

First reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

Responsorial Psalm The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness Ps 98(97)

1. Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the LORD.
2. Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands.
3. The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth.
4. He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness.

Second reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Gospel Acclamation

Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

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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33rd Sunday of Year C – 16th November 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	15 th	33 rd Sunday Year C	St A	6.00pm	Frank Smith
Sun	16 th		St P	10.00am	Catherine Taylor
Mon	17 th		St P	10.00am	Harry & Pat Donald
			St A	12.45pm	Requiem Mass: Alfie McFadden
Tue	18 th	Weekday			No Service
Wed	19 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Kathleen & Bill Harland
Thu	20 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	George Owens
Fri	21 st	Presentation of BVM	St A	10.00am	Thanksgiving Mass S
Sat	22 nd	Christ the King	St A	6.00pm	Dominic Sloan
Sun	23 rd		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					

*'...Christ belongs to those who are humble,
not to those who elevate themselves above the flock'
(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 Redemption is drawing near

As we come towards the end of the Church's year, the readings encourage us to look at our world with open eyes, without pretence; to be filled with hope because God is faithful, working always for good and is with us always.

The prophet Malachi, in the **First Reading**, promises that arrogant evil-doers will not always prosper. The day of the Lord is coming when evil will be punished but those who know the Lord will experience healing, like the warming rays of the sun. The **Psalm** is a joyful invitation for all creation to praise the Lord, who is coming to rule with fairness and justice.

St Paul reminds us we should work quietly and humbly at our daily tasks while waiting for Christ's return. Without anxiety, we are to contribute to our families and community (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel**, Jesus warns of the future destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. His disciples will face persecution and hostility, illness and famine, but these catastrophes do not mean the end of the world. God will care for them and give them the words to speak to those who persecute them. By enduring, they will give witness to their faith and receive all that he has promised.

This week, we pray for trust and gentle perseverance in following Jesus, so we can live according to his values.

We pray for Alphonsus (Alfie) McFadden who died recently. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Alfie on Monday 17th November 12.45pm at St Alban's, followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

The Children's Liturgy will take place each Sunday during Advent, at Mass at St Patrick's.

The next Partnership RCIA meeting will be on Tues 18th November, 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.

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday, during which our Young people will be helping with our liturgy at St Patrick's. There will also be a collection as you leave church to support the Diocesan Youth Ministry Trust, based at the Emmaeus Youth Village. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church - please consider taking one home this week and bringing it back for next Sunday's collection. Your generosity helps young people encounter Christ and grow in faith.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW for YMT: First prize is 2 tickets for a 'Britain's Got Talent' live semi-final in 2026, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 23rd November 2025. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting significance316@gmail.com

John Ingram – Ovingham Partnerships Merger: In 2017 partnerships were created across the diocese. The Gateshead area comprised the partnerships of John Ingram and Ovingham. With the move of Our Lady and St Cuthbert's Parish, Prudhoe to the Heavenfield Partnership it feels that the Ovingham partnership, with two priests, is not a sustainable supporting partnership and that merging with John Ingram will make it so. With Bishop Stephen's approval the merger will take place on the 1st Sunday of Advent (30th November.)

Advent Parish Quiz Night: A Parish Quiz Night will be held in the hall at St Patrick's on **Friday 5th December 7.30pm – 10.00pm**. Suitable for all ages and, guaranteed to get the grey matter whirring! Please bring your own snacks and refreshments. There will also be a raffle. There will be no entrance fee but if everyone can bring a food item for Joe's Place. All welcome.

Congratulations and Welcome to
Jack George Wright-Lynn
Who was baptised at St Patrick's last Sunday

St Mary's Cathedral, Parish Secretary - Vacancy

Role: Parish Secretary

Salary: £10,537.80 per annum

Hours: Part-time 15 hours per week

Location: St Mary's Cathedral, Clayton St West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4HH

How to apply: Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-16/>

Closing date: 12:00 pm 19 November 2025

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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