

First reading

Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, 'We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the Apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.' Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

Responsorial Psalm      I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.      Ps 30(29)

1. I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

2. Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones; give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.
3. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; be my helper, O LORD.  
You have changed my mourning into dancing.  
O LORD my God, I will thank you for ever.

Second reading      Revelation 5:11-14

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race.

Gospel      John 21:1-14

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Newsletter of the Parishes of St Alban's Pelaw & St Patrick's Felling



St Alban's at Pelaw



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3rd Sunday of Easter Year C - 4th May 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of Easter	St A	6.00pm	Imelda Smith
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
Mon	5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	George Laurie
Tue	6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter			No Service
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	8 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	Phil Carlucci
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St P	12.00pm	Requiem Mass: Monica McGlinchey
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter	St A	6.00pm	Manus McDermott (Jnr)
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
St A = St Alban's; St P = St Patrick's Weekday Masses at St Patrick's are Celebrated in the Parish Centre Weekday Masses at St Alban's are Celebrated in the Chapel in the Presbytery					

We pray for all those who are sick or unwell at this time. We pray for **Monica McGlinchey** and **Betty Law** who died recently.  
A Requiem Mass for **Monica** will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 12.00noon at St Patrick's, followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery.  
A Requiem Mass for **Betty** will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am at St Patrick's followed by cremation at Saltwell crematorium. May they rest in peace.

**The Order of Mass can be found on Page 200**  
in the **middle of your Hymn Books** indicated by the grey page markers.  
**The Gloria is on page 202. In Easter we use the Apostles Creed, on page 205.**

**Journeying with the Word of God**  
**'It is the Lord!'**

We are still in the season of the full joy of the Resurrection, and our scripture readings lead us to a deepening of our faith and an understanding of this great mystery.

In the **First Reading** from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Peter speaking boldly to the high priest, confirming the faith of the early Christians, witnesses of the death and resurrection of Christ, and declaring their firm obedience to their Lord.

We can pray the **Psalm** with the risen Christ as he praises God for rescuing him from death and restoring him to life.

St John, in the **Second Reading**, takes us up with him into his vision of the Lamb being praised by all the heavenly hosts.

The **Gospel** gives us the wonderful account of Jesus's appearance by the Sea of Tiberias. It is rich with the reactions of the disciples, and with echoes of their earlier relationship with Jesus. It also looks forward to their apostolic and pastoral ministries.

May the readings this week help us to discover the risen Lord in our daily lives and lead us to witness to him.

**First Holy Communions:** Those children whose parents have been preparing them for reception of Holy Communion will have the option of celebrating this at one of two Masses:

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm at St Alban's, Pelaw**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am at St Patrick's, Felling**

Both liturgies will be the same, with the same musical accompaniment and hymns and slightly simplified children's Sunday readings etc. We will also use the prayers for a children's Mass.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am at St Alban's, there will be an opportunity for those children who wish to celebrate their First Reconciliation in Church. Parents are invited to accompany their child, although the sacrament will be celebrated for the children only. This coming weekend the children will be presented with their 'Easter Season Prayer' Booklets at both Masses. We keep the children and their parents in our prayers

**Thank you** to those who helped with and supported the **Afternoon Tea**. The next one will be held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 1-3pm in St Patrick's church hall. All welcome.

**A Parish Quiz Night** will be held in the hall at **St Patrick's on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 7.30pm-10.00pm**. Suitable for all ages -, guaranteed to get the grey matter whirring! Please bring your own snacks and refreshments. There will also be a raffle.

**St Alban's School News:** Happy Easter from everyone at school! I hope all Parish Prayer Sponsors have found and claimed their Easter cards from the children which have been left at the back of each church. Thank you all for your continued prayers. In May, the children are invited to pray the Rosary during Friday playtimes. If any parishioners can come into school to pray the rosary with us, we would be delighted. Please ring on 0191 4693251 to make arrangements.

**Your offerings are our sole source of income:** We ask you to please consider **making your offering by Standing Order**. This is by far the easiest way to donate, either on a weekly or monthly basis. (Details below). If you pay income tax **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 [stpatrik.felling@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:stpatrik.felling@diocesehn.org.uk)

**For St. Alban's:**

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**For St. Patrick's:**

Account name: DHN Felling St Patrick  
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**Mental Health Awareness Week** will be celebrated 12-18 May 2025. A time of prayer to mark this week will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm at St Patrick's Church. All welcome.

*Congratulations and Welcome to*  
**Theo Patrick Harry Blair**  
*Who was Baptised at St Patrick's last Sunday*

**Assisted suicide Bill - less than 2 weeks left!** The report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is 16 May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue. **Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote) to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!** If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting [www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP), or collect and post one of the cards available at the entrance to the church.

**Newman Tyneside Circle** invites you to come and hear **Joe Fitzpatrick** speak about **Bernard Lonergan**, one of the most important Catholic philosophers and theologians of the 20th century, in the hall of Holy Name church, Jesmond, Newcastle, on **Tuesday 13 May, at 7.30pm**.

