

# The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

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## 6th Sunday of Easter 5th May, 2024

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

Saturday: (4th May) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Susan Gilmore

Sunday: (5th May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday: (7th May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Brian Grace Snr  
and Brian Grace Jnr

Wednesday: (8th) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Thursday: (9th May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Jim & Cecile McWilliams

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

### 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
- all those whose memories we cherish at this time especially Susan Gilmore and Paul Hughes

### 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.*

### The Feast of the Ascension

Thursday, 9th May is the Feast of the Ascension. It is a Holyday on which we are all encouraged to come together to celebrate this great Feast of the Church. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated in St. Alban's Church on Wednesday (8th May) at 18.00 and Mass on Thursday morning will be in St. Patrick's Church at 10.00 .

### Sung Evening Prayer at Ushaw

This Sunday, 5th May at 16.00, you are invited to sung Evening Prayer of the Church in St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw. Please note that this is not a concert performance, but an opportunity to pray together the Evening Prayer of the Church for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. As the format of this service may be new to some people, we will also be offering some reflections on praying Vespers as a group. All are welcome to join us for the service. No ticket is required.

### Help with tea and coffee

We would value some more help with making teas and coffees after Sunday Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre. Please let whoever is making the refreshments this weekend know if you would like to help and be added to the next rota. Alternatively drop a line to the parish office [felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org](mailto:felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org)

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. 2024

The Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place from 26th July - 2nd August, 2024. For further details, [click here](#).

### **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.

### **Thank you for your generosity**

Fr. Patterson wishes to express his gratitude to the family of the late Jim Farrell for inviting donations towards the upkeep of St. Patrick's Church on the occasion of his Funeral Mass last week. A generous £167.70 was given in donations and most gratefully received. Thank you.

Fr. Patterson is also most grateful for two recent donations to St. Patrick's parish funds of £100.00 and £40.00. Thank you so much.

### **School News from Mrs Robinson**

Our Year 5 class have enjoyed a wonderful retreat to Holy Island, 'walking on holy ground'. We were blessed with good weather for all our activities – the boat trip from Seahouses, walking across the causeway, visiting the castle and the priory, finding St Cuthbert's beads, as well as playing and praying together. Huge thanks to the volunteers at the SVP Camp for keeping us safe and looking after us so well.

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to come into school to pray the Rosary with the children. It is much appreciated.

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!

### **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

### **A Pastoral Review on Gender**

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have approved a document entitled "Intrinsically Woven by the Lord," which is a Pastoral Review of Gender providing a pastoral reflection and guidance on the issues of gender and identity. It is a pastoral document to help us all accompany those who may question or struggle with their identity as male or female. We pray we will always be welcoming to all people and share the love of the Lord with everyone. The document may be read by clicking [here](#)

### **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

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