

First reading

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

Responsorial Psalm I believe I shall see the LORD'S goodness Ps 27(26) in the land of the living.

- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?
- There is one thing I ask of the LORD, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, to enquire at his temple.
- O LORD, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.'

Second reading

1 Corinthians 11:22-25

This is what I heard from our Lord and in turn passed on to you, that on the night before he died, Jesus was sharing supper with his friends. While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to each of his friends. "Eat it" he said. "This is my body. It is my very self" Then he took the cup of wine, offered a prayer of thanks to God and handed it to them; they all drank from it. Jesus said "This is my blood. It means that I am going to die so that all people can be brought to God my father" Jesus then asked his friends, "Do this in memory of me"

Gospel Acclamation

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Gospel

John 17:1-11a

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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



St Alban's at Pelaw



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7th Sunday of Easter Year A - 17th May 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	16 th	7 th of Easter	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	17 th		St P	10.00am	Maurice Brown
Mon	18 th	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	Pat Donald
Tue	19 th	Weekday of Easter			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	20 th	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	21 st	Weekday of Easter	St P	10.00am	Ogwang Steven
Fri	22 nd	Weekday of Easter	St A	10.00am	Class Mass: Year 6
Sat	23 rd	Weekday of Easter	St P	3.00pm	<u>Wedding Service:</u> Danielle Graham & Andrew Toner
Sat	23 rd	Pentecost	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	24 th		St P	10.00am	Kathleen & Tommy McKenna & Joan Neil

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

*"The Lord does not leave us alone in life's trials."
(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

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In this time of growing worldwide uncertainty, we are called to a deepening faith in our Lord, our stronghold and hope. As Christians, we also try to be a beacon of light for our fellow human beings.

The **First Reading** picks up the early Christian story immediately after Jesus's ascension: Mary the mother of Jesus, his disciples and extended family gather in the upper room to await in prayer the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The **Gospel** also takes us back to a special place, the room where the Last Supper took place. Here Jesus prays, making known to his disciples – and to us – the name and teachings of the Father. Eternal life is to know the Father and Christ and their intimate relationship together.

The **Psalms** exudes trust and confidence in the God of the living; it inspires us to seek the Lord's face and get to know him.

In the **Second Reading**, Peter gives his community encouragement as they endure challenges and hard times. He assures them of a special blessing if they live the values of Christ.

As the Easter Season draws to a close, we might pray together:

'Lord, we believe you are indeed our light, help and stronghold in these challenging times. May your Holy Spirit comfort us all; and may our relationship of loving trust with you deepen.'

There will be a Collection as you leave church today for **World Communications Sunday** – supporting the Evangelising efforts of the church.

We pray for Raymond Isaac who died recently. A Requiem Mass will be held for Raymond at St Alban's on Friday 29th May, 11.30am followed by cremation at Saltwell crematorium. May he rest in peace.

The Next Parishes Finance Committee Meeting will take place this Thursday 21st May, 6.30pm in the presbytery at St Patrick's.

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

Volunteers are needed to help tidy up the garden at St Alban's. The front side-gate is always open so you can come and do some weeding any time.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi will be Led by Bishop Stephen, **22nd – 29th October 2027**. £1725 per person. The itinerary etc. can be found on diocesan website (www.diocesehn.org.uk).

Update From St. Alban's Catholic Primary School: Dear Parishioners, Thank you for your support and prayers during our Lenten journey - pupils have returned excited and ready for all of the fun and adventure that the summer term brings. Governors have been working with Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust and are pleased that Mrs Swaddle will continue supporting the school as Executive Headteacher. She has been joined by Mr Keys, an experienced Headteacher, who will be at St Alban's full-time to lead the staff team. They look forward to continuing to work with the parishes of St. Alban's and St. Patrick's and invite you to St. Alban's next school Mass, on Friday 22nd May at 10am, which will be led by Year 6 pupils.



We remember in our prayers the children from Year 4 (4), Year 5 (1) and Year 8 (1) who will be celebrating their First Holy Communions this weekend.

CAFOD MAY APPEAL: During May at the back of St Patrick's church we are collecting signatures for a CAFOD petition about Global Debt Crisis, which is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Cardinal Stephen Amey Martin Mulla from South Sudan has written a letter to parishes in England and Wales to express his concern and encourage us to act. Please stop for a moment as you leave St Patrick's, read his letter and lend your support by signing this petition. The petition will be there throughout May. Thank you for helping to build a better world.

The parishioners of the Sacred Heart, North Gosforth extend a warm invitation to the parishioners of St Alban's, Pelaw and St Patrick's, Felling to join with them in celebrating the **Golden Jubilee of Fr Patterson's ordination** to the priesthood on **Sunday 5th July 2026 at the 10.30am parish Mass** at the Sacred Heart.

Pentecost Celebration – If you wish, today you can indicate on the world map at the back of St Patrick's church your country of origin, to help us celebrate the truly global nature of the Catholic Church this Pentecost.

Afternoon Tea – We will be serving our afternoon tea in St. Patrick's Parish Centre on Saturday 6th June. It has been a while since our last one but we hope you can join us over a cuppa and some tasty treats. Everyone is welcome, hope to see you there.

Salvation Army on Sunderland Road are trying to gather urgent supplies for Ukrainian hospitals, who are in dire need. They need Bars of soap, Socks, Paracetamol and toothpaste. The lorry will be leaving the second week of June so any donations would be gratefully received. We will be collecting from now and all donations can be left at the back of church and will be passed on. Thank you.