

First reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD Ps 122

1. I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.
3. For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say, 'Peace upon you.'
For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will seek good things for you.

Second reading

Romans 13:11-14a

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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1st Sunday of Advent Year A - 30th November 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	29 th	1 st of Advent	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	30 th		St P	10.00am	Maurice Brown
Mon	1 st	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Bill Henderson
Tue	2 nd	Weekday			No Service
Wed	3 rd	St Francis Xavier	St A	10.00am	Norah Lagan
Thu	4 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Kathleen & Tommy Mckenna + J Neil
Fri	5 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Bill Knowles
Sat	6 th	2 nd of Advent	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	7 th		St P	10.00am	Nancy Foster
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					

The Season of Advent

*"We do not obtain the most precious gifts by going in search of them
but by waiting for them"*
(Simone Weil)

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

Stay awake! ... Let us walk properly as in the daytime

At the start of the Church's year, we enter the wondrous season of Advent with an exhortation to 'stay awake'. We begin a time of preparation and anticipation as we look forward to welcoming the Christ Child into the world at Christmas. Christ calls each of us today to be awake to his presence in every moment, so that we may stand ready to greet him when he comes again in glory.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus encourages his followers to live within this state of preparation and anticipation, so that they may be ready to welcome the Son of Man when he comes.

In the **First Reading**, Isaiah foretells of the Kingdom of God – the kingdom that we are called to proclaim and live out in our own lives. Using the imagery of a great mountain, he describes the presence and authority of God. People from every nation will be drawn to the Lord, and peace will reign across the world.

The **Psalm** is a pilgrim's song that would have been sung on the lips of those entering Jerusalem. This becomes our own pilgrim song as we enter Advent.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul calls us to wake up to our true reality.

We are children of the day, and he encourages us to let go of everything that draws our attention away from Christ.

Throughout Advent, we hold each other in prayer. May Christ's peace be upon us all and his light shine within our hearts, so that we too may stand ready to greet him in all whom we meet.

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

Advent Alms: Once again during the season of Advent you have the opportunity to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care. A donations basket is at the entrance of each church.

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.

St Patrick's Christmas Raffle will be held on **Sunday 14th December** in the Hall at St Patrick's after Mass. There are many great prizes to be won. You will be able to buy tickets for this on the day.

Thank You to all those who attended and supported the afternoon tea at St Patrick's.

An Advent Penitential Service for the Partnership will be held at St Peter's Church, Low Fell, on Wednesday 17 Dec 7.00pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at
St Patrick's Church on Saturday 20th December 10.00 to 10.30am.
St Alban's Church on Saturday 20th December 5.00 to 5.30pm.

The next Partnership RCIA meeting will be on Tues 2nd December, 6.30pm at St Patrick's Parish Centre.

Diocesan online Sycamore course for Advent: *What is God's invitation for me this Advent season?* The sessions will take place online using Zoom. They will be weekly on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 8.15pm on 4th, 11th and 18th December. Join us for as many sessions as you can, and why not bring a friend? Please register your interest using the link to receive the Zoom link.
<https://bit.ly/DHNSycamoreAdvent2025>

Little sisters of the Poor – Christmas Concert: The Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Newcastle on Saturday 6th December 2025 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home (0191 273 1279).

The Pauline Bookshop at the Cathedral in Newcastle has the following OPENING TIMES : We are OPEN from 10 am until 3.15 pm: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays. On Sundays as announced. Well worth a visit.

Administrator – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Salary Scale £30,000 to £31,855 FTE: Supporting Father Shaun Purdy, our Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, we are looking for our first permanent Lourdes Administrator and as such the successful applicant will play a pivotal role in setting the standard and enabling us to support the delivery of a high-quality pilgrimage. For further information see: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/>. For an Applicant Pack please email Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources, at annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk

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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