

The Newsletter of
the parishes of



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**HAPPY
EASTER**

Easter Sunday
31st March, 2024



The following celebrations will take place during the days ahead.

Holy Saturday: (30 Mar)

17.30 Solemn Vigil of Easter in *St. Patrick's Church:*
The Parishioners Intentions

Easter Sunday: (31st March)

9.30 Mass in St. Alban's Church: In Thanksgiving (Garbarino)

10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Desmond Costelloe

Tuesday: (2nd Apr) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Jimmy Connolly

Thursday: (4th Apr) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Pat Donald

Saturday: (6th Apr) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Bill Harland

Sunday: (7th Apr) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday: (9th Apr) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Private Intention (NF)

Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from the [Holy Name, Jesmond](#).

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 Jimmy Connolly, and Pat Donald

Fr. Patterson takes this opportunity to wish you and your families all the blessings of the Easter Feast, a Feast which brings the promise of a new and eternal life lived out in God's presence. A new life that can also be experienced in our own time and place through the witness of those who believe.

Whilst it doesn't take away all that is going on around us in the world, Easter does give us hope and through the lives of believers that hope can become a reality for everyone.

It takes us back to the words of the prophet Isaiah which we heard read on Palm Sunday:-

"The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen to his word. The Lord has opened my ears. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. The Lord comes to my help."

May God bless us and keep us safe from harm



Please remember the clocks go forward this weekend

Serving those who have served us well -The Northern Brethren Fund

The annual collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese will be taken next weekend, 6th/7th April, and the Fund will remain open until 28th April for donations. This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese over many years. The "Superiors" of the Fund, who are priests of the Diocese, wish to ensure that this Fund is also there for future retired priests. Recent years have been very difficult and income has drastically declined. The Superiors invite you to consider donating to this Fund in recognition of all the priests who have served in our parishes over many years. Should you wish to make a donation please place your offering in an envelope marked "NBF" and place it in one of the collections boxes at the entrances to our churches. Those with boxes of envelopes should have an envelope. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation to this appeal, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration which are obtainable from Fr. Patterson.

School News from Mrs Robinson

We have celebrated a wonderful Holy Week in school, praying together and reflecting on our own Lenten journey as well as following Jesus along the stations of the cross. The children have also worked together with a local artist to create a large mosaic St Cuthbert's Cross to hang in our school hall and a smaller version to hang in St Alban's Room. They both look fabulous! Early pictures can be seen on our school website, click here: [Mosaic magic!](#)

Wishing you all a very happy and joyful Easter and we look forward to being in touch in the summer term

Places available in our Nursery

Please spread the word to all families with young children that we have a few places left in our lovely nursery for children who are 3 or 4 years old. Arrange a visit by contacting the school office on 0191 469 3251 and find out why we are the best school in Pelaw!

Recent Ofsted Report

You may wish to read the latest Ofsted Report from our school by clicking [Ofsted Report](#). Congratulations to the entire school community.

Thank you for recent donations

- ◆ Fr. Patterson wishes to express his gratitude to the family of the late John Johnson for inviting donations towards St. Patrick's Church funds, on the occasion of his Funeral Mass. A most generous sum of £472.50 was donated. Thank you.
- ◆ He is also grateful for a donation of £40.00 recently received for St. Patrick's parish funds.
- ◆ Fr. Patterson wishes to thank those families who attended the Lenten Liturgies in St Alban's Church and donated a generous sum of £113.91 towards the running costs of our church.

Gift Aid Scheme

Are you aware that if you are a UK tax payer and make an offering to our church collection you could join the Gift Aid Scheme enabling our parishes to gain an extra 25% of your offering, at no extra cost to you. If you feel you could be a part of the Gift Aid Scheme, please email the Parish Gift Aid Organiser, John Gillum at stpatrick.giftaid@outlook.com for further details or have a word with Fr. Patterson.

New envelopes, for those who require them, are available for you to collect.

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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