

## The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

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30th Sunday of the Year  
29th October, 2023

### The following celebrations will take place during the coming week.

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

Tuesday: 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Wednesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church/Centre: Special Intention (P&R)

Thursday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: All our deceased loved ones

Saturday: (4 Nov) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Iris Richards

Sunday: (5 Nov) 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 especially Paul Clay
- Joan Hopkins who has died. May she rest in peace.

### The Feast of All Saints

Wednesday, 1st November is the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holyday on which we are all encouraged to come together to celebrate this great Feast of the Church. Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Vigil Mass in St. Alban's Church on Tuesday at 18.00. Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday at 10.00.

### The Feast of All Souls

Thursday is the Feast of All Souls when Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church/Centre at 10.00

### Clergy Training Fund (formerly the Priests' Training Fund)

This 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

### Vicariate Meeting

Bishop Stephen has invited the clergy of our Vicariate (South Tyneside, Gateshead and North West Durham), to meet with him this week to reflect on what life and ministry is like in our parishes, partnerships, deaneries and across each Episcopal area. It is an opportunity to begin to reflect on what this ministry may look like in the years to come. Please keep us all in your prayers.

### 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.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 12.30 at Ushaw. All are welcome. Admission is free.

## **Children's' Liturgy of the Word**

We hope to offer an opportunity for a Children's Liturgy of the Word on Youth Sunday, 26th November, in St. Patrick's Church. More details later.

## **The Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project.....**

.....which supports people who are seeking asylum in our area, appeal for donations of sugar, biscuits, tinned fish in oil, tins of tomatoes, chick peas, toiletries and shampoo. If you feel able to support this project, donations may be left on the tables at the entrance to our churches and at our school.

## **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. If you wish to make a donation, please place it in the Charity Box in St. Alban's Church - the proceeds of which for the next twelve months will go to Joe's Place and a similar box will be found in St. Patrick's Church.

Fr. Patterson is grateful for a generous donation recently received via St. Alban's Church for Joe's Place

## **Returning your call**

If you telephone the presbytery and there is no-one available to take your call, you may choose to leave a message. We will do all we can to return your call. However we are only able to do so if you leave your telephone number!!

For safeguarding reasons, we are unable to return anonymous calls, so please leave both your name and number for your call to be returned. For security reasons, the presbytery number is sometimes withheld for outgoing calls, so please bear this in mind if you are expecting us to return your call.

## **Covid Autumn Booster Vaccinations and Flu Vaccinations are now available**

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

## **Thank you.**

Fr. Patterson is grateful for a most generous donation recently received for St. Alban's parish funds. Thank you.

## **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