

First reading

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. In each of the churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. Then they sailed for Antioch. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm I will bless your name for ever, O God my King. Ps 144

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
2. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord, and your friends shall repeat
their blessing. They shall speak of the
glory of your reign and declare your
might, O God.
3. To make known to people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

This is what I heard from our Lord and in turn passed on to you, that on the night before he died, Jesus was sharing supper with his friends. While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to each of his friends. "Eat it" he said. "This is my body. It is my very self". Then he took the cup of wine, offered a prayer of thanks to God and handed it to them; they all drank from it. Jesus said "This is my blood. It means that I am going to die so that all people can be brought to God my father" Jesus then asked his friends, "Do this in memory of me"

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment; love one another, just as I have loved you.'

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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



St Alban's at Pelaw



St Patrick's at Felling



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5th Sunday of Easter Year C - 18th May 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
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)
Mon	19 th	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	Special Intention (BH)
Tue	20 th	Weekday of Easter			No Service
Wed	21 st	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	22 nd	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	Catherine Diamond Webb
Fri	23 rd	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	24 th	6 th Sun of Easter	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	25 th		St P	10.00am	Betty Law
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 **Sarah McFadyen** who died recently. A Funeral Service will be held for Sarah on Thursday 29th May, 12noon at St Patrick's church, followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May she 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
‘Love one another, just as I have loved you’

As Eastertide continues, we can take fresh heart that we are part of God’s glorious plan to bring about a new creation. Jesus’s new commandment to love one another as he loves us is the key to transforming the world.

The exhilarating mission of Paul and Barnabas in the **First Reading** helps us to see what can be achieved when we allow God to work within us, even as we endure hardships on the way.

The **Psalms** calls us to sing with the whole creation of God’s mighty deeds; his glory, his goodness and his compassion for us.

For this First Holy Communion weekend we listen to St Paul’s very early account of the institution of the Eucharist by Christ.

In the **Gospel**, Father and Son are together glorified as Jesus prepares to leave this world. Now Jesus gives his friends a new charge: to love one another as he loves us, so we can be recognised as his disciples.

This week we might pray to love others more and more as Jesus loves us, so that we can help play our own part in making all things new.

First Holy Communions: This weekend we especially welcome those children who will be celebrating reception of Holy Communion for the first time. We keep the children and their parents in our prayers

Mental Health Awareness Week: Thank you to all those who supported this and helped with the planning.

A Parish Quiz Night will be held in the hall at **St Patrick’s this 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.

St Alban’s School News: Congratulations to the children who have made their First Holy Communion during parish Masses this weekend. We know God will continue to bless them and their families each and every day.

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

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 stpatrick.felling@diocesehn.org.uk

For St. Alban’s:

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*Congratulations and Welcome to
Isla Carole Catherine Toner & Harry Andrew Toner
Who was Baptised at St Patrick’s last Sunday*

Thank you to the family and friends of the late Monica McGlinchey who contributed **£248.50** to church funds.

Thank you for the following collections:

CAFOD Family Fast Day
Lenten Alms (St Cuthbert’s Care)
The Holy Places
Sick & Retired Priests (NBF)

St Alban’s

£144.20
£45.27
£45.80
£64.90

St Patrick’s

£199.00
£52.00
£96.70
£54.37

Laudato Si’ Mass: Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at 10.00am at St Mary’s Cathedral on **Saturday 24th May** to celebrate 10 years since the publication of Pope Francis’ encyclical – Laudato Si’. All are welcome.

Science and Faith: An Invitation to Conversation: Rev Prof David Wilkinson and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) warmly invite anyone interested in the conversation between science and faith to an open meeting on **Wednesday, 28th May**, at the **Emmaus Youth Village, 5:30–6:45 pm**.

Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw: On **Sunday 22nd June**, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at **3pm** in St. Cuthbert’s Chapel. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event.

Significance Festival: The Youth Ministry Team invite all parishioners to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on **Saturday 28th June** beginning with Mass at 3.00pm celebrated by Bishop Stephen and followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. More info at: nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.