clergy Training" and place it in one of the boxes at the doors of our churches. Those of you with boxes of envelopes should have an envelope in your box.

The Douai Martyrs

During the centuries when it was illegal to be Catholic in this country, priests were trained at the college in Douai in France. Many of them came back to England to serve the Catholic population and were martyred for the Catholic faith. Ushaw is the successor to the college at Douai, and despite the fact it is no longer a seminary, an annual Mass to commemorate the Douai Martyrs continues to be an important event in Ushaw's calendar. The annual Mass to honour the Douai Martyrs will be celebrated on Friday 3rd November at 12.30 at Ushaw. All are welcome. Admission is free.

Fr Paddy O'Connell RIP

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at the Irish Centre in Newcastle, on Thursday, 26th October at 19.00. Fr. O'Connell was one of the founding members of the Centre. Refreshments will follow and all are welcome to attend.

Covid Autumn Booster Vaccinations and Flu Vaccinations are now available

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

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

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