

### First reading

**Genesis 14:18-20**

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek. Ps 110(109)**

1. The LORD's revelation to my lord:  
'Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your foes your footstool.'
2. The LORD will send from Sion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of your foes.
3. With you is princely rule  
on the day of your power.  
In holy splendour, from the womb before  
the dawn, I have begotten you.
4. The LORD has sworn an oath he will  
not change: 'You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

### Second reading

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### Gospel Acclamation

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.  
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

### Gospel

**Luke 9:11b-17**

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, 'Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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



**St Alban's at Pelaw**



**St Patrick's at Felling**



**Our School at Pelaw**

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## The Body and Blood of Christ Year C - 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	Body & Blood of Christ	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>		St P	10.00am	Douglas & McMahon Families
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Etheldreda	St P	10.00am	Word and Holy Communion
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	Birth of John the B			No Service
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday			No Service
Thu	26 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Word and Holy Communion
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart	St A	10.00am	Word and Holy Communion
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	SS Peter & Paul	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	Mary Laurie - 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
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 **Moir Elizabeth Clark** who died recently. A funeral service will be held for Moira on Monday 14 July 12noon at St Patrick's 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. The Creed is on page 205.*

***Journeying with the Word of God***

***“You give them something to eat”***

Following the great feasts of Pentecost and the Holy Trinity, this Sunday we celebrate the wonderful gift of the Body and Blood of our Lord.

In the **First Reading** we have the brief appearance of Melchizedek, king and priest, offering bread and wine to God in thanksgiving of Abraham's victory over the Canaanites.

The **Psalm**, naming Melchizedek, is aptly chosen, but also points to Jesus Christ, king and priest, who offers his sacrifice under the form of bread and wine.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, gives one of the earliest accounts of the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist.

The **Gospel** narrates the feeding of the five thousand. It foreshadows the institution of the Eucharist, and also the continuing role of Jesus's disciples.

As we give God thanks this week particularly for the Sacrament of the Eucharist, may we be ever more conscious of the Lord's presence pervading all things.

**This Weekend Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** can renew their commitment, after the Lamb of God.

**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.

**St Alban's School News:** Many thanks to all those who celebrated the parish and school feast day on Friday.

**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.

**The next afternoon tea** at St Patrick's Parish Centre **will be next Saturday 28th June , 1pm to 3pm.** All welcome.

**Asylum Seekers Project:** Last month, May 2025 the Diocesan Justice and Peace project supported almost 500 clients, 34 of these were destitute clients whose claims have been refused and government support withdrawn. All clients receive a basic food bag , destitute also receive a supermarket voucher. Donations of food and toiletries are urgently needed, also 'bags for life' and strong carrier bags would be gratefully received.

**‘Hope in a Time of Darkness’ – A Lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP: Monday 23rd June 2025; 7:45pm**, Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral. Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, hearing from speaker Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe and respondent Prof Anna Rowlands.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>

Please send any queries to [ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk).

**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](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk) or call 0191 243 3316.

**The Little Sisters of the Poor** (St Joseph's Home), Westmorland Road, Newcastle will hold a Summer Fayre on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 12-3pm**. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

**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](mailto:stpatrik.felling@diocesehn.org.uk)

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*Congratulations to  
**Maria Howsen & Stephen Parsons**  
Who was Married at St Patrick's on Saturday*