

The Newsletter of the parishes of



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21st Sunday of the Year
27th August, 2023

The following celebrations will take place during the coming week.

Saturday: (26 Aug) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (27 Aug) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Maureen Johnson

Tuesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: LDM Foster, Madden & Birney Family

Thursday: **10.30** Funeral Service in St. Patrick's Church: Margaret Flynn

Saturday: (2 Sep) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (3 Sep) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Maurice Brown

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 as if you were already there 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, especially Maureen Johnson
- and Fr. Michael Chambers (a former priest of our Diocese who died in New Zealand), Margaret Flynn and Terence Barker who have died. May they rest in peace.

Think Tank

If you would like to become part of our parish "Think Tank" to explore how we might move forward as we continue to emerge from the effects of the pandemic, you would be welcome to a gathering in St. Patrick's parish centre on Friday, 8th September at 18.30. So far, we have engaged in a variety of social events and parish walks, all of which have been appreciated by those who have taken part. So do come along and bring your ideas and perhaps a friend!

Family Fun Day

The Friends of Felling Park and Town Centre CIO are holding a Family Fun Day event in Felling Park on August Bank Holiday Monday, 28th August from 11.00 to 17.00

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The final three sessions for our young people from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's who have expressed an interest to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the year will take place on :

Monday 11th September; Monday 9th October and Monday 6th November

in St. Patrick's parish centre at 18.30. Parents and sponsors are also welcome. In order to proceed to Confirmation, it is necessary for prospective candidates to attend all three of these sessions.

Retreat for young people aged 17-24

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries, Newcastle is organising a Youth Retreat with specific focus on 17-24 year old students who are embarking on the journey to Universities and Higher Studies. The 3-day residential retreat from 8th - 10th September, 2023 will be held at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. It will be facilitated by AFCM ministers from Birmingham. Please register your interest at <https://afcmuk.org/register/> or get in touch with Santhosh Joseph 07545-861400 or Deacon Alison Rebello 07931-136243 for more details

All are welcome

Everyone is welcome to join us for the celebration of Mass 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.

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

Could I be a Deacon?

An afternoon for men who may be exploring a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate will take place at Minsteracres Retreat Centre on Saturday, 16th September from 13.30 to 16.00. This will offer an opportunity to discover what it means to be a Deacon, how to explore whether it could be the right thing for you and to ask questions of some current Deacons. In the case of married men, wives are encouraged to accompany their husbands so they can find out more as well. For more details telephone Shaun McGee on 07483 284206 or email vocationsdeacons@diocesehn.org.uk. Please get in touch by 8th September, 2023

'Eucharistic Miracles of the World' Exhibition

The Association of the Eucharist will be hosting an exhibition about Blessed Carlo Acutis and his documentation of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The exhibition will be held at St Joseph's, Gateshead, NE8 1LX from Saturday 14 October to Saturday 28 October. On Saturday 14 October, Bishop Emeritus Séamus Cunningham will celebrate Mass to mark the opening of the exhibition; there will also be a guest speaker and a time of Adoration. For the remaining two weeks, the exhibition will be available to visit, for a period of time, on a daily basis. More details about the launch day and timings to follow. Event details can be found at <https://bit.ly/DHNCarloAcutis>

Our Lady of Fatima

The visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin statue of our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will take place in St. Anne's Church, Harlow Green on Saturday, 16th September, 2023. The details of the afternoon which begins at 13.30 are posted on the church noticeboards.

The Season of Creation

The Diocesan Environment Group invites you to attend an online event to mark the Season of Creation which will take place via Zoom from 10.00 – 12.00 on Saturday, 30th September, 2023. It will provide the opportunity to hear from guest speakers about the Season of Creation and to reflect on the progress made over the last few months by the Group with updates from parishes and schools working towards the Live Simply Award. Places can be booked by clicking this link - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seasons-of-creation-webinar-tickets-682122455627?aff=oddtcreator>

Home Retreat

The Benedictine monks of Ampleforth Abbey have recently released their new podcast channel "Ampleforth Abbey Podcast." Each week a different member of the monastic community will upload a new episode of 'Home Retreat' in which they will offer a challenging reflection for 10 – 15 minutes. Home Retreats are offered as an opportunity to pause and reflect wherever you are. Ampleforth Abbey Podcast is available to listen to on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music and Google Podcasts.

Parish Newsletter

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