

First reading

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm

**Give praise to the LORD, for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.**

Ps 118(117)

- Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the LORD say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
but the LORD was my helper.
The LORD is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and salvation
in the tents of the righteous.
- The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second reading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Gospel

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:19-31

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



St Alban's at Pelaw



St Patrick's at Felling



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2nd Sunday of Easter Year A - 12th April 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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
Mon	13 th	Mon of Easter Week	St P	10.00am	George Laurie
Tue	14 th	Tue of Easter Week			No Service
Wed	15 th	Wed of Easter Week	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	16 th	Thur of Easter Week	St P	10.00am	Requiem Mass: Anne Conway
Fri	17 th	Fri of Easter Week	St A	10.00am	Brian Grace Junior
Sat	18 th	3 rd of Easter	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	19 th		St P	10.00am	Betty Law

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

"Easter is the new creation brought about by the Risen Lord; it is a new beginning; it is life finally made eternal by God's victory over the ancient enemy. We need this song of hope today. Let us...live out the joy of the resurrection, so that wherever the spectre of death still lingers, the light of life may shine."
(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
“Peace be with you”

The Risen Christ brings new life to all. The Resurrection is an ongoing ever-present reality and we are called to an ever deeper understanding of the wonder of resurrection in our lives.

In today’s **Gospel** story, Thomas is not present when the Risen Jesus first comes to the disciples in the upper room. Eight days later, Jesus reveals the reality of his resurrection to Thomas in a personal way. Thomas recognises the truth and exclaims “My Lord and my God!” Jesus breathes his spirit on the disciples and sends them out into the world to spread his message of love, forgiveness and peace.

In the **First Reading** from Acts, the early Christian Church is filled with the same Spirit to transform the lives of others. They share their belongings, live in community and break bread together. Praying and praising God, they would be familiar with today’s **Psalm** – a song of gratitude, joy and celebration of the Lord’s unending love. In the **Second Reading** we are assured that faith in the Risen Christ will guard us through difficulties and will be a source of joy now that we have been made children of God.

This week, we pray for willing hearts that are open to receive the transforming deep peace that only Christ can give us.

We pray for **Anne Conway** who died recently. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Anne by Fr Martin Wheaton this Thursday 16th April 10.00am at St Patrick’s followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

There will be a Collection as you leave church for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese.

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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