

## The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



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Our School

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31st Sunday of the Year  
5th November, 2023

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

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

Tuesday: 10.00 Funeral Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Joan Hopkins

Thursday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Brenda and David Gibbon

Saturday: (11 Nov) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (12 Nov) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Paul and David Clay

### 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
- Jim Nicholson who has died. May he rest in peace.

### The Sacrament of Confirmation - Final Session

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.

### Remembrance Sunday

Next weekend we celebrate Remembrance Day an opportunity to remember and pray for all those who have died in conflict and in the cause of peace.

### Memory Books

In St. Patrick's Church next Sunday we will rededicate our "Memory Books" containing the names of our deceased parishioners since 1995 (the centenary of the church), which were removed during the pandemic.

### A Light in the Darkness

A Diocesan Service of Remembrance for those who mourn the loss of a child, will take place on Sunday, 19th November, 2023 at 15.00 in St Joseph's Church, Gateshead.

### Dying for Beginners by Dr Kathryn Mannix

In modern British society, death is out of sight and behind closed doors. Many of us lack direct exposure to the dying process – with all sorts of potential emotional and spiritual consequences for how we grieve our loved ones, as well as how we prepare for our own deaths. What does the dying process actually look like? You may wish to click [on this link](#) to view a short animation by Emily Downe, and voiced by Dr Kathryn Mannix which guides you gently on a step by step journey through the process of dying.

### **Annual Service of Light**

You are invited to a Prayer Service at St Mary's RC Church, Whickham, on Sunday 19th November at 15.00. This candle-lit Service is to remember all our loved ones who have died in the Gateshead area and will be led by Revd Paul Nichol from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Chaplaincy Team and staff from St Bede's Hospice Unit. Light refreshments will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

### **Congratulations**

Our prayerful good wishes go to Adam who, supported by his family, friends and parish family, celebrated the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time last weekend. We assure him and his family of our ongoing prayers.

### **Bishop Stephen**

The Bishop wishes to thank everyone for their warm welcome last Tuesday, when he came to celebrate the Vigil Mass of the Feast of All Saints with us and for us in St. Alban's Church.

### **School News from Mrs Robinson**

It was lovely to join with St Alban's parish for the Vigil Mass for All Saints. Bishop Stephen was so kind to the children and we look forward to inviting him into school at some point in the future. Next week, children will begin creating a remembrance tree, adding the names of loved ones who have died so that they can be included in our prayers during November.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Christmas shopping!!**

World Gifts are Cafod's range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families and communities living in poverty. To find out more pick up a leaflet from church this weekend or click [here](#)

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

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

### **St. Patrick's Church Heating**

The heating engineers have made a successful repair to the heating system in St. Patrick's Church at the cost of £1,350.00. It is now pleasantly warm!

### **Thank you.**

Fr. Patterson is grateful for a donation of £40.00 recently received for St. Patrick'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.

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