

First reading**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Responsorial Psalm The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Ps 23(22)

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| <p>1. The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.</p> | <p>2. He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the
shadow of death, no evil would I fear,
for you are with me. Your crook and your staff
will give me comfort.</p> |
| <p>3. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.</p> | <p>4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.</p> |

Second reading**1 Peter 2:20b-25**

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me.

Gospel**John 10:1-10**

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

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4th Sunday of Easter Year A - 26th April 2026**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat	25 th	4 th of Easter	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	26 th		St P	10.00am	Paul Hughes
Mon	27 th	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	Special Intention (KJ)
Tue	28 th	Weekday of Easter			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	29 th	St Catherine - Siena	St A	10.00am	Fr Denis O'Mahony (NBF)
Thu	30 th	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	Watson, Connelly & Powney Fam
Fri	1 st	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Brian & Susan Gilmore
Sat	2 nd	5 th of Easter	St A	6.00pm	Elsie Docherty
Sun	3 rd		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

First Saturday of each month: 10.00-10.15am at St Patrick's and 5.30-5.45pm at St Alban's
And available on Request

"A life given to God is one of happiness, but it must be renewed each day through prayer, the sacraments and time spent with the brothers and sisters whom the Lord places along our path...So, if you feel that Christ is calling you to follow him in a path of special consecration — do not be afraid to follow in his footsteps." (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

'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly'

The image of Christ the Shepherd caring for his followers has been used since the earliest years of Christianity. In the biblical way of shepherding, the shepherd leads the flock, calling each sheep by name. The sheep know and trust the voice of their shepherd, following him wherever he leads: a fine model for the love of Jesus for his disciples – and for each of us.

The **First Reading** anticipates Pentecost: Peter preaches the Lordship of Jesus Christ to the crowds in Jerusalem, inviting them to faith because the promises of God are for everyone.

In the **Second Reading** Peter writes to remind the followers of Jesus that Our Lord left us an example to follow, particularly in the difficulties with which we struggle, so that we might live in holiness: through Jesus our wounds are healed.

The **Psalm** is a hymn of trust in the Lord who is my shepherd.

I shall want for nothing, because the Lord will give me rest, comfort and guidance.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus speaks of himself as the shepherd who has become the gateway to fullness of life for his followers, a source of unity among divided Christians – an issue for John's followers, and also for us today.

This week in prayer we take time to speak with Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Children's Liturgy for all primary school aged children will be held on the following Sundays at St Patrick's: April 26th, May 31st, June 28th, and July 26th.

There will be a collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor as you leave church today.

Thank You to all those who helped with the Garden tidying up at St Patrick's this weekend.

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

A Quiz Night will be held in St Patrick's Parish Centre on **Friday 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 on to Joe's Place in Gateshead.

A Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi will be Led by Bishop Stephen, **22nd – 29th October 2027**. £1725 per person. Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and places are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place. The itinerary and booking details can be found on the diocesan website (www.diocesehn.org.uk).

Thank you to all those who attended the recent parish open meetings. **Message from Bishop Stephen – Pastoral Strategy:** 'Thank you to all parishes who have completed and returned their reflections as part of our diocesan pastoral strategy. I, together with others, look forward to reading and praying through your discernments in the Spirit. We next move to a second phase as we invite local parishes to discern together in their partnerships, or with others in their neighbouring area. Information and updates will be shared on our website. Please keep this discernment in your prayers as we seek to respond to the Lord's call to worship Him and serve our communities in a flourishing and sustainable manner.'

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday, 26 April: Bishop Stephen invites us all to pray for vocations this Sunday. Please pray particularly for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Please pray every day that people will respond to the Lord's call to serve Him in ordained and consecrated life. They are intimate adventures in God's love. Prayer leads to vocations. This is not a last resort; it is the essential first resort. For more information, prayer resources, and for enquiries please contact: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk vocationspriest@diocesehn.org.uk vocationsdeacons@diocesehn.org.uk

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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