

## The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



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## The Third Sunday of Advent 17th December, 2023

### The following celebrations will take place during the days ahead.

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

Tuesday: (19th Dec) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Paul Hughes

Thursday: (21 Dec) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Brian Quigley

Saturday: (23 Dec) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Norah Lagan

Sunday: (24 Dec) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Nellie Armstrong

Christmas Eve: 17.30 First Mass of Christmas in St. Patrick's Church:  
The Parishioners Intentions

Christmas Day: 9.30 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Andrew Sloan

Tuesday, (26th Dec) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre : Maurice Brown

Thursday: (28th Dec) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Desmond Costelloe

### Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from the [Holy Name, Jesmond](#). Visit the website for Mass times this week.



### Please keep in your prayers:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital
- and all those whose memories we cherish at this time especially Gerry Toberty, Nellie Armstrong and Jim Murray

### 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

Last week, our "Café" callers explored the Advent theme of Joy. A 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 "Love" in preparation for the coming of the Lord.

## A busy week ahead

Amidst everything you and your families have to do during the next few days, try to spend a minute or two making this prayer your own:

*Lord Jesus, help me to prepare for your coming;  
to wish for you and to watch for you,  
so that at your coming you may find me ready.*

## All are welcome

Everyone is welcome to join us for the celebration of Christmas in St. Patrick's and St. Alban's churches. It is a joy to welcome people of other faiths or none who come to join us in worship. Currently, only baptised Catholic people are able to receive Holy Communion and we ask that when you approach the altar you extend your hands towards the minister who will place the sacred host in your hand which you should then consume immediately before returning to your place. If you are not a Catholic or are indisposed to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward at the appropriate time and receive a blessing, indicating your desire by folding an arm across your chest.

## 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.

## 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, there are some Christmas cards for our prayer sponsors to collect from the back of both of our churches. The children, families, staff and governors are all very grateful for your continued prayers.

Year 6 will lead our final Advent service to help us imitate Mary when she said, 'Let it be to me'. You are welcome to join us on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 9.15 in St Alban's Church

## 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.



## A Prayer for the troubled world

*Prince of peace, in a world of conflict and violence  
we pray that the peace you came to bring may become a reality in the world of our own time. 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.

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