

The Newsletter of the parishes of



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Palm Sunday 24th March, 2024

The Path to Jerusalem

Since Ash Wednesday many of us have taken our steps and tread the "Path to Jerusalem" as individuals and as a parish family. Hopefully we will arrive with the Lord in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to accompany him on his final steps during Holy Week through his suffering and death on the cross to the glory of the new life of his Resurrection.

The following celebrations will take place during the days ahead.

Saturday: (23rd) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (24th March) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Joan Makepeace

Wednesday: (27th Mar) 10.00 Funeral Mass in St. Patrick's Church: John Johnson

Maundy Thursday: (28th March)

18.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Brida and Ken Clay

Good Friday: (29th March)

15.00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion in St. Patrick's Church

Holy Saturday: (30th March)

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

Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from the [Holy Name, Jesmond](#). Please visit the website for more details.

Clocks go forward one hour on 30th March



*Christ est ressuscité,
Christ est vivant,
Christ reviendra, Christ est là !*

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 Ken and Brida Clay, Jimmy Connolly, Pat Donald and Brian Gilmore

Congratulations

Our prayerful good wishes go to Alexander who, supported by his family, friends and parish family, celebrated the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time last weekend. We assure him and his family of our ongoing prayers.

Petitions for Lourdes

Alan Egdell is happy to take any petitions you may have to Lourdes on his pilgrimage in Easter week. Should you have any petitions, please place them in an envelope marked "Lourdes Petitions" and deposit them in our collection boxes by Palm Sunday, 24th March. Please do not put any money in your envelopes as the petitions are eventually burnt, unopened.



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.

Cleaning of St. Alban's Church

We would be very grateful for volunteers who would be able to help with the cleaning of St. Alban's Church on Monday, 25th March at 9.00.

School News from Mrs Robinson

To conclude our Lenten Journey, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in St Alban's Church at 14.30 on Thursday 28th March. All are welcome to join us.

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!

Lenten Alms

St Cuthbert's Care is a charity working throughout the North East, committed to helping improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable members of our communities, including people with profound disabilities, children in care, older people and those living on the margins of society. Should you wish to support their work place your donation in an envelope marked "Lenten Alms" and place it in the collection boxes at the doors of our Church anytime during Lent.

Holy Places Collection

This weekend there will be an opportunity, for those of you who wish, to contribute towards the "Holy Places" collection for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. Donations may be placed in an envelope marked "Holy Places" and deposited in the collection boxes at our church doors.

All are welcome

Everyone is welcome to join us for our celebrations 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.

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.

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 this weekend.

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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