

**First reading**

**Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah said: I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' say all my close friends, watching for my fall. 'Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.' But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

**Responsorial Psalm In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord. Ps 69(68)**

- 1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame has covered my face. To my own kin I have become an outcast, a stranger to the children of my mother. Zeal for your house consumes me, and taunts against you fall on me.
- 2. But I pray to you, O LORD, at an acceptable time. In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your faithful salvation. LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind; in your great compassion, turn towards me.
- 3. The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the LORD attends to the needy, and does not spurn his own in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the seas and everything that moves in them.

**Second reading**

**Romans 5:12-15**

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

**Gospel Acclamation**

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 10:26-33**

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

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**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
<b>Sat</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A</b>	<b>St A</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Eileen & Matthew Liddell
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>St P</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parishes
Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	St John Fisher et al	St P	10.00am	Patrick & Rose Wright, Patricia Jameson
Tue	23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Etheldreda			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	25 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Ellen Farrell
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
<b>Sat</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St's Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>St A</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	People of the Parishes
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St P</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Ronald Johnson

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 pray for those** who have recently died especially Peter Stempczyk, Fr Martin's brother. May he rest in peace.

**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**

#### **“Have no fear”**

In the readings this Sunday we find comfort, and are encouraged to turn towards our fears and doubts with the same love and compassionate understanding that God shows for us.

In the **First Reading** the prophet Jeremiah tells of his trials, and of his trust in God's providence.

The **Psalms** is a song of lament from one who has experienced great suffering. The refrain and the central verse describe God's love at work in the midst of their distress.

St Paul's letter to the Romans (**Second Reading**) reminds us that the saving love of Christ is an abundant gift to the world.

In St Mathew's **Gospel** Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid as they learn to be drawn deeper into his love. Jesus explains how God loves them so deeply that even every hair of their head has been numbered!

We, too, are called to share in this great gift of love. In this coming week, let us pray for each other and for all people facing fear and trials, that they may know the peace that only Christ can give.

**We welcome Fr Jude Ibeh** who will be celebrating our Masses this weekend.

**There will be a Collection** as you leave church today to support the **'Day for Life'**.

**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>.

**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.

**On Thursday 11th June** a gathering of 30+ laity and clergy met to begin the Partnership response to the Diocesan Discernment Process. The meeting was facilitated by Amy Cameron and Emma Wynne. The meeting began with an agreement on the purpose of this meeting and where the second meeting might take us. The hope is to present one response but one which may have varying outcomes for different areas of the partnership. It was agreed that we would let the planning be led by Mission and then revisit whether this would be better done as one large Partnership plan or split into a different grouping.

There was a lot of passion and positivity in the room and well as some uncertainty. We had the opportunity to look at the main themes which emerged from the 18 individual parish responses from stage one. This focused on what the majority of parishes had said, we then discussed whether this covered our individual parish plans and whether the plans for Mission went far enough.

In the second part of the meeting, we began to look at some data for the area (rather than individual parishes which was available for stage one).

Key figures in that data included:-

Bishop Stephen's instruction for us to consider plans which could see a reduction in the priests of the partnership by one third and also by half. In practical terms this means reducing from the current 8 priests firstly to 5 and then 4. How could 5 or 4 priests serve our current 18 parishes?

A question was raised that this seems to be a worst case scenario. It is, but, as we were reminded by one person present "best to plan for the worst and then hope for the best, better to adjust if the situation is better."

Other key information included these financial predictions/estimates:-

Current financial resources of all 18 parishes is a little under £2 million pounds.

Predicted repair and maintenance costs for the 18 parishes over the next 4-5 years £2.1 million.

This would leave the collective 18 parishes in 5 years time with an overall deficit of £159,000.

The meeting concluded with the request that those representing the parishes consider these facts, along with the many others presented and meet on 24th June to consider how we can continue the mission of the church in our area in Worship, Teaching, Serving and building community with the knowledge we have gained from the parish responses and the data that has been shared.

The meeting did conclude on a positive note that we are the church of today, the Holy Spirit is with us and will help us face the necessary changes.

Please do continue to pray for our diocese and your parish representatives during this time of discernment."

**Thank you for your offerings:** We ask you to please consider **making your offering by Standing Order.**

#### **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  
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Account No: 52010453