

The Newsletter of the parishes of

24th Sunday of Year B
15th September, 2024



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

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The following Masses will be celebrated during the week ahead.

Saturday: 14th 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: 15th 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: In Thanksgiving

Monday 16th 10.00 Mass in St Patrick's parish centre

Wednesday 18th 10.00 Mass in St Patrick's parish centre

Thursday: 19th 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Jim Farrell

Friday: 20th 10.00 Mass in St Patrick's parish centre:

Saturday: 21st 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: 22nd 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Desmond Costello

Please keep in your prayers:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital
- all those whose memories we cherish or whose anniversaries occur around this time
- and all those who have died recently

Fr Martin writes... Once again I thank you for your patience. I have celebrated my first Masses at St Patrick's during the week and I look forward to celebrating my first Sunday Masses with you this weekend. So far I haven't done much unpacking but I have managed a visit to St Alban's primary school on Friday to meet with the pupils and the staff. I thank them for their warm welcome. This weekend Bishop Stephen has written a pastoral letter, but I shall still be able to introduce myself at each Mass. I look forward to working with you and getting to know you all better in the weeks and months ahead.

Afternoon Tea: On the last Saturday of the month, 28th September, afternoon tea will be available in the Parish Centre between 1 and 3pm. There is no charge for afternoon tea but any donations received will go towards the new cooker.

A Liturgy Day for Readers: This is an opportunity for those who proclaim the Scriptures at Mass to look at the background of why we are going to be using a new translation of the Scriptures at Mass. It will take place on Friday, 15th November, 2024 at St. Aloysius, Hebburn from 10.30 - 15.30. If you would like to attend, please contact the parish office at felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk. Other dates and locations may be found here [Liturgy & Prayer - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesahn.org.uk\)](#) (Please note the booking fee of £15 per person will be paid for by the Parish).

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith?: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) supports adults who want to explore their spirituality and if they wish to become a Catholic. It is an informal system of regular meetings to explore what it means to be a Catholic. Meetings are generally held on Tuesday evenings at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling at 18.30 for one hour during school term times. These meetings allow participants to talk about topics in an open, non-judgemental way. Topics look at the history of the Church, the Bible, the Sacraments of the Church and prayer. You can suggest topics too. The meetings are based around the Sycamore Course approved by the Church. Participants do not have to make their mind up straight away but can decide as the course progresses. This decision is yours alone. An initial meeting is to take place on Tuesday 17th September at 18.30 in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling. Please feel free to come along for a short introduction to the Programme and a chance to ask any questions you may have. The parish centre is situated beneath St. Patrick's Church in Felling High Street. For more information you may choose to call Alan Edgell who leads the course on 07976 402023.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

The just person is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with him.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 114

Response: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

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| 1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. | 2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name
O Lord my God, deliver me! |
| 3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion,
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. | 4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. |

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty", without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-35

Even though Peter declares his belief in Jesus the Messiah, he has no idea what that implies.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Question for Reflection

How does my life point to who Jesus really is?