

First reading

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Ps 86(85)

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication.
2. All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.
3. You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me.

Second reading

Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel Acclamation

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

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



St Alban's at Pelaw



St Patrick's at Felling



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16th Sunday of Year A - 19th July 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	18 th	16 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	19 th		St P	10.00am	Edmunda, Agripino, Nariso, Loreto, Francisca
Mon	20 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Patrick (Patsy) Rafferty
Tue	21 st	Weekday			No Service
Wed	22 nd	St Mary Magdalene	St A	10.00am	Norma Parel
Thu	23 rd	St Bridget - Sweden	St P	10.00am	Nancy & Norman Foster (LDMF)
Fri	24 th	Martyrs of Diocese	St A	10.00am	Peter Stempczyk
Sat	25 th	17 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	26 th		St P	10.00am	Special Intention (ML)
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					

"True fulfilment is not achieved by eliminating weakness but through harmonious growth. It is found where freedom and responsibility are intertwined with mutual care and true solidarity and where progress is measured by the dignity of each person and the good of all peoples"
(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
God knows everything in our hearts

This coming week we are reminded that however hard we may find it to pray, the Lord always knows what we need to say. It is God's own Spirit that prays within our hearts.

The **first reading** addresses God directly as the all-powerful one who cares for everything he has made. Though he is the God of strength and justice, he is also lenient and merciful – and so we, too, must try to act with kindness, even when we are challenged.

The **psalmist** praises the Lord's goodness and mighty deeds, yet again reminds us that he is slow to anger. We can ask our loving, compassionate God to turn to us whenever we are in need.

The short **second reading** offers us great hope, for it assures us that we can hand over to the Lord any struggles we experience in prayer. St Paul tells of the indwelling Spirit of God, who prays within each one of us whether we can find the right words or not.

Jesus tells the parable about growth in the **Gospel**. In it someone has sabotaged a field of good wheat by planting weeds (darnel). Yet Jesus invites us to think carefully and be patient. If we hurry to pull out the weeds we might end up sacrificing the whole crop, instead of allowing God to work in his own time.

We pray for **Joseph Robert Francis** who died recently. A funeral service will be held for Joseph on Monday 3rd August 12noon at St Patrick's, followed by committal at Saltwell crematorium. May he rest in peace.

The next Children's Liturgy for all primary school aged children will be held at St Patrick's on Sunday July 26th.

Catherine Rafferty would like to thank everyone from St Patrick's and St Alban's for their kind words, cards and flowers she received for her 90th birthday celebrations.

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Project are at present supporting 479 Asylum Seekers who are waiting for a decision and who receive some government support. 30 have had their claim refused and are destitute. They all receive a bag of essentials valued at approximately £10 and those who are destitute also receive a supermarket voucher. The project relies on donations especially such as rice, tinned fish, chickpeas, tomatoes, biscuits and toiletries. These can be left at the entrance of St Alban's or at either entrance to St Patrick's.

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). Still a few places left.

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.

Congratulations to
Conan Michael Burke
Who was Baptised at St Patrick's last Sunday

Lourdes At Home: As people from the Diocese prepare to travel to Lourdes on 31st July, there will be those who would like to participate from here in our Diocese who cannot be with us. The following is available:

Blessing of Hands: There will be Mass with the blessing of hands in St Mary's Cathedral, with Bishop Stephen as the principal celebrant. We all serve each other in our own way, whether it be as a registered helper, youth member, medical team, pilgrim or those who pray for the success of our pilgrimage at home. Everyone is welcome to this special Mass on **Tuesday 21st July at 6.30pm in the Cathedral**.

Pilgrimage Hymn Book: Many who are participating from home have asked if they can purchase a copy of the hymn book. These will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21st July, and are priced £5.00.

Centenary Pilgrimage Medal: There is a special centenary medal this year which is based on the medal from the Holy Year of 1958. The medal has a maroon ribbon with a gold-coloured metal St Cuthbert's Cross attached. Again, these will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21st July, and are priced £5.00.

Live Streaming: When in Lourdes, the Masses and services will be live streamed via the Diocesan Hospitalité YouTube channel and the Lourdes Sanctuary YouTube channel. More details will be available on the Diocesan Hospitalité Facebook page. We keep the success of the Centenary pilgrimage in your prayers.

Copies of the Parish Financial Returns for 2025-2026 are displayed on the notice board at the back of each church for your information.

Thank you for the following collections:	<u>St Alban's</u>	<u>St Patrick's</u>
Lay Training Fund	£53.22	£57.00
World Communication Sunday	£52.24	£69.00

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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