

First reading**Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: '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. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

**This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

Ps 118(117)

1. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
2. The LORD's right hand is exalted.
The LORD's right hand has done mighty
deeds. I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
3. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second reading**Colossians 3:1-4**

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Gospel**John 20:1-9**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Easter Sunday of Year A - 5th April 2026**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat	4 th	Easter Sunday	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	5 th		St P	10.00am	Paul Hughes
Mon	6 th	Mon of Easter Week	St P	10.00am	John Lenehan & Valerie Diamond
Tue	7 th	Tue of Easter Week			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	8 th	Wed of Easter Week	St A	10.00am	Leonard Robinson
Thu	9 th	Thur of Easter Week	St P	10.00am	Damian Anthony Crilly
Fri	10 th	Fri of Easter Week	St P	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	11 th	2 nd of Easter	St A	6.00pm	Diane Vasey & Alan Robinson
Sun	12 th		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes

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

He has Risen! Alleluia!

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 hope is risen! The readings for Easter Sunday are full of this joyful response and of the understanding of what this great mystery means to us.

The **First Reading** from Acts is Peter's succinct account to Cornelius of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. He is witness to all of this and is called to proclaim it to everyone. As followers of Jesus we are called to do likewise.

Psalm 118 is very much an Easter psalm, which we shall meet several times over the season. Today's verses are a prayer of thanksgiving for God's love and for his power in raising Christ in victory.

Both alternatives for the **Second Reading** emphasizes the meaning of the 'new life' we have as the baptised in Christ. We are the 'new bread' living the 'true life' in Christ, celebrating God's mercy and forgiveness.

The **Gospel** narrative shows Peter and John slowly coming to realise that Jesus has truly risen from the dead. Until then, they had not understood, had not grasped the teaching of scripture.

We pray for **Alan Robinson** and **Anne Conway** who died recently. A Funeral service for Alan will be held at South Shields Crematorium on Wednesday 8th April at 2pm. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Anne on Thursday 16th April 10.00am at St Patrick's followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Happy Easter: I take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who have contributed to the preparation and celebration of our liturgies throughout Lent and especially during Holy Week. I am also very grateful for your Easter cards, greetings and continuing support. I wish you, your families and friends every peace and joy this Eastertide. *Fr Martin*

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.

Next Weekend their will be a collection for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese.

Thank you for the following collections:	St Alban's	St Patrick's
Lenten Alms (St Cuthbert's Care)	£22.00	£85.20
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£187.50	£305.60

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.

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:

Wednesday	22nd April	6.30pm at St Alban's
Thursday	23rd April	6.30pm at St Patrick's

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.



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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