

## The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

[www.stalbansgateshead.org](http://www.stalbansgateshead.org)

St. Patrick's Presbytery  
9 High Street  
Felling  
Gateshead  
NE10 9LT

Tel. No 0191 495 2277

St. Alban's Primary School  
Tel. No 0191 469 3251

7th Sunday of Easter  
12th May, 2024

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

Saturday: (11th) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (12th May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Paul Hughes

Tuesday: (14th May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: William and  
Elizabeth Pearson

Thursday: (16th May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: John Johnson

Saturday: (18th) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Dominic Sloan

Sunday: (19th May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: In Thanksgiving (BH)

Tuesday: (21st May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Maurice Short

### Mass to view on line

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

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
- and all those whose memories we cherish at this time especially Evelyn May Craig

### 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.*

### Quinquaginta Diebus (Fifty Days) - Saturday, 18th May—from 10.30 to 11.30

Some of the most fruitful experiences of life are a result of careful planning and preparation. Our spiritual life should be no different and we have Jesus own way of life giving witness to this - remember how often he withdrew from his disciples so that he could be alone to pray to his Father, let alone his forty days in the desert.

We have much to be thankful for, not least for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the gifts he brings. But we must always be aware of those gifts and the situations in which we are called to use them as Christ intended.

In the days leading up to Pentecost we invite you to an hour of prayer exploring the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost and all the emotions experienced by Jesus followers. We will listen to readings and engage in prayer and meditation considering our feelings and our lives now.

What was the significance of fifty days - the relationship between the Jewish Feast of Shavuot and Pentecost - what do they celebrate?

Do try to come along and prepare yourself for Pentecost so that it just doesn't "come and go."

**The date is next Saturday, 18th May, 2024 from 10.30 - 11.30 in St. Patrick's parish centre.**

And do remember that the shops will still be open after our service!

## Please bring your leaf

If you attended Mass last weekend in St. Patrick's please remember to return your "leaf" this weekend. Extra leaves will be available from St. Patrick's this weekend.



## Scottish Currency

Currently, we are unable to bank Scottish bank notes, so please avoid placing them in your offerings. Many thanks.

## World Communications Day,

This Sunday is World Communications Day when we are reminded to take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops of England and Wales work hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. Should you wish to support this work by means of a donation, please place your donation in an envelope marked World Communications and place it in one of the boxes at the doors of our churches. If you have a box of envelopes you should an envelope in your box. For further information, please click [here](#)

## School News from Mrs Robinson

Please say a little prayer for our Year 6 children who will be sitting their SATs next week. They have worked really hard to prepare and all we want is for them to feel encouraged so that they do their best. May our prayers give them inspiration and help them keep calm as they try to remember all they have learnt at school.

## Special Collections.

As you are aware, during the course of the year, the Bishops of England and Wales invite you - should you so wish - to make a donation towards various Catholic charities which work in our name. During the last financial year, the following donations were made. The totals from both St. Alban's and St. Patrick's have been combined.

Lenten Alms	£116	World Communications	£65	Catholic Education	£45
Family Fast	£258	Lay Training	£65	Home Mission Sunday	£109
Holy Places	£220	Day for Life	£53	Mission Sunday	£58
Retired Priests	£223	Peter's Pence	£56	Clergy Training	£199
Little Sisters	£188	Stella Maris	£17	Youth Ministry	£55
				Advent Alms	£120

## Significance Festival Weekend

All are welcome to the Emmaus Village for the Significance Festival on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00. The day will offer a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright will take place at 15.15, followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation and camping (self-catered) on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and any donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To book email Nicole at [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or Tel. 01207 592244

## Gift Aid Scheme

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 at [felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk) for further details. *Last year, St. Alban's received £1,637.00 and St. Patrick's £4,035 from HMRC from your Gift Aided offerings. Thank you.*

## 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