

The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



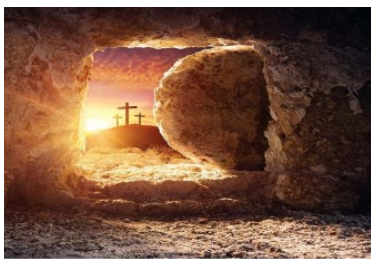
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2nd Sunday of Eastery 7th April, 2024

The following celebrations will take place during the days ahead.

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: Maurice Brown

Thursday: (11th Apr) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Brian Quigley

Saturday: (13th Apr) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (14th Apr) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Anne Semos

Tuesday: (16th Apr) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre:

Dec Wright & Bradley families

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

Thank you

Fr. Patterson wishes to thank all our parishioners, in both St Alban's and St Patrick's, for the support you gave one another during our Lenten Programme "The Path to Jerusalem." He is also grateful to everyone who, in so many different ways, made our Holy Week and Easter Services so prayerful and uplifting. It will be a lasting memory for him.

He hopes and prays that the many graces received during these last few days will spur us on to be more effective witnesses of God's immense love for us. He also hopes that it will enable you to rise to the challenges the future will bring, not only for our own parishes, but for those in central Gateshead and indeed throughout the whole of the Diocese.

May our lives not be consumed by the emptiness of the tomb, but rise to the joy and hope of the new life of the Resurrection.

Congratulations

We offer our prayers and congratulations to Polly, who was baptised, and to David and Paula, who were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening in St. Patrick's. They also received the Sacrament of Confirmation and celebrated their First Holy Communion during the Mass. It was a wonderful celebration for them, their sponsors and for us all, and it is our hope to continue to welcome them into the full life of the Church in our parish settings.

We also congratulate Tymon and Nela who, supported by their family, friends and parish family, celebrated the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Easter Sunday. We assure them and their family of our ongoing prayers.

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 this 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 special Gift Aid Declaration Form for the NBF which are obtainable from Fr. Patterson.

Think Tank

Fr. Patterson would like to invite you to a "Think Tank" to explore how we might prepare for the challenges of the months ahead as we will inevitably face some changes. We must try to build a new and solid bank of helpers who will be able to support one another in the months and years ahead.

It is a time of great hope and opportunity and we all have a part to play, so please try and attend this gathering which is open to everyone from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's. It will take place on Monday, 15th April at 18.30 in St. Patrick's parish centre.

As Bishop Stephen mentioned in his pastoral letter this weekend:- "Jesus wills His followers with all their faults and failings to be His presence in the world. The Church is not an optional add on to Jesus' ministry. The Church, the People of God, you, me, all of us, are chosen and willed by the Lord to be His presence here and now. We must be together; we must be in Communion. Jesus prayed we would be one. No factions, no divisions, no isolating from one another. If that happens then we will never meet the risen Christ let alone share Him with others. As we discern our calling, be present in communion."

Are you new to our Parishes?

If you have recently moved into Bill Quay, Felling, Pelaw, Heworth, Windy Nook and the surrounding area you are more than welcome to come along to worship with us in either St. Alban's Church, Queen Victoria Street, Pelaw or St. Patrick's Church on the High Street in Felling. Mass times are Saturday evening at 18.00 in St. Alban's and 10.00 on a Sunday in St. Patrick's. You may like to visit our website by clicking [here](#)

If you would like to offer your talents to the parish - and we all have God given talents - then please approach Fr. Patterson or any of our welcomers and provide us with your details. You would also be most welcome to join us for refreshments after Sunday Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre which is located directly underneath the Church. We look forward to seeing you.

Mobile phones



If you are attending any services in St. Alban's Church or St. Patrick's Church you are asked to ensure that your mobile phones are "turned off" as silent mode is not always silent. Please be considerate of each other at all times. Thank you.

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.

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