

The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



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Christmas Weekend 23rd/24th/25th December, 2023

The following celebrations will take place during the days ahead.

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 with carols in St. Patrick's Church:
The Parishioners Intentions

Christmas Day: 9.30 Christmas 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

Saturday: (30 Dec) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (31 Dec) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's: Gerry Toberty & the Toberty Sisters

Monday: (1 Jan) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Allan Lavin

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, Allan Lavin and Jim Murray

Christmas Services

Saturday, 23rd December, Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent at 18.00 in St. Alban's Church.

Sunday, 24th December, Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent at 10.00 in St. Patrick's Church.

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

Monday, 25th December Christmas morning Mass at 9.30 in St. Alban's Church



Fr. Patterson would like to take this opportunity
to wish you and your families a peaceful and joy filled Christmas.



“Every year, at this time, we are asked to escape from the tumult of our hearts,
to put aside our weighty cares and leave our wearisome toil;
to enter for a while into the inner chamber of our souls,
to listen to God's Word.

The Word — calling us, through the mist of ignorance and apathy,
to be silent, to listen to the sound of stillness,
and to see in the Child, born of Mary,
the Word who became flesh

Cardinal Basil Hume (OSB)

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.

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.*

Christmas Raffle

Father Patterson wishes to thank all those who supported our Christmas Raffle this year; those who organised it, sold and bought tickets and gifted prizes. You have helped to raise the most generous total of £851.00 which will be shared between St. Alban's and St. Patrick's helping to offset the running costs in each of our churches.

Thank you

Fr. Patterson is grateful for two recent donations made to St. Patrick's parish funds in the sums of £100.00 (gift aided) and another in the sum of £40.00. Thank you very much indeed.

School News from Mrs Robinson

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Christmas from all at St Alban's School. Thank you for your continued and generous support throughout this term and we look forward to meeting up with you again in the new year. We return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024

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.



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