

**First reading**

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a**

Moses spoke to the people: You shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Do not forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!**

**Ps 147**

- 1. O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!  
O Sion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 2. He established peace on your borders;  
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth,  
and swiftly runs his command.
- 3. He reveals his word to Jacob;  
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his judgements.

**Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

**Gospel Acclamation**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.  
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

**Gospel**

**John 6:51-58**

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.'

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**St Alban's at Pelaw**



**St Patrick's at Felling**



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**The Body and Blood of Christ Year A - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
<b>Sat</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Body &amp; Blood of C</b>	<b>St A</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	People of the Parishes
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St P</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Margaret Brown
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Lindsay Bradley
Tue	9 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St A	10.00am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Holy Communion</i>
Thu	11 <sup>th</sup>	St Barnabas	St P	10.00am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Holy Communion</i>
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart Jesus	St A	10.00am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A</b>	<b>St A</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	People of the Parishes
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St P</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Michael Rafferty

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

*"we can diligently contribute to every initiative that builds a more just world,  
 and we can call others to collaborate in promoting the  
 integral development of every human being"*  
 (Pope Leo - MH)

**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**

#### **This is the bread that came down from heaven**

For 700 years or so, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi.

In the **First Reading**, Moses reminds the people of Israel that it is God who ensured they did not die of hunger and thirst in the desert, by providing them with manna and water. They are not to forget their faithful Lord who has always guided them.

The **Psalm** praises the Lord for sending wheat to feed his people, and his Word to feed their spirit.

In his Letter to the Corinthians (**Second Reading**), St Paul confirms the intimate link between the body and blood of Christ and the blessing-cup and bread of the Eucharist. This one bread shared by all has a unifying effect.

In the **Gospel**, we find Jesus instructing the crowds after the feeding of the 5000. He seeks to explain the difference between the food needed to keep our body in good health and the bread 'that came down from heaven', which is his body. It will feed them spiritually. They will draw life from his body and blood, just as he draws life from his Father. Christ is our food and drink.

**Children's Liturgy** for all primary school aged children will be held on the following Sundays at St Patrick's: June 28<sup>th</sup>, and July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** to all those who helped with and supported the Afternoon tea at St. Patrick's.

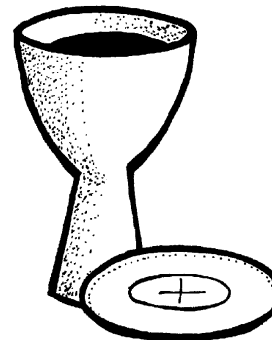
**Thank you** to all those who have supported the Salvation Army appeal to gather urgent supplies for Ukrainian hospitals.

**Significance Festival:** Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite you to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026** at the 10.30am parish Mass at the Sacred Heart.

**Diocesan Property Trustee Vacancy:** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Trustee with property skills and experience. Chaired by the Bishop, The Board of Trustees provides leadership and determines the overall strategic direction of the organisation. Individuals with significant property, estates management and acquisitions experience and knowledge of charity law relating to land are encouraged to visit the Diocesan Website to download the role descriptor and application form. Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/diocesan-trustee/>  
Closing Date: 26 June 2026

**Little Sisters of the Poor Fundraising Night:** 50s and 60s night at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle, Live entertainment, licenced bar, bingo. 7pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Tickets £7 from 0191 273 1279. All proceeds to St Joseph's Home



**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi** will be Led by Bishop Stephen, **22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2027**. £1725 per person. The itinerary etc. can be found on diocesan website ([www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)). Still a few places left.

**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](mailto:stpatrick.felling@diocesehn.org.uk)

#### **For St. Alban's:**

Account name: DHN Pelaw St Alban  
Sort code: 40-34-18  
Account No: 92010984

#### **For St. Patrick's:**

Account name: DHN Felling St Patrick  
Sort code: 40-34-18  
Account No: 52010453

**Safeguarding:** Our parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are listed at the back of Church or alternately the Diocesan Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at [safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk).