

First reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses spoke to the people: 'Obey the voice of the LORD your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 'For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.'

Responsorial Psalm Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive. Ps 69(68)

1. I pray to you, O LORD, at an acceptable time.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn toward me.
2. As for me in my poverty and pain,
let your salvation, O God, raise me up.
Then I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
3. The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the LORD attends to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.
4. For God will bring salvation to Sion,
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The children of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.

Second reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life.

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How do you read it?' And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.' But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'

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15th Sunday of Year C - 13th July 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	12 th	15 th Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	13 th		St P	10.00am	Patrick (Patsy) Rafferty
Mon	14 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	George Laurie
			St P	12.00pm	<i>Funeral Service:</i> Moira Clark
Tue	15 th	St Bonaventure			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	16 th	Weekday	St A	12.15pm	<i>Requiem Mass:</i> Eileen Liddell
Thu	17 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Whole School Mass
Fri	18 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Brenda Lenahan
Sat	19 th	16 th Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	20 th		St P	10.00am	Allan Neil
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 **Eileen Veronica Liddell** and for **Moira 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. A Requiem Mass will be held for Eileen on Wednesday 16th July 12.15pm at St Alban's, followed by burial at Old Heworth Cemetery. 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. The Creed is on page 205.

Journeying with the Word of God
'The Word is very near you'

The Liturgy this Sunday takes us to the very heart of how we are called to live fully human lives as the Body of Christ alive in the world today. We are reminded in the **First Reading** that we do not have to search far to find God. The Word of God is in our hearts to be felt, and on our lips to be proclaimed to the world. God is within us and all around us!

In the letter to the Colossians (**Second Reading**), this revelation is expanded further. Christ is the beginning and centre of all things, forever expressed throughout creation. Christ is in all that we see and all that is known to us, and is also in all that is hidden and beyond our comprehension. As a community of believers in God's law of love, we are Christ in the world today, united as one through Christ.

The **Psalm** is an expression of our need and yearning for God's compassion and love. God is forever turning towards us with that love.

The **Gospel** challenges us to take our faith to a deeper level. We are called to love God with all our heart, soul and being, and this love is to be demonstrated not only in how we relate to ourselves but in how we relate to our neighbour. Jesus wants us to be aware that his Spirit of love is being expressed in the world by people we might even hold in contempt. There are no limits to God's love, and God will always find a way to break through the barriers of our fear and prejudice. This challenge may seem overwhelming, but we are not alone; we are one in Christ. Let us encourage and support each other through prayer, confident that God's law of love will be our guide.

Please Note: Mass on Thursday will be held at St Alban's Church and will be a whole school Mass to celebrate the end of the school year. All welcome.

Mass on Friday will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church.

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.

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.

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

For St. Alban's:

Account name: DHN Pelaw St Alban
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Account No: 92010984

For St. Patrick's:

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Today is Sea Sunday: There will be a collection as you leave church to support the work of **Stella Maris**, formerly the Apostleship of the sea.



Alive in HOPE: A Church for MISSION. Bishop Stephen invites you to a **Jubilee Day** on Saturday 27th September, from 10 am to 3 pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day. For enquiries and parish/group bookings, email Amy at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433316. Search on Facebook, X and Bluesky using the hashtag #DHNAlive25 for the latest information and updates.