

First reading

Acts 13:14, 43b-52

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." ' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Psalm 100

1. Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.
2. Know that he, the LORD, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
3. Indeed, how good is the LORD,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Second reading

Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me.

Gospel

John 10:27-30

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

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4th Sunday of Easter Year C - 11th May 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	10 th	4 th Sun of Easter	St A	6.00pm	Manus McDermott (Jnr)
Sun	11 th		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
Mon	12 th	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	Desmond Costello
Tue	13 th	Weekday of Easter			No Service
Wed	14 th	St Matthias	St P	11.30am	Requiem Mass: Betty Law
Thu	15 th	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	Pat Donald
Fri	16 th	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Class Mass: Year 6
Sat	17 th	5 th Sun of Easter	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	18 th		St P	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (from Laurie Family)
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 **Betty Law** and **Sarah McFadyen** who died recently.

A Requiem Mass for **Betty** will take place on Wednesday 14th 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
'I know them and they follow me'

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is always kept as Good Shepherd Sunday, when we hear from the tenth chapter of St John's Gospel. This image of Christ the Shepherd caring for his followers has been used since the earliest years of Christianity. In the biblical way of shepherding, the shepherd leads the flock, calling each sheep by name. The sheep know and trust the voice of their shepherd, following him wherever he leads: a fine model for the love of Jesus for his disciples – and for each of us. Paul and Barnabas (today's **First Reading**) in the face of jealousies, and expulsion by the Jews, reach out to the Gentiles with the good news of salvation. Those who accept the good news will find joy, and the **Psalm** praises God the Shepherd, the source of this joy.

John, in the **Second Reading**, describes a vision of God, as Lamb, shepherding the saved from every nation and he reveals (in the **Gospel**) the manner of that shepherding – with a great and tender care.

This week, perhaps we can place ourselves ever more deeply under the great care of God who, for us, is both Shepherd and Lamb.

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 17th May 6.00pm at St Alban's, Pelaw

Sunday 18th 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. We keep the children and their parents in our prayers

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

A Parish Quiz Night will be held in the hall at **St Patrick's on Friday 23rd 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.

The Next Afternoon Tea will be held on Saturday 31st of May, 1-3pm in St Patrick's church hall. All welcome.

There will be a Collection for the **Little Sisters of the Poor** as you leave church today.

St Alban's School News: Dear Parishioners, Please spend a minute or two praying for our Y6 children who will be taking their SATs next week. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide them, keep them calm and give them a good memory for all they have learned during their time in school.

The children will end the week by celebrating Mass in St Alban's Church on Friday 16th May at 10am. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

For St. Alban's:

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For St. Patrick's:

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Congratulations and Welcome to
Joshua Francis Underwood & Rose Alice Underwood
Who was Baptised at St Patrick's last Sunday

Assisted suicide Bill - less than 1 weeks left! The report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is 16 May. **Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds** or collect and post one of the cards available at the entrance to the church.

We keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers. "We are overjoyed to welcome our new Pope Leo XIV. May the Lord bless him in his ministry. His first words were peace to the world, the peace of the risen Christ. May we all share that peace. May the Lord bless his ministry. May he truly be the Servant of the Servants of Christ sustaining and guiding us all in our journey of faith".
Bishop Stephen

The Legacy of Pope Francis and the Future of Christianity - After 12 years of the one of the most reforming pontificates in modern times, how does the Christian future now look? In a lecture at Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3JX on **Saturday 17 May at 11am**, Pope Francis' foremost English-language biographer and collaborator, Dr Austen Ivereigh, will look both back and ahead to argue that the Francis era has reshaped the Church's ability to respond to a new, global era. The event will be chaired by Professor Anna Rowlands, Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice at the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University. The lecture will take place in the church, booking is not required and all are welcome.