

### First reading

**Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

### Responsorial Psalm In your goodness O God you provided a home for the poor. Ps 68(67)

1. The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing.  
O sing to God; make music to his name.  
The LORD is his name.
2. Father of orphans, defender of widows:  
such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity.
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain;  
when your heritage languished, you restored it.  
It was there that your flock began to dwell.  
In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

### Second reading

**Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a**

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

### Gospel Acclamation

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

### Gospel

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.' He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'

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



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### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Year C - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>		St P	10.00am	Jessica D'Silva (21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Louis Mbannifor
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekday			No Service
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Gregory			No Service
Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>	Translation - St Cuth	St P	10.00am	Word & Holy Communion
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Word & Holy Communion
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	Ayo Elumah
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.

**"Sow time and we will reap time..."**

*If we are rushed for time...spend a quiet hour in prayer. You will have more time than ever and your work will get done" (Dorothy Day)*

*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 Lord is glorified by the humble**

Today's readings are a mixture of exhortations to be gentle and humble in our own lives, and to give practical hospitality to the poor.

The **First Reading** gives advice on humility in our behaviour and warns against pride. A wise person is attentive to God and gentle in all aspects of dealings with others.

The **Psalm** is a song of praise to the God who, in turn, is attentive to the orphan and widow, the poor and the lonely. The psalmist rejoices in the generous God who gives us new life.

The **Second Reading**, from Hebrews, is full of awe at the revelation of God's power. We have been given Jesus as our mediator, and our home is the heavenly Jerusalem.

Jesus's teaching in the **Gospel** is in the setting of a meal. His parable touches into our feelings of pride or shame and instructs us to be humble. Invitations to his banquet show a definite preference for the poor and lowly.

This week may we follow Jesus, who is 'gentle and humble of heart', in all that we say and do.

**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.

**Fighting Human Trafficking** - The work of the Mary Ward Loreto Foundation in Albania. **Tues Sept 2nd 7pm St Charles's Church Hall, Gosforth.** Sr Imelda Poole IBVM ,MBE, an English religious sister who has been working against human trafficking in Albania for 20 years, will give a talk on the situation there and how her mission is helping victims of Human Trafficking. Entrance on Alwinton Tce.

**A Book Swap** is being held on **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 10am-11.30am in St Mary's Church Hall, Heworth.** You can bring up to 5 books in good condition of any genre and exchange them for new books to take home. Refreshments can be purchased. All welcome.

**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.

**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*  
**Josie-Marie Knight**  
*Who was Baptised Last Sunday at St Patrick's*

**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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**Diocesan Vacancy:** Education Operations Manager; Salary £35,000 to £37,323. Closing date 9.00am on 3 September 2025. If you would like to discuss the role or for an applicant pack, please contact [catherine.craig@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:catherine.craig@diocesehn.org.uk) or [annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk). Please visit the diocesan website for details of **further job vacancies.**