

### Entrance Gospel

**Matthew 21:1-11**

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them", and he will send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.'

### First reading

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

### Responsorial Psalm

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

**Ps 22(21)**

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| <p>1. All who see me deride me;<br/>they curl their lips, they toss their heads:<br/>'He trusted in the LORD, let him save him;<br/>let him release him, for in him he delights.'</p> | <p>2. For dogs have surrounded me;<br/>a band of the wicked besets me.<br/>They tear holes in my hands and my feet;<br/>I can count every one of my bones.</p>  |
| <p>3. They divide my clothing among them,<br/>they cast lots for my robe.<br/>But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;<br/>my strength, make haste to help me!</p>                      | <p>4. I will tell of your name to my kin,<br/>and praise you in the midst of the assembly;<br/>'You who fear the LORD, give him praise;<br/>all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;<br/>revere him, all you descendants of Israel.'</p> |

### Second reading

**Philippians 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

### Gospel

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Passion is found on **Page 88 or 95** of your Mass Book.

The **parts for the congregation** are in **BOLD PRINT**.

## 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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### Palm Sunday of Lent Year A - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sat</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>St A</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	People of the Parishes
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St P</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	George Laurie
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup>	Mon of Holy Week	St P	10.00am	Carol Belton
Tue	31 <sup>st</sup>	Tue of Holy Week			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wed of Holy Week			<i>Chrism Mass 11am at the Cathedral</i>

#### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

<b>Thu</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>St P</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>St P</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Celebration of the Passion</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>St A</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>St P</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Paul Hughes

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

There will be a **collection as you leave church** today to support the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

**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**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

As we begin this greatest of weeks when we solemnly remember God's loving mercy for us, we ask for a greater trust in that love.

Today's **first reading** (from the prophet Isaiah) foretells of the humiliation of the 'suffering servant' but also of his vindication. Because he trusts, the servant knows that ultimately he will be safe.

The **psalm response** has us repeating the cry of the suffering Christ from the cross. Yet the last verse is a proclamation of trust and hope in the Lord who is ever near, and who will have the last say.

In the **second reading**, St Paul wants to reveal to us that it is through the self-emptying of Christ that true love is shown. By allowing himself to be made low through humility and trust, and by accepting suffering and even death, Christ is raised to the highest height.

Finally, the long Passion account from St Matthew's **Gospel** gives us the detail of what loving to the end really means.

Let's pray, this week, that whatever trials we face, we might do so with ever greater trust in the Lord, who knowing suffering at first-hand, does not leave us to face them alone.

**We pray for Anne Conway** and **Alan Robinson** who died recently. A Funeral Service will be held for Alan at South Shields crematorium on Wed 8 April 2pm. May they rest in peace.

**The Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday** are supplied by 'Palms for Africa' and help to fund the work of the Massai Community in Africa. Today there will also be **a collection to support the Christian Community in the Holy Land** (Which includes Gaza).

**This year the Chrism Mass** will once again be celebrated by Bishop Stephen in the Cathedral on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am, so there will be no Mass at St Alban's that day.

**Holy Thursday:** There will be watching in prayer at the altar of repose in the church hall immediately after Mass until 9.00pm. If anyone would like to have their foot washed during this service, please let Fr Maritn know.

**The Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated at St Alban's on **Good Friday at 10.00am**.

**Easter Vigil:** During the Easter Vigil we will Baptise and welcome Michael Hope in to the Catholic Church.

**Discerning our Mission** to help contribute to the Diocesan Wide Pastoral Strategy: Thank you to all those who attended the recent parish open meetings. The next parish open meetings will be held as follows:

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>6.30pm at St Alban's</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>6.30pm at St Patrick's</b>

**All resources for the above meetings are available on the Diocesan website.**

### **Prayer for Discernment**

*Heavenly Father, We thank you for your calling, your guidance, and your love that entrusts us with the mission of your Church in our diocese. Unite us as one family of faith, attentive to your Spirit and supporting one another with care and compassion. As we begin this time of discernment, bless and guide us, that it may be a spiritual journey of listening and honesty that moves us to action. Help us to reflect deeply on our mission and resources, to face reality with courage, and to choose what will allow our communities to flourish for generations to come. Keep us faithful to walking together, seeking truth with hope, and responding to your call with generosity. Form us as missionary disciples, ready to serve and proclaim your Gospel. Give us wisdom to make decisions that strengthen worship, service, teaching, and community. May all we do be rooted in prayer and guided by your Spirit, so that we may steward our resources faithfully and build a Church that is vibrant and welcoming. We entrust our Diocese to the prayers of Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, and to the intercession of the saints who have gone before us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Gift Aid Envelopes** for the new financial year will be available for collection after Mass form this weekend. Non-gift aid envelope sets are also available at St Patrick's.

**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).

**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)

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Account No: 92010984

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