

First reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you will show me the path of life

Ps 16(15)

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| <p>1. Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord.'
O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.</p> <p>3. And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption.</p> | <p>2. I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the LORD before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.</p> <p>4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever.</p> |
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Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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3rd Sunday of Easter Year A - 19th April 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	18 th	3 rd of Easter	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	19 th		St P	10.00am	Betty Law
Mon	20 th	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	Belen Sinsay Manguera
Tue	21 st	Weekday of Easter			No Service
Wed	22 nd	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	23 rd	St George	St P	10.00am	Susan Walker (MS)
Fri	24 th	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Fr Pat McKenna (NBF)
Sat	25 th	4 th of Easter	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	26 th		St P	10.00am	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

"The Church invites us to do as the first disciples did: gather together and celebrate the Eucharist. During Mass, we listen to the words of Jesus, we pray, we profess our faith...His Body and Blood nourish us, so that we too may become witnesses of his Resurrection, as indicated by the term "Mass," which means "sending forth," or "mission." The Sunday Eucharist is indispensable to the Christian life."
 (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
O Lord, you will show me the path of life

The readings for this Sunday speak of our faith and hope in God, as we continue to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus in this season of Easter.

Peter speaks to the crowds gathered at Pentecost (**First Reading**). He tells them that Jesus, whose death they had sought, is no longer dead but has been raised to life by the power of God. The apostles are witnesses to this, and to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The first letter of Peter (**Second Reading**) explains that the death and resurrection of Jesus have freed us to live as people with faith and hope in God.

The **Psalm** is a hymn of joy and trust in God who preserves, directs and saves us, showing us the path of life that leads to happiness.

When the way forward seems unclear, or if it seems as though we have experienced the ending of all our hopes, we can learn from the **Gospel** story that tells of Jesus walking alongside those in sorrow. They are aware of being comforted without knowing why. Only later, as Jesus celebrates Eucharist with them, are they aware that he has been with them all along their journey.

In this Easter season, we ask for the grace of a deeper appreciation of the presence of Christ Jesus in our daily lives.

Quiz Night in St Patrick's Parish Centre on 15th May at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring your own snacks and drink, but we asked, if you can, to bring a food item which will be sent onto Joes Place in Gateshead.

Help with Tidying up St Patrick's Church/Presbytery Garden: We will meet on **Saturday 25th April 10.00am** for the spring garden 'tidy up'. All welcome. Please bring your gardening tools with you.

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 **this week** as follows:

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

Please make every effort to attend these important meetings.

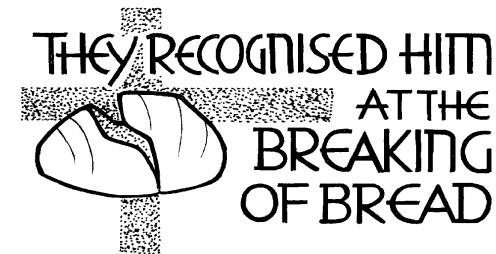
All resources for the above meetings are available on the Diocesan website.

Children's Liturgy for all primary school aged children will be on April 26th, May 31st, June 28th, and July 26th.

St Mary's Cathedral will be closed for internal renovation work **until 29 May**. The Pauline Bookshop and Café is open as usual.

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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