

First reading

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, ‘O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, ‘Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.’ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, ‘Where is Sarah your wife?’ And he said, ‘She is in the tent.’ The LORD said, ‘I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.’

Responsorial Psalm      O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?      Ps 15(14)

1. Whoever walks without fault;  
who does what is righteous,  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
whoever does not slander with his tongue.

2. Who does no wrong to a neighbour,  
who casts no slur on a friend,  
who looks with scorn on the wicked,  
but honours those who fear the Lord.
3. Who lends no money at interest,  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a one shall never be shaken.
- Second reading      Colossians 1:24-28
- Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.
- Gospel Acclamation
- Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God  
in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.
- Gospel      Luke 10:38-42
- At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’
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The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle Registered Charity Number: 1143450
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year C - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- | MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS   |                  |                                |      |         |   |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------|------|---------|---|
| Sat   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Year C | St A | 6.00pm  | People of the Parishes                  |
| Sun   | 20 <sup>th</sup> |                                | St P | 10.00am | Allan Neil                              |
| Mon   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Weekday                        | St P | 10.00am | Justin Lim                              |
| Tue   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | St Mary Magdalene              |      |         | No Service                              |
| Wed   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | St Bridget - Sweden            | St A | 10.00am | Priest's Intention                      |
| Thu   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Martyrs of Diocese             | St P | 10.00am | Mary Laurie (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) |
| Fri   | 25 <sup>th</sup> | St James Apostle               | St A | 10.00am | Priest's Intention                      |
| Sat   | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 17 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Year C | St A | 6.00pm  | People of the Parishes                  |
| Sun   | 27 <sup>th</sup> |                                | St P | 10.00am | Francis Joseph Crilly                   |
| St A = St Alban's; St P = St Patrick's<br>Weekday Masses at St Patrick's are Celebrated in the Parish Centre<br>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 congratulate all those Primary and Secondary school children who have completed another year. We thank all the governors and staff and wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer holiday.

**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**  
**'Welcome'**

Our readings and prayers this week may lead us to open our hearts to Christ, our welcome guest. May he increase our faith and our love, so that we may see him amongst us as our friend.

In our **First Reading** from Genesis, Abraham gives us the wonderful example of Bedouin hospitality. Nothing is too good for the stranger, and Abraham does not hesitate to offer comfort and food because he recognises God in them. God rewards him with the promise of a son.

The well-known **Gospel** story of Martha and Mary shows us Jesus himself as the guest, welcomed into their home where they receive from him as well as give to him.

In the **Psalm**, it is we who are the guests in the Lord's house.

What readiness might we have to dwell in his house?

St Paul, sharing in Christ's suffering, is proclaiming God's message to the Colossians. As we hear 'the mystery of Christ among us', may we welcome him, 'our hope of glory'.

May we also welcome God's word this week and ponder it.

**Next Weekend** we have our **Annual Mission Appeal**. Sr Margaret will be visiting from the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph to make an appeal. There will be a **collection as you leave church** to support the work of this order.

**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.

**Learning to play the Church Organ:** Anyone who has piano playing to level 5 or above and might be interested in learning how to play the church organ, please let Fr Martin know.

**Please Note:** There is **no afternoon tea** at St Patrick's next Saturday to give the volunteers a well earned rest.

**Thank you** for the following collections: **St Alban's**

Little Sisters of the Poor	£85.00
World Communication Day	£47.50
Lay Training Fund	£68.50
Day for Life	£59.97

**St Patrick's**

£243.90
£42.50
£58.60
£74.20

**Congratulations and Welcome to**  
**Freddie Harrison Burns**  
**Who was Baptised at St Patrick's last Sunday**

**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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**Alive in HOPE: A Church for MISSION.** Bishop Stephen invites you to a **Jubilee Day** on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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. 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'. 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>. For enquiries email Amy at [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk). Search on Facebook, X and Bluesky using the hashtag #DHNAlive25.