

### First reading

**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question. Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

**Psalm 67(66)**

1. May God be gracious and bless us  
and let his face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your salvation.
2. Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,  
with uprightness you rule the peoples;  
you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

### Second reading

**Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

### Gospel Acclamation

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

### Gospel

**John 14:23-29**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. 'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

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



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**St Patrick's at Felling**



**Our School at Pelaw**

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### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	Betty Law
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	St Philip Neri	St P	10.00am	George Laurie
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine of Cant			No Service
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup>	The Ascension	St P	10.00am	L&D Makepeace & Shanks Families
			St P	12.00pm	Funeral Service: Sarah McFadyen
			St A	6.30pm	People of the Parishes
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>		St P	10.00am	Brian Cairns
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 29<sup>th</sup> 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***

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid**

As we progress through Eastertide, the readings turn towards the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In the **First Reading** we see its influence on the discussions to resolve the conflict between the early Christians during the Council of Jerusalem.

The **Second Reading** from the Book of Revelation describes the heavenly Jerusalem with the Lord and the Lamb in its midst, fulfilling all the hopes of Israel.

The **Psalm** is a song of thanksgiving for the blessings the Lord has given us.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus promises that he, together with the Father, will come to dwell in all those who keep his word, and announces the coming of the Spirit. He bestows on us the gift of peace, bringing us comfort and reassurance.

This week, we might want to pray for all those who do not accept the Word of God, or who do not know it in all its forms in their life. We may also ask that the love we feel for the Lord shows itself in loving deeds in our everyday life.

**The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord** is celebrated this coming Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. There will be two Masses that day, **10.00am at St Patrick's** and **6.30pm at St Alban's**. Please make every effort to celebrate this Holy Day.

**Parish Quiz Night:** Thank you to all those who supported this and helped with the planning.

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

**Children's Liturgy at St Patrick's:** From the **8th of June** at the 10am Mass at St Patrick's Church we will once more be hosting a monthly children's liturgy during term time. This is for children of primary school age. The children will be invited to leave the church at the beginning of Mass and process, with the leaders, to the parish centre. They will return to Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you have any questions Tricia and Terry will be available in the parish centre after Mass today.

**St Alban's School News:** After a very short half term, we now have a week's holiday! Thank you for all your prayers and support – it really means a lot to us. I noticed that there were some Easter cards for Prayer Sponsors left at the back of each church last week. Could they be collected or given out, please? Thank you. We are looking for a foundation governor to join our Local Governing Committee. If you are interested, please let me or Fr Martin know and we can talk to you about what is involved in the role.

**Recruiting Altar Servers:** Parents whose children are in school year 4, or above, who would like them to train to be altar servers are invited to let Fr Martin know.

**Thank you for your offerings:** 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](mailto:stpatrick.felling@diocesehn.org.uk)

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**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or Tel. 01207 592244.

**National Churches Trust:** The National Churches Trust (NCT) have launched a survey to better understand the challenges that churches face, and to highlight the vital work our churches do. This survey has the support of denominations, faith, and heritage groups across the country and we encourage you to take part. **The survey is live from 6 May – 30 June**. Your response will provide essential evidence to build a clearer picture – to tell a stronger, more informed story about your church, and others like it, so that together some of the biggest challenges facing churches can be addressed and help ensure their future. The survey can be found here: [www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey).

**The Next Parish Open Meetings** will be held as follows:

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm** at St Alban's & **Thurs 12 June 6.30pm** at St Patrick's.

All welcome.