

## The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

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17th Sunday of the Year  
28th July, 2024

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

Saturday: (27th July) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (28th July) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Desmond Costelloe

Tuesday: (30th July) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Kathleen Falconer

Friday: (2nd Aug) 9.30 Funeral Service in St. Patrick's Church: Anne Bell

Saturday: (3rd Aug) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Kathleen and Bill Harland

Sunday: (4th Aug) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

### Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from the [Holy Name, Jesmond](#). Visit their parish website to discover the times for the coming week.

### Please keep in your prayers:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital
- all those whose memories we cherish at this time
- and Fr. Cornelius O'Connor, Anne Bell and Margaret Joyce, who have died. May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

### Prayer for our Country

Almighty God, Ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive our shortcomings as a nation, purify our hearts to see and love the truth, give wisdom to our leaders, and steadfastness to our people, and bring us at last to that city of peace whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, of which you are the designer and builder; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Update your Contacts' list for our parishes

Please note that the parish email address has changed to  
[felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk)

### Our new Parish Priest

Fr. Patterson was able to announce last weekend that Bishop Stephen has appointed Canon Martin Stempczyk as the new parish priest of St. Alban's, Pelaw and St. Patrick's, Felling. He will reside in St. Patrick's Presbytery and will move to Felling towards the end of the week beginning Monday, 2nd September. Fr. Patterson will be leaving us on Tuesday, 3rd September to take advantage of his retirement in the Sacred Heart Presbytery, North Gosforth. Please keep them and one another in prayer in the weeks ahead so that we may continue to be guided by the Spirit of the Living Lord.

### The Annual Blessed John Ingram Walk

The Walk will take place this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 and will be led by Fr. Luke Wilkinson. If you wish to join the Walk please meet at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Newgate Street, Newcastle at 14.30. The Walk ends at St Edmund's Chapel, High Street, Gateshead with an Ecumenical Service followed by refreshments. Non walkers are invited to gather at St Edmund's at 15.30.

### 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.

## Father Joseph O'Brien

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Joseph who was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, 20th July in St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. He will spend his summer assisting Canon Paul Douthwaite in Hartlepool before returning to Rome to complete his Canon Law studies.

## Mission Appeal

We have been unable to host a visit from the Comboni Fathers to make their Mission Appeal in our parishes this year. As such, we will have a retiring collection for their work in both churches next weekend 3rd/4th August. **Please note this is a retiring collection and baskets will be offered for your donations as you leave the church.**

## A Tour of our Cathedral

The Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to a guided tour of St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle (with particular attention to the stained glass windows, including the new Kevin Nichols window). The tour will take place on Tuesday, 6th August, at 14.00 and will be followed by discussion and refreshments.

## Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 28th July, 2024

Lord, faithful God, you who created us in your image, you who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life. Do not abandon us, take care of us and grant us, once again, the ability to discover ourselves and recognise that we are your children. Renew our hearts with your Word. Do not allow anyone to be cast aside. May your Spirit of love fill us with your tenderness and teach us to say: "I will not abandon you!" to those we meet on our journey. With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for fraternity and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness. Help us to look to the future with renewed hope and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly a day without loneliness and a day abundant with the first-fruits of your peace. Amen

## Using your car on behalf of the parish

The Diocesan Health and Safety Officer has asked us to make parishioners aware of the following:-

If a driving related task is being completed by a volunteer **on behalf of** a parish, it is highly recommended that the volunteer informs their car insurance provider of their voluntary role. A suggested approach a volunteer might make with their car Insurance provider where they are completing a task **on behalf of** the parish might be as follows:-

*I engage in some purely voluntary activities for my local church for which I am not reimbursed in any way. (Two examples follow) (a) Every fortnight, I am asked to collect two fellow parishioners from their homes and transport them to our Church and back home after the Church service. (b) Each week I transport collection money from my church, which has been donated during the previous week, to the local Post Office. I would be grateful to know if my voluntary role needs to be noted by you against my current car insurance policy.*

If their response is that you need to pay an additional premium, ask for a quote as to what the additional cost would be and if you feel it is unreasonable for you to pay, please inform your priest or Health and Safety representative. Terry Harbron is the representative for St. Alban's and Joanne McShane is the representative for St. Patrick's.

If your role is purely voluntary **and not formally arranged by the parish** the need to inform your insurance would not apply.

## 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.

If you are a tax payer why not consider "Gift Aiding" your offering. At no cost to you, the parish receives 25p for every £1.00 you donate. All you need is to complete a simple Gift Aid form which may be obtained from the parish office at [felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk)

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

## Safeguarding

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times. Each of our churches has a Parish Safeguarding Representative indicated on the Safeguarding posters displayed in each church.*