

The Newsletter of the parishes of



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6th Sunday of the Year
11th February, 2024

The following celebrations will take place during the days ahead.

Saturday: (10th) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (11th) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Denis Patrick Lenehan

Ash Wednesday: (14th Feb) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church celebrated for Tommy and Kathleen McKenna and Joan Neil, ending with the launch of our "Path to Jerusalem" and the setting up of a prayer space in St. Patrick's centre, based on Christ's time in the wilderness

Thursday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Maureen Moore

Saturday: (17th) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Albert Lagan

Sunday: (18th) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday: (19th) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Carol Belton

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 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 Denis Patrick Lenehan

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.

Pray for Vocations

The Icon of Christ the Eternal High Priest will be present in St. Alban's and St. Patrick's this weekend. The icon was commissioned and blessed by our Vocations team in July 2019. It depicts Jesus wearing priestly vestments with St Cuthbert's Cross at the centre of the chasuble. The words "I am the Good Shepherd" are on the open book in his hand. The icon is touring the parishes of the Diocese to encourage each of us to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life and to discern our own calling from God.

"Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us all so that, faithful to the Gospel and hope in Jesus the Christ, we may: announce good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth."

A call to our parents

If you are bringing your child(ren) up for a blessing at Holy Communion, would you please ensure they cross their arms over their chest before approaching the minister to avoid any possible confusion. Thank you so much.

The Path to Jerusalem

A journey in prayer and liturgy from

Ash Wednesday, 14th February to Palm Sunday, 24th March

First Steps – Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of Ashes ending with the launch of our journey in prayer – with the setting up of a prayer space based on Christ's time in the wilderness,

Fruitful Steps -First Sunday of Lent – The distribution of a sheet of Gospel Readings relating to Alms Giving with suggestions as to what we can do in practically supporting those in need in our community. *Your ideas on this aspect of Lent would be greatly valued*

Learning Steps – A time for discussion about “The Lord's Prayer” in response to the Year of Prayer.

Healing Steps – A liturgy based on the healing ministry of Christ which may incorporate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Forgiving Steps – A liturgy based around readings focusing on the forgiveness of Christ which may incorporate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Nurturing Steps – A liturgy based on the Feeding of the Five Thousand followed by a Lenten Lunch

Quiet Steps - Encouragement to quiet personal prayer. Selecting a time and place each week to spend in prayer, supported by the weekly distribution of our prayer sheets.



Feel free to join in as many steps of our Journey as you can manage or suits your circumstances and remember whatever steps you take you will be sharing in the journey. Dates will be announced soon. If you would like to help us with further planning please contact Kevin Rhodes, Trisha McGinley or any of our welcomers. Alternatively email the parish office felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk.

Walk with Me - Lenten Booklets

These booklets include a daily reflection for each day of Lent. A limited number are now available to purchase at the back of St. Alban's Church and on the table at the front of St. Patrick's Church priced at £1.00.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for those are sick and Pope Francis asks us to pray especially for those who are terminally ill and their families. He offers us the following message:-

“When some people talk about terminal illness there are two words they often confuse incurable and un-careable but they are not the same Even when little chance of a cure exists every sick person has the right to medical, psychological spiritual and human assistance. Sometimes they can't talk, sometimes we think they don't recognise us. But if we take them by the hand we know they are relating with us. Healing is not always possible, but we can always care for the sick person, caress them. St. John Paul II used to say, “cure if it is possible; always take care.” And this is where palliative care comes in. It guarantees the patient not only medical attention but also human assistance and closeness. Families should not be left alone in these difficult moments. Their role is decisive. They need access to adequate means so as to provide appropriate physical, spiritual and social support. Let us pray that the terminally ill and their families always receive the necessary medical and human care and assistance.” You may listen to his message by clicking [here](#)

Thank you

Fr. Patterson is grateful for a Gift Aided Donation of £100.00 and a donation of £40.00 received over recent weeks for St. Patrick's parish funds.

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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