

First reading

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Responsorial Psalm 104: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.
2. You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
3. May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Second reading

Romans 8:8-17

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel Acclamation

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel

John 14:15-16, 23b-26

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever. 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.'

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



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Pentecost Sunday Year C - 8th June 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	7 th	Pentecost Sunday	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	8 th		St P	10.00am	L&D Goodacre & Johnson Families
Mon	9 th	Mary Mother of Church	St P	10.00am	John Donald
Tue	10 th	Weekday			No Service
Wed	11 th	St Barnabas	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	12 th	Christ High Priest	St P	10.00am	Elen Farrell
Fri	13 th	St Anthony of Padua	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	14 th	Trinity Sunday	St A	6.00pm	Karenza Storey
Sun	15 th		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.

The Feast of Pentecost: During the Masses today you will be invited to pray and think about what gifts you might be willing and able to place at the service of the church and community.

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

...the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.... all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God.

Today marks the climax of the great Fifty Days of Eastertide. Christians recall the coming of the Holy Spirit, and with it, the birth of the Church, the Body of Christ here on earth.

Jesus promises his disciples at the Last Supper that both he and the Father will love those who love them and their ways: together they will make their home with us. Jesus also promises his followers the Holy Spirit, the 'Advocate', who will teach them everything and will be their comforter forever. (**Gospel**)

The poetic **Psalms** offers us a meditation on both the goodness of the creator God and the life-giving role of the Spirit on the face of the earth.

The **First Reading** from Acts describes how the Spirit fills the timid disciples with courage and also removes barriers between peoples. The success of the apostles as they preach in different languages reflects Christ's universal mission.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul presents his understanding of the dynamic role of the Spirit of Christ. We now live in a new era, inhabited and dominated by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

This week, let us celebrate and ask to feel a sense of Spirit-filled awareness and joy, as we pray that we may work with the Trinity and each other in the service of the Church.

There will be a Collection for the Lay Training Fund as you leave church today.

Children's Liturgy at St Patrick's: From today **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: Dear Parishioners, we are looking for a foundation governor to join our Local Governing Committee. If you are interested, please let myself or Fr Martin know and we can talk to you about what is involved in the role. Thank you, Mrs Robinson (0191 4693251)

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 stpatrik.felling@diocesehn.org.uk

For St. Alban's:

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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: Witness: Sharing Our Faith in Today's World – A Year of Jubilee Formation Opportunity: Saturday 28 June, 9.20am -1.30pm, Emmaus Village. Are you terrified by the idea of evangelisation? Do you dread people asking you about the Church? All are welcome to join us for: a day of sharing experiences and fears; an insight into how to deal with tough questions and 10 things that might help when talking to people about your faith! This witness formation event will lead into the Significance Festival with Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen at 3pm followed by a BBQ (£10), live music and ceilidh. For more information and booking details visit: <https://bit.ly/DHNWitness-Significance> or contact the Formation & Mission team at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or call 0191 243 3316.

Catholic Women in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle are invited to a 'Blessed is She' Brunch on **Saturday 12th July ; 11am-1pm at Holy Name**, 7 North Jesmond Avenue, Jesmond NE2 3JX. Enjoy some pasties and a time for prayer (plus opportunity to discuss further opportunities and group ideas for women in the diocese) If you would like to go, then please let Becca Rutland know.

The Next Parish Open Meetings will be held this week as follows:

Wed 11th June 6.30pm at St Alban's

Thurs 12 June 6.30pm at St Patrick's

All welcome.

*Congratulations and Welcome to
Violet Lilly Gair-Craig
Who was Baptised at St Patrick's last Sunday*