

First reading **2 Kings 5:14-17**
 In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.'

Responsorial Psalm **The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations. Ps 98(97)**

1. O sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise.

2. The LORD has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel.

Second reading **2 Timothy 2:8-13**
 Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel Acclamation
 In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Gospel **Luke 17:11-19**
 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

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28th Sunday of Year C - 12th October 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	11 th	28 th Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	Kathleen Burrell & Wilson Family
Sun	12 th		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
Mon	13 th	Weekday	St P	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Margaret Crinnion
Tue	14 th	Weekday			No Service
Wed	15 th	St Teresa of Avila	St A	10.00am	Margaret & Brian Pankhurst
			St P	12.00pm	Funeral Service: Rosemary Harvey
Thu	16 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Bill Henderson
Fri	17 th	St Ignatius of Antioch	St A	10.00am	Class Mass: Year 4
Sat	18 th	29 th Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	19 th		St P	10.00am	Paul Hughes
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					

*"However far away we may feel, however lost or unworthy, there is no distance that can extinguish the unfailing power of God's love."
 (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
'your faith has made you well'

Longing for healing and expressing gratitude are threads that pull together all of the scripture we pray this Sunday.

In the **First Reading**, Naaman, commander of a foreign king's army, cannot use his power to escape the ravages of leprosy. Yet with a spirit of humility and hope-filled faith, he goes in search of healing from the God of Israel. Though not an Israelite, his life is transformed and changed forever by God's healing power.

The **Psalm** is a rapturous song of praise, expressing very much how we imagine Naaman might have felt after being healed.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, writes a letter of encouragement from his place of imprisonment, proclaiming that the good news of Jesus Christ risen from the dead cannot be chained up. Faith in Christ will bring us freedom from our hardships.

The physical healing of leprosy is also at the heart of the **Gospel** story, but we are encouraged to look deeper by reflecting on the questions that Jesus poses after ten people with leprosy are healed. It is only a Samaritan who returns to give thanks to Jesus. Perhaps even after being healed, he is no longer welcome in his fellow group of non-Samaritans? He remains a social pariah, but Jesus welcomes him and demonstrates that the spirit of God's healing love is for all people, not just the chosen few.

This week, let us be especially grateful that we belong to a community united in love and prayer – and let us pray for each other that we may be a source of God's healing to those who are rejected today.

We pray for Margaret Crinnion and Rosemary Harvey who have died recently. 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.

Mass this Friday at St Alban's will be a class Mass in church, led by Year 4.

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 this **Thursday 16th October 6.30pm at St Alban's church.**

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.

The next Partnership RCIA meeting will be on Tues 14th 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.

Don't forget to return your CAFOD fast day envelopes.

Thank you to those who attended the recent Parish Open Meetings. Notes from the meetings are available at the back of church for those who wish.

The Next Parish Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd October, 6.30pm in the presbytery at St Patrick's.

Don't Forget the Parish Census – Update
Please remember to Complete a Personal Details form 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.



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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