

First reading

Exodus 17:8-13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Responsorial Psalm

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Ps 121(120)

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| 1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth. | 2. He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. |
| 3. The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade
at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night. | 4. The LORD will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The LORD will guard your going and
coming both now and for ever. |

Second reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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29th Sunday of Year C - World Mission Sunday - 19th October 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
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
Mon	20 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Elizabeth (Lily) Cunningham
Tue	21 st	Weekday			No Service
Wed	22 nd	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	23 rd	Weekday	St P	10.00am	George Laurie
Fri	24 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	25 th	30 th Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	Eileen Liddell
Sun	26 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 The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Available on Request					

"When I served as a missionary priest and Bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities. Your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories."
(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
Pray continually!

The qualities required for faithful prayer and the inner disposition that we need to pray run throughout our readings this Sunday.

The **First Reading** gives us the image of Moses, arms upheld by Aaron and Hur, as he prays all day that Israel might win the battle against Amalek.

This perseverance in prayer, in the form of faithfulness to the scriptures, is part of Paul's encouragement to Timothy in the **Second Reading**. It leads us to find wisdom and salvation in Christ Jesus.

The pilgrim in **Psalms** 120 (121) puts all his trust in God. God is faithful; he is our guardian and he never sleeps.

This trust and confidence is needed when our God seems to be silent, as shown in the **Gospel**. Jesus's parable of the widow and the unjust judge is an encouragement to be unwearied in prayer.

However we feel this week, let us entrust ourselves in prayer to Christ, who continually intercedes for us.

On World Mission Sunday, the whole Church unites in prayer and generosity to support Catholic communities across the world facing poverty, conflict, and hardship. Pope Francis chose 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' as this year's theme, reminding us of our call to be messengers and builders of hope in this Jubilee Year. Rooted in Christ's resurrection, this hope has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Prayers and donations on this day directly sustain young and struggling faith communities, support vocations, and enable missionaries to bring the Gospel to remote and often dangerous places. Together, we help communities grow in faith, dignity, and self-reliance. For more information, please visit missio.org.uk/wms. There will be a **Collection as you leave church today**.

We Especially Welcome those the children who will be presented with their Holy Communion Books at Mass in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all those who helped with the garden tidy up at St Patrick's.

The next Partnership RCIA meeting will be on Tues 21st 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.

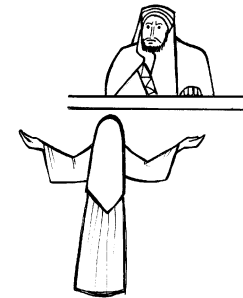
The Next Parish Finance Committee Meeting will take place on **Thursday 23rd October, 6.30pm** in the presbytery at St Patrick's.

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.

The next afternoon tea at St Patrick's will be held on **Saturday 25th October**. All welcome.

Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre: The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th November from 12-3pm at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. There will be lots of stalls, raffle, home baking and refreshments. All welcome.

Congratulations and Welcome to
Evie Rose Clayton
Who was Baptised at St Patrick's Last Sunday



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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