

First reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. 'I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

Responsorial Psalm The LORD will bless his people with peace. Ps 29(28)

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
bow down before the LORD, majestic in Holiness.
2. The voice of the LORD upon the waters, the LORD on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the LORD full of power;
the voice of the LORD full of splendour.
3. The God of glory thunders;
in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits as king for ever.

Second reading

Acts 10:34-38

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

Gospel Acclamation

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:
'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'.

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

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St Patrick's at Felling



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Baptism of the Lord Year A - 11th January 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	10 th	Baptism of Lord	St A	6.00pm	Peter Sloan
Sun	11 th		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
Mon	12 th	St Benet Biscop	St P	10.00am	Nancy Foster
Tue	13 th	Weekday			No Service
Wed	14 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	15 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	John & Annie McDonald
Fri	16 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	17 th	2 nd Sun of Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	18 th		St P	10.00am	Imelda Smith
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					

We pray for **Canon Bob Spence**, **Diane Vasey** and for **Wilfred Brown** who died recently. A Funeral service for Diane will be held at Saltwell Crematorium on Friday 16th January, 10.30am. A Funeral service for Wilf will be held on Wed 21 Jan 12noon at St Patrick's followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

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

'This is my Son the Beloved'

As Christmastide draws to a close, today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of The Lord which marks the start of Jesus' ministry on earth.

The **First Reading** from Isaiah tells of the qualities of justice and compassion that God's chosen one will bring to the earth. He will come to us as a servant leader endowed with the spirit of God.

Psalms 28 proclaims the Glory of God in creation and how the Lord will bless his people with peace.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter teaches the early church that the Good News proclaimed by Jesus is not just for the chosen few but for all people who love God (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel** of Matthew Jesus is baptised by his cousin John in the Jordan despite John wondering why it is not he who is being baptised by Jesus. Yet with humility and solidarity Jesus shows us the path to truth by entering into the waters of baptism. The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus, and God proclaims that Jesus is his beloved son. There is a dynamic relationship of eternal, creative self-giving love.

As Christians baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we are called to follow Jesus in spreading the Good News to all people.

As we pray this week let us joyfully remember our baptismal promises so that we may follow Jesus more closely.

The next Partnership RCIA meeting will be on Tues 13th January, 6.30pm at St Patrick's, Felling.

The annual **Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass** will be held in the **Cathedral on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 12:00pm**. This event is open to all especially couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2026 and includes those widowed and bereaved during the last year.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 31st July – 7th August 2026. *Celebrating 100 years since the First Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Joseph Thorman.* Bookings are now open. We travel on Friday 31st July and return on Friday 7th August 2026. If you would like to book, or for further information, please contact Tangney Tours, our Tour Operator by going to their website <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle/> or by calling 01732 886 666.

The Next Parishes Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Wed 21 Jan 6.30pm in the Presbytery at St Patrick's.

Diocesan Vacancy: Education Business Manager - Salary Scale from £35,000 to £37,323. Based within our Education Team at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, Newcastle upon Tyne. The closing date for applications is 12 noon Sunday 1st February 2026. For further information contact Head of HR: annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk



Next Weekend there will be a collection as you leave church to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

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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