

First reading **Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**
The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — he says: ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm **Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will. Ps 40(39)**

1. I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. He put a new song
into my mouth, praise of our God

2. You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear. You do not ask
for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come.’
3. In the scroll of the book
it stands written of me:
‘I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.’

4. Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD.




Second reading **1 Corinthians 1:1-3**
Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God.

Gospel **John 1:29-34**
At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.” I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John bore witness: ‘I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit.” And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.’

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2nd Sunday of Year A - 18th January 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
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
Mon	19 th	St Benet Biscop	St P	10.00am	Francis Joseph Cilly
Tue	20 th	Weekday			No Service
Wed	21 st	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
			St P	12.00pm	Funeral Service: Wilfred Brown
Thu	22 nd	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Requiem Mass: Derek Ritchie
Fri	23 rd	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	24 th	3 rd Sun of Year A	St A	6.00pm	Sarah Harrison
Sun	25 th		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
<div>St A = St Alban's; St P = St Patrick's</div> <div>Weekday Masses at St Patrick's are Celebrated in the Parish Centre</div> <div>Weekday Masses at St Alban's are Celebrated in the Chapel in the Presbytery</div> <div>The Sacrament of Reconciliation - available on Request</div>					

Today we celebrate Peace Sunday.
The theme this year is:
*'Peace be with you all: Towards an unarmed and disarming peace'.
(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
'I have come, Lord, to do your will'

Today we encounter Jesus as he begins his public ministry. John the Baptist sees Jesus coming towards him and speaks to crowds. John tells them that he did not know Jesus until he was revealed by the Holy Spirit as the Chosen One of God at his baptism (**Gospel**). We pray that, through the grace of our baptism, we may know the love and presence of Jesus in our lives.

The **Psalm** is a joyful celebration of our God, who hears our cries for help and invites us to trust and praise his goodness. We pray for open hearts and continued faithfulness in our following of Jesus this coming year.

The **First Reading** speaks of the whole people of God becoming the "light for the nations" so that salvation may reach the ends of the earth. We pray to become witnesses to the love of Jesus.

St. Paul, in the **Second Reading**, sends greetings to the Church in Corinth reminding them that they are called to be holy and asking that they be blessed with grace and peace. We pray that God will bless our families, our communities and our world with peace.

We pray for **Tommy Graham, Wilfred Brown** and **Derek Ritchie** who died recently. A Funeral service for Wilf will be held on Wed 21 Jan 12noon at St Patrick's followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. A Requiem Mass for Derek will be held on Thurs 22 Jan 10.00am at St Patrick's followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

The next Partnership RCIA meeting will be on Tues 20th January, 6.30pm at St Patrick's, Felling.

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

The annual **Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass** will be held in the **Cathedral on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 12:00pm**. All welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 31st July – 7th August 2026. *Celebrating 100 years since the First Diocesan Pilgrimage.* Bookings are now open. We travel on Friday 31st July and return on Friday 7th August 2026. Cf: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle/> or by calling 01732 886 666.

Lourdes Pilgrimage – Youth Section Reminder that bookings for the Youth Section of the Lourdes Pilgrimage will close on 31st January. For more information or to register interest, please email: evie.rea@ymt.org

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

Prayer for Peace Sunday

Almighty God, we thank you for your gift of peace. Your peace is 'unarming and disarming' not victory or defeat, but fraternity and dialogue, the fruit of justice and forgiveness. Open our eyes to see the world - not from the viewpoint of the mighty but from that of the widow, the orphan, the stranger, the wounded child, the exile and the fugitive. We pray for change to come - a new era, the dawn of your kingdom of justice and peace. Disarm our hearts, Lord, that we may have peace in ourselves and bring that gift to others. Amen.



Today 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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