

First reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

Ps 146

1. It is the LORD who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger.
3. The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

Second reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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 16:19-31

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

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



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26th Sunday of Year C - 28th September 2025

| MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS | | | | | |
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| 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 | 1 st Wedding Anniversary (M+A) |
| Mon | 29 th | M G R - Archangels | St P | 10.00am | Monica Sutherland |
| Tue | 30 th | St Jerome | | | No Service |
| Wed | 1 st | St Therese of chid J | St A | 10.00am | Priest's Intention |
| Thu | 2 nd | Guardian Angels | St P | 10.00am | Requiem Mass: Nancy Foster |
| Fri | 3 rd | Weekday | St A | 10.00am | Priest's Intention |
| Sat | 4 th | 27 th Sun of Year C | St A | 6.00pm | Philomena Murray |
| Sun | 5 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 pray for Nancy Foster who have died recently. A Requiem Mass for Nancy will be celebrated 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 she 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

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger

This week's readings remind us that we are called to share our gifts and possessions with those who have less than we do. Our faith in the promises of Jesus is demonstrated by the way we live.

In the **First Reading** the prophet Amos speaks forcefully to those who enjoy a life of luxury and leisure but ignore what is happening in the world around them. He tells them that God deplores the way they are living.

The **Gospel** story illustrates how those who want to follow God's values must take care of the poor and those in need. Jesus points out to his hearers that he is not saying anything that Moses and the prophets have not already told them.

The **Psalm** is a hymn of praise to the Lord who is on the side of those who are oppressed, who gives food to the hungry and sets prisoners free, who raises up those who are bowed down. In our day, we can help to fulfil these promises for those in need.

Paul exhorts Timothy to live as a man dedicated to God should live (**Second Reading**). By doing so he will be a witness for Jesus, speaking up for the truth. This week we pray to live even more faithfully as Jesus's disciples.

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'.*

Thank you to all those who helped with and supported the afternoon tea and cake sale for CAFOD.

The next Partnership RCIA meeting will be on Tues 30th September, 6.30pm at St Patrick's Parish Centre.

Recruiting Altar Servers: Parents whose children are inschool year 4, or above, who would like them to train to be altar servers are invited to let Fr Martin know.

Congratulations and Welcome to
Caleb Alexander Stephen Armstrong
Who was baptised at St Patrick's last Sunday

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest – Friday 3rd October: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10 or use the QR code printed on the CAFOD envelopes. **Please collect your envelope as you leave church today and return it on the collection plate. Thank You.**

Family Fast Day Prayer: A Movement of Hope:

Generous God, we praise and thank you for all that you have given us. May the fast that we make remind us that all good things come from you and are intended for all. Fill our hearts with your love and move us to be good neighbours to all our sisters and brothers. Turn us away from indifference and lead us to work together to create a movement of hope. Inspire us all to play our part, to build a better world where each and every person can share in the joy of your gifts. Amen.

Visit of the Papal Nuncio: On Tuesday 30 September we welcome the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía to our Diocese. On that day at 1.00pm he will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to this celebration of Mass.

The Next Parish Open Meetings will be held on Wed 8 Oct 6.30pm at St Alban's and Thur 9 Oct 6.30pm at St Patrick's. All welcome.

Parish Census – Update

This 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 are 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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