

## The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



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## The Second Sunday of Advent 10th December, 2023

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

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

Tuesday: 10.00 Funeral Service in St. Patrick's Church for Joan Palmer

Thursday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Francis Tepace

Saturday: (16 Dec) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Birdie Cooper

Sunday: (17 Dec) 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
- 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" last week explored the Advent theme of Peace. An enjoyable and thought provoking time was had by all 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 as we ponder the Advent theme of Joy in these troubled times and in preparation for the coming of the Lord.

## Mobile phones and hot drinks

If you are attending any services in St. Alban's Church or St. Patrick's Church, including those hosted by our school, you are asked to ensure that your mobile phones are "turned off" as silent mode is not always silent. It is not our custom to bring hot drinks into our churches - nor is it safe from a Health and Safety point of view, as there is a potential risk of scalding if a cup is accidentally knocked over. Please be considerate of each other at all times.



## 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 - reduced to 50p

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, at the reduced price of 50p.

## Advent Reflections

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

## Northern Catholic Calendar

The 2024 edition of the Diocesan Year Book is available for sale at the back of St. Alban's church and on the front table in St. Patrick's priced at £3.00. There are a limited number of copies available - so first come first served.

## School News from Mrs Robinson

Dear Parishioners, here is a reminder of our upcoming events:

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'.

**We are also looking to employ a Level 3 SEN 1:1 Teaching Assistant. For more details please click [here](#)**

## 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 next Sunday, 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.

## 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.

## 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