First reading **Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. And the LORD answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. 'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

Responsorial Psalm **O that today you would listen to his voice!** **Ps 95(94)**
'Harden not your hearts.'

1. Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

2. O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of
his hand.

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second reading **2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Gospel Acclamation

The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Gospel **Luke 17:5-10**

'If you had faith.'

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."

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27th Sunday of Year C - 5th October 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	**4th**	**27th Sun of Year C**	**St A**	**6.00pm**	Philomena Murray
Sun	**5th**		**St P**	**10.00am**	People of the Parishes
Mon	6th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	*Requiem Mass:* Bernadette Brown
Tue	7th	Our Lady of Rosary			*No Service*
Wed	8th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Nancy Firth
Thu	9th	St John H Newman	St P	10.00am	Dorothy Diamond
Fri	10th	St Paulinus	St A	10.00am	Brian Grace (Senior)
Sat	**11th**	**28th Sun of Year C**	**St A**	**6.00pm**	Kathleen Burrell & Wilson Family
Sun	**12th**		**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
The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Available on Request

"Jesus' Resurrection is a wonderful testimony to how love is capable of rising again after a great defeat in order to continue its unstoppable journey"
(Pope Leo)

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 disciples said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'

Today's readings demonstrate our need for the gift of faith and the patience of faithfulness, to give us a new vision and understanding of the world.
In the **First Reading** the prophet Habakkuk looks at the evil all around him and the suffering of innocent people. He asks God, 'What's the point of praying?', when God does not appear to hear. The Lord offers no direct answer, but simply reassures him that the just person lives by faith in God – the One who sees the whole picture.
The **Psalm** urges us: 'O that *today* you would listen to his voice!' For us, 'today' means our own lives, as they are lived in the present moment.
Despite his imprisonment, Paul is confident in the Lord and dares to speak without fear. He reminds Timothy that faith is never possessed definitively but must be continually aroused. He also needs the power of God: the gifts of the Holy Spirit must be the driving force in his life (**Second Reading**).
The disciples are keen to learn and to grow, and ask Jesus to increase their faith (**Gospel**). However, it is very clear that the way of the disciple is hard. It involves dying to ourselves and our self- promoting needs. Jesus's parable reminds them that faith is ultimately a gift from God.
Let's pray this week to deepen our faith and our faithfulness; knowing that it is not based on our own efforts, but on our growing surrender to the gifts of the Holy Spirit within.

We pray for **Mary (Bernadette) Brown**, **Margaret Crinnion** and **Rosemary Harvey** who have died recently. A Requiem Mass for Bernadette will take place on Monday 6th October, 10.00am at St Patrick's, followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. A Requiem Mass for Margaret will take place on Monday 13th October 10.30am at St Patrick's, followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. A Funeral Service for Rosemary will take place at 12noon on Wednesday 15th October at St Patrick's followed by cremation at Saltwell Park. May they rest in peace.

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'.* Parents are invited to an information evening on **Thursday 16th October 6.30pm at St Alban's church.**

Children's Liturgy will be next week 12th October, for all Primary School Children.

The afternoon tea and cake sale and raffle raised **£210.10** for CAFOD. Thank you. Don't forget to return your CAFOD envelopes ASAP please.

The next Partnership RCIA meeting will be on Tues 7th October, 6.30pm at St Patrick's Parish Centre.

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

Thank you for the donations of **£384.17** to the parish in memory of the late Bill Henderson.

Thanks to your ongoing generosity we have been able to send **£200** to CAFOD on behalf of the Justice and Peace group. **Don't forget to return your CAFOD fast day envelopes.**

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.

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

Don't Forget the Parish Census – Update
Please remember to Complete a Personal Details from so that we can update our Parish Records. This will remain open for the month of October.
Reaping the Harvest…… of Gifts
Please also indicate if you might like to be further involved in the life of the Parish in any suitable way.

Help with Tidying up the St Patrick's Church/Presbytery Garden: We will meet on **Saturday 18th October 10.00am** for the autumn garden 'tidy up'. All welcome. Please bring your gardening tools with you.

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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