

First reading

1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

In those days: The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

O LORD, how I love your law!

Ps 119(118)

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| 1. You, O LORD, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold. | 2. Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight. |
| 3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. | 4. Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple. |

Second reading

Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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17th Sunday of Year A - 26th July 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
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)
Mon	27 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	James Anthony & Thomas Murray
Tue	28 th	Weekday			No Service
Wed	29 th	St Martha & Lazarus	St A	10.00am	Jonathan Harland (Birthday)
Thu	30 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Bill Henderson
Fri	31 st	St Ignatius of Loyola	St A	10.00am	Fr Leo Pyle (NBF)
Sat	1 st	18 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	George & Kathleen Burrell
Sun	2 nd		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
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 celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. "
(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

‘The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field’

This week’s readings lead us to reflect on the priceless treasures of wisdom, faith, and the Kingdom of Heaven itself.

In the **First Reading**, Solomon does not ask for great honours or luxury goods, but simply for a discerning heart so that he can govern his people wisely. God willingly grants his request.

The **Psalmist** resolves to find the Lord and his love through obedience to his Law and his Word.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul assures the Romans that God will turn everything to their good as he co-operates with all those who love him. Their faith will not be in vain. They will share his glory.

Finally, the **Gospel** illustrates what the Kingdom of Heaven is like, using four short parables to help us reflect and understand what the Lord offers us.

This week, then, we might want to spend some time considering God’s great gifts to us of faith and wisdom. How do they help us to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth for the people around us, especially for those who are searching for the Lord?

We pray for **Mary Joyce Baptist, Fr Leo Pyle** and **Joseph Robert Francis** who died recently. A funeral service will be held at Saltwell Crematorium for Mary on Thursday 30th July at 1pm. A funeral service will be held for Joseph on Monday 3rd August 12noon at St Patrick’s, followed by committal at Saltwell Crematorium. May they rest in peace.

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

Today we celebrate **The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. We especially pray for them.

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.

Garden tidy up – The next garden tidy up at St Patrick’s will be on Saturday 1st August. This helps keep on top of the good work already done. Many hands make light work.

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

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.

Congratulations to

Zach David Inns

Who was Baptised at St Patrick’s last Sunday

Lourdes At Home: As people from the Diocese prepares 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:

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.



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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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.