

### First reading

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

### Wisdom 18:6-9

**Responsorial Psalm** Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage. **Ps 33(32)**

1. Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;  
for praise is fitting from the upright.  
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he has chosen as his heritage.
2. Yes, the LORD'S eyes are on those  
who fear him, who hope in his  
merciful love, to rescue their souls  
from death, to keep them  
alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the LORD.  
He is our help and our shield.  
May your merciful love be upon us,  
as we hope in you, O LORD.

### Second reading

### Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

### Gospel Acclamation

Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

### Gospel

### Luke 12:32-48

'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year C - 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	Margaret Robinson (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	Betty Law
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	St Clare of Assisi	St P	10.00am	Intentions of K.J.
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday			No Service
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
			St P	11.45am	Funeral Service: David Johnson
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup>	St Maximilian Kolbe	St P	10.00am	For a sick person (B.H.)
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	The Assumption	St A	10.00am	People of the Parish
			St P	6.30pm	George Laurie
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	Isabelle (Rogan) Taylor
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.

This **Friday** we celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**. There will be two Masses that day, 10.00am at St Alban's and 6.30pm at St Patrick's. Please make every effort to celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation.

**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***

#### **Watch, Wait, Be ready!**

Today's readings continue last week's theme. We are to be ready when the Lord comes.

In the **First Reading** from the book of Wisdom, the people recall that it was at night that the Exodus to the promised land began. They were watchful and ready when the Lord called them.

These are the qualities the Lord is expecting from his disciples in the **Gospel** passage we read today. They, too, are ready for action, ready to meet the Lord when he knocks at their door, even in the middle of the night.

The **Psalm** is a song of confidence in God. It reflects on the concern the Lord has shown for his people over the generations. In trust and hope our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The **Second Reading** from Hebrews reminds us that faith is essential. It sustained Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Sarah, who all believed in the promises made to them. It is faith which enables them to keep watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. In our prayer this week, may we consider that every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are invited to the Lord's Supper – and that, like the Master in the Gospel passage, he waits on us with love and compassion.

**The Annual Mission Appeal** for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph raised: St Alban's: **£213.90**, St Patrick's: **£355.05**. **Thank you** for your generosity.

**We Pray for David Johnson** who died recently. A funeral service will be held for David on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> August 11.45am at St Patrick's church. May he rest in peace.

**Recruiting Altar Servers:** Parents whose children are entering 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.

**Are you Interested in Becoming a Catholic or just learning more about the Catholic Faith?** This years RCIA (Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults) programme is due to start on **Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> September**, at 6.30pm, based at St Patrick's Parish Centre. The programme will consist of around 20 sessions based on the Sycamore Video Course supplemented by some additional materials. Each meeting will last around an hour and a quarter and meetings will not take place when schools are on holiday. If interested please let Fr Martin know.

**Global Debt Crisis:** In response to the Global debt crisis CAFOD has organised a worldwide petition to be presented to World leaders at the COP 30 climate conference in Brazil in November. Many of the world's poorest countries have been plunged into a new debt crisis. In Africa 34 countries spend more on debt payments than on health or education. Debts are now being paid at the expense of hiring doctors and teachers, building schools, hospitals and sewage systems, preparing for floods or coping with drought. Often countries have repaid the original debt several times over but the debt will never be cleared as the interest on it keeps growing. Pope Francis spoke many times of the need for action saying it is 'More than a question of generosity this is a matter of Justice'. **Please sign the petition after Mass THIS WEEKEND.**

**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. 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>.

*Congratulations and Welcome to*  
**Phoebe Kathleen Coulter & Olivia Nikki Mandy Adamson**  
*Who was Baptised Last Weekend*

**Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2025-2026:** The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The 2025-2026 CCRS course programme is now available on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>

**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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