

### First reading

### Numbers 21:4b-9

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

### Responsorial Psalm

### Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

### Ps 78(77)

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| 1. Give ear, my people, to my teaching;<br>incline your ear to the words of my mouth.<br>I will open my mouth in a parable<br>and utter hidden lessons of the past.               | 2. When he slew them, then they sought him,<br>repented and earnestly sought God.<br>They would remember that God was their rock,<br>God the Most High their redeemer. |
| 3. Yet they deceived him with their mouths;<br>they lied to him with their tongues.<br>For their hearts were not steadfast toward<br>Him; they were not faithful to his covenant. | 4. Yet he who is full of compassion<br>forgave them their sin and spared them.<br>So often he held back his anger,<br>and did not stir up all his rage.                |

### Second reading

### Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.

### Gospel

### John 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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



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### Exaltation of the Cross - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	Exaltation of Cross	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	Denis & Margaret Lenehan
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Sorrows	St P	10.00am	Harry & Pat Donald
Tue	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Cornelius			No Service
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	18 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Prayers for Peter & Glynis Ward + Fam
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>		St P	10.00am	Sheila Robinson
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 also pray for Nancy Foster and Bill Henderson who have recently died. There will be a requiem mass for Bill on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September in St Patrick's at 10.15 followed by a burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery at 11.15. Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. 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**  
**God so loved the world**

In the **First Reading** the Israelites are saved by looking at a bronze serpent raised on a standard. When Jesus is lifted up on the cross he saves all people.  
The **Second Reading** is an early liturgical hymn expressing how Jesus has poured out his love for us.

In the **Gospel Reading** the real motivation of Jesus is revealed in this conversation with Nicodemus – as that of love.

We recall how it is the love of God that is at the origin and source of all life. God desires that we welcome and celebrate this love and do our best to live by it. The cross is a symbol of triumph for it reveals the ultimate triumph of love over everything.

**We welcome** the Dominican Priest **Fr Jude Ibeh** who once more will be celebrating our Masses this weekend.

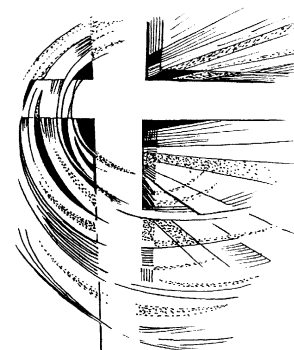
**First Holy Communions 2025 – 2026.** From next weekend, parents of Catholic children in school year 4 or above will be able to collect a form to enrol their children to prepare for the celebration of reception of Holy Communion in 2026. The forms will be available at Saturday/Sunday Masses for the coming weeks. Once again, parents are welcome to enrol school children who are older than Year 4, as part of the on-going 'Covid Catch up'.

**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>.

**CAFOD: Response in Gaza:** Your donations since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and medicines to treat chronic illnesses. 1,400 households given cash to buy supplies in the last month and currently 2,000 people given new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, they are working tirelessly to help people and with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. Find out how you can make a difference in Gaza at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for backing our work through our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East. As Cardinal Pizzaballa (Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem) says, *"Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there - crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble, and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering."*

**Little Sisters of the Poor – Pie & Pea Supper:** St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are having a Pie & Pea Supper on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Bingo, Raffle and Entertainment. Tickets at £8 each, are available by ringing the Little Sisters on 0191 2731279



**Today is Education Sunday:** There will be a collection as you leave church today for the Catholic Education Service.

**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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