

First reading

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?' The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

Ps 113(112)

1. Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
May the name of the LORD be blest
both now and for evermore!
2. High above all nations is the LORD,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God,
who dwells on high, who lowers himself to
look down upon heaven and earth?
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap he raises the poor,
to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

Second reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

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



St Alban's at Pelaw



St Patrick's at Felling



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25th Sunday of Year C - 21st September 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	20 th	25 th Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	21 st		St P	10.00am	Sheila Robinson
Mon	22 nd	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Mary Laurie (90 th)
Tue	23 rd	St Padre Pio			No Service
Wed	24 th	Our Lady of Walsin.	St A	10.00am	Jim Ford & Desmond Ford
Thu	25 th	Weekday	St P	10.15am	Requiem Mass: Bill Henderson
Fri	26 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Barbara Morris (Whole School Mass)
Sat	27 th	26 th Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	George Burrell + Members of the Family
Sun	28 th		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
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 also pray for **Nancy Foster** and **Bill Henderson** who have died recently. A Requiem Mass for Bill will be celebrated this Thurs 25th Sept., 10.15am at St Patrick's followed by a burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Nancy on Thurs 2nd Oct 10.00am at St Patrick's followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. Her body will be received in to church on Wed 1 Oct 4.45pm. 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
Praise the Lord, who raises the poor

This week's readings challenge us to reflect on our attitude towards money. It should never displace our generous and just God from being at the centre of our lives. In the **First Reading**, Amos attacks those who take advantage of the poor and attempts to enslave them. God will remember their evil deeds.

The **Psalm** calls us to praise the Lord who from the height of his throne in heaven bends down to lift up the lowly and set them in the company of princes.

The **Second Reading** stresses that God wants *everyone* to be saved. So we are to pray for all, especially for those with authority over others in business or government.

In the **Gospel** Jesus tells us to be careful with money. Riches can rule us as a master would a slave, preventing us from using our God-given freedom to love and serve the Lord. Being faithful in small things helps us to focus on the 'genuine riches' in our lives.

This week, we might ask God to help us be more aware of the *real* riches in our lives and to be better able to love and serve the Lord through them.

Today is *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday: A Message from Abbot Hugh Allan, Director of Mission at CBCEW: 'Evangelii Gaudium ('Joy of the Gospel') Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. It is a Sunday more commonly known as Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith, and our shared commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Celebrating 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the theme for this year is "I believe..." as the heart of mission. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>. The second collection on this weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through this directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers. **There will be a collection as you leave church today for this important work.**

First Holy Communions 2025 – 2026. Parents of children, baptised as Catholics, in school year 4 or above are invited 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 Catholic school children who are older than Year 4, as part of the on-going 'Covid Catch up'.*

Mass this coming Friday at St Alban's at 10.00am will be a whole school Mass to mark the beginning of the new school year.

The next afternoon tea will be held on **Saturday 27th September 1-3**, with a cake sale for CAFOD afterwards, at St Patrick's. 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 23rd 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.

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

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. 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>.

Parish Census – Update

Next Weekend all Parishioners will be invited to Complete a Personal Details form so that we can update our Parish Records.

Reaping the Harvest..... of Gifts

You will also be invited to indicate if you might like to be further involved in the life of the Parish in any suitable way.

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

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