

First reading

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Responsorial Psalm 104: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.
2. You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
3. May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

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.'

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Pentecost Sunday Year A - 24th May 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	23 rd	Pentecost	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	24 th		St P	10.00am	Kathleen & Tommy McKenna & Joan Neil
Mon	25 th	St Bede	St P	10.00am	Nancy Foster
Tue	26 th	St Philip Neri			No Service
Wed	27 th	St Augustine	St A	10.00am	Eragu Julius
Thu	28 th	J C High Priest	St P	10.00am	For safe & Successful Operation
Fri	29 th	Weekday	St A	11.30am	Requiem Mass: Raymond Isaac
Sat	30 th	Most Holy Trinity	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	31 st		St P	10.00am	Margaret Scott

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

*"Let us ask the Spirit of God to awaken with His gifts human consciences,
to turn them away from injustice, violence, and war,
and to renew the face of the earth."
(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

'in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body'

On this final day of Eastertide, we celebrate not only the coming of the Holy Spirit, but also the birth of the Church, when the followers of Jesus went out to continue his mission.

The presence of the Risen Christ is still felt through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, which is none other than the love of God being poured into our hearts.

Today's **First Reading**, from Acts, gives an account of Pentecost. The power of the Spirit draws the apostles from the closed room and onto the streets. There they speak with courage.

St John's **Gospel** also offers us an account of the giving of the Holy Spirit. The Risen Jesus, appearing in the upper room with 'peace' on his lips, breathes on the disciples and sends them out to share in his mission. 'Re-created' in the power of the Spirit, they are to go and 'renew the face of the earth' (**Psalm**).

St Paul's Letter to the faithful of Corinth (**Second Reading**) encourages them to share in this work by cooperating with the Spirit and the gifts freely given.

How might I respond, this week, to the same God at work within me?

There will be a Collection as you leave church today for **The Lay Training Fund** – supporting the Evangelising efforts of the church.

We pray for Raymond Isaac and Jimmy Townsend 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. A Funeral Service will be held for Jimmy at St Patrick's on Thursday 4th June 11am, followed by burial at Jarrow Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Thank you for the following collections:	St Alban's	St Patrick's
The Holy Places	£83.75	£70.50
Sick & Retired Priests	£137.92	£142.95
Little Sisters of the Poor	£81.06	£134.35

*Congratulations to
Danielle Graham and Andrew Toner
Who were married at St Patrick's Church this weekend.*

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.

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.

Significance Festival: Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite you to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on **Saturday 27th June**. Arrivals from 12.00pm, Guided Walk of the Laudato Si' Environmental Project at 1.15pm, Presentation from Significance and Mass, celebrated by Bishop Stephen, at 3.00pm followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets cost £10. All proceeds and donations will support Significance. To request a booking form and for further information email Evie at evie.rea@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

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.

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).

Prayer for Pentecost

*Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word and
a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your
kingdom come, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*