

## The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



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## The First Sunday of Advent 3rd December, 2023

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

Saturday: (2 Dec) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Margaret and Brian Pankhurst

Sunday: (3 Dec) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Patricia Lagan

Friday: *The Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre for George Owens

Saturday: (9 Dec) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (10 Dec) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Joyce McTaff

### 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 Norah Lagan
- and Joan Palmer who has died. May she rest in peace

### Christmas Services

Saturday, 23rd December,

Sunday, 24th December,

(Christmas Eve)

Monday, 25th December

Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent at 18.00 in St. Alban's Church.

Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent at 10.00 in St. Patrick's Church.

The First Mass of Christmas with carols at 17.30 in St. Patrick's Church

Christmas morning Mass at 9.30 in St. Alban's Church

### Advent Cafe

Our "Café" opened last Wednesday when we spent time together reflecting on the Advent theme of Hope over a cup of tea and rather nice cakes.

We continue our reflections this coming Wednesday in St. Patrick's parish centre at 18.00. Do come along and "Prepare a Way for the Lord" in your life.

### **Advent Alms**

Advent is the season when we offer our financial support to the work of St. Cuthbert's Care in our Diocese. If you feel able to make a contribution to "Advent Alms" please place your donation in an envelope marked Advent Alms and place it in one of the boxes at the doors of our churches.

### **Walk with Me**

The Advent Prayer Booklet "Walk with Me" which gives scripture readings and a reflection for each day of Advent is available at the back of St. Alban's church and on the front table in St. Patrick's, priced £1.00. First come first served.

### **Advent Reflections**

The Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced an online booklet of Advent reflections, which can be found here: [Advent Reflections](#)

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

We hope to offer an opportunity for a Children's Liturgy of the Word to be held in St. Patrick's parish centre this Sunday, 3rd December. It will initially be for children in Years 1, 2 and 3. Following the advice of our Diocesan Safeguarding Office, parents will be unable to accompany their children to the liturgy. However they will be well cared for by our catechists who all have enhanced DBS clearance.

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

Dear Parishioners, here is a reminder of our upcoming events to which you are all invited:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 15.00 in St Alban's Church: Y3 lead our first Advent service of prayer to help us 'Stay Awake'.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 15.40 The Friends of St Alban's invite you all to a Christmas Fair in our school hall.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 15.00 in St Alban's Church: Y4 lead our second Advent service of prayer to help us 'Prepare the way'.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 15.00 in St Alban's Church: Y5 lead our third Advent service to help us 'Rejoice'.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 9.15 in St Alban's Church: Y6 lead our final Advent service to help us imitate Mary when she said 'Let it be to me'.

### **Christmas Raffle**

Have you bought your ticket for the Christmas Raffle. It is a chance to raise much needed funds for both St. Alban's and St. Patrick's. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £100.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize 6 bottles of wine and various other prizes. The draw will be made on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 17<sup>th</sup> December after 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre. Tickets are available after Mass in both of our churches and in St. Patrick's parish centre. £1.00 each.

### **Congratulations**

Our prayerful good wishes are extended to Jemma who was received and confirmed into the fullness of the Catholic faith last weekend.

### **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

### **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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