

### First reading

Isaiah 9:1b-4

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

### Responsorial Psalm

The LORD is my light and my salvation.

Ps 27(26)

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread?
2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to enquire at his temple.
3. I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the LORD; be strong;  
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD!

### Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people.

### Gospel

Matthew 4:12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

## The Newsletter of the Parishes of St Alban's Pelaw & St Patrick's Felling



St Alban's at Pelaw



St Patrick's at Felling



Our School at Pelaw

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Year A - 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of Year A	St A	6.00pm	Sarah Harrison
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	SS Timothy & Titus	St P	10.00am	Bill Henderson
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday			No Service
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	St Thomas Aquinas			No Service
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>		St P	10.00am	Richie Charlton
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 <b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> - available on Request					

*"The secret to living authentically is praying, so that we understand what truly brings the Kingdom of Heaven, and letting go of what is superfluous and ties us to passing things...we must remember that our time on earth prepares us for eternity."*  
(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***  
***'Christ, our light and salvation!'***

The prophecy of Isaiah in today's **First Reading** tells of a time, 700 years before Christ, when the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali would sit no longer in darkness but be filled with glory.

Christ begins his ministry by choosing that very location, "those dwelling in the region and shadow of death", to shine a light into the darkest recesses of peoples' lives and so call them to him (**Gospel**).

Christ desires to shine that same light into our lives, to show us those hidden corners where we prefer egotism, exploitation and disharmony (**Second Reading**) to the lights of peace, harmony and solidarity.

Perhaps, this week, we may allow the Lord, 'our light and our salvation' (**Psalms**), to transform us that we might be a source of light to others.

**The next Partnership RCIA meeting** will be on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 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**. All welcome.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 31<sup>st</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026.** *Celebrating 100 years since the First Diocesan Pilgrimage.* Bookings are now open. We travel on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July and return on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> January. For more information or to register interest, please email: [evie.rea@ymt.org](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026. For further information contact Head of HR: [annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk)

*Congratulations and welcome to:*  
***Lucas Wade & Tilly Ashcroft-Wale***

*Who were baptised at St Patrick's and St Alban's respectively, last Sunday*

**Thank you** for the following collections: **St Alban's**  
**Advent Alms (St Cuthbert's Care)** **£116.20**  
**Crib – Friends of the Holy Land** **£48.00**  
**SPUC** **£120.10**

**St Patrick's**  
**£46.00**  
**£81.40**  
**£88.31**

**Holy Island SVP Summer Camps 2026:** Applications are now open for children in school Years 5-7 for Holy Island Summer Camps. The children spend a week in our centre on the island over the Summer holidays. Transport takes the children from Tyneside to our residential centre and all meals, accommodation and activities are included in the cost. For more information please visit our website: Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>

**Do you have some spare time on your hands and want a fulfilling volunteer role?** Our residential centre on Holy Island needs volunteers in 2026. There are lots of roles: Working with the children on our **Vinnies Summer Camps**, during the Summer holidays as a caretaker, kitchen assistants, cooks, and volunteering to work directly with the children. It's hard work, but so much fun and very worthwhile! No cost, just your time and patience for an interesting week on this beautiful island! Or perhaps you are retired or have flexible holidays and could give some time to help at our Term Time Camps. We need people who can take on a caretaking role or help in the kitchen with serving meals, cooking or operating the dishwasher! These Camps allow hundreds of children from the Diocese and further afield have a great residential holiday in our centre. Guaranteed hard work but fantastic memories too! To join our fabulous team or find out more information about any of the roles and to volunteer, please visit our website: Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or contact [BarbaraT@svp.org.uk](mailto:BarbaraT@svp.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](mailto:stpatrick.felling@diocesehn.org.uk)

**For St. Alban's:**

Account name: DHN Pelaw St Alban  
Sort code: 40-34-18  
Account No: 92010984

**For St. Patrick's:**

Account name: DHN Felling St Patrick  
Sort code: 40-34-18  
Account No: 52010453

**Safeguarding:** Our parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are listed at the back of Church or alternately the Diocesan Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at [safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk).