

First reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: 'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.'

Responsorial Psalm

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Ps 145(144)

1. The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
2. The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing.
3. The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

Second reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' But Jesus said, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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18th Sunday of Year A - 2nd August 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
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
Mon	3 rd		St Oswald	St P	10.00am
			St P	12.00pm	<i>Funeral Service:</i> Joseph Francis
Tue	4 th	St John Vianney			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	5 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Vera & Raymond Isaac
Thu	6 th	The Transfiguration	St P	10.00am	Dec'd of Beckett & Larman Families
Fri	7 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Fr Leo Pyle (NBF)
Sat	8 th	St Dominic	St P	12.00pm	<i>Wedding Service:</i> <i>Sarah Willis & Sean James Platt</i>
Sat	8 th	19 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	Susan Harland (Birthday)
Sun	9 th		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					

'True progress always stems from a heart open to others.'
(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

Nothing will be able to separate from the love of God in Christ Jesus

In today's readings, we celebrate the great love of God, who not only gives us life, but desires to sustain and nourish us generously too.

In the **First Reading**, it is God himself who urgently pleads with his troubled, scattered people to listen. Through his prophet, he issues an invitation to a sacred meal. God offers 'water' for thirsty souls; 'wine and milk' will also be made freely available for hungry hearts, without charge.

In the **Psalms**, one traditionally sung at meals, we praise the God who cares for all his creatures, supplying them with nourishment.

Paul writes in very stirring language, assuring us of the ever-present love and power of Jesus Christ. Divine love gives us grace and encouragement to live life to the fullest, even with and through the unavoidable trials and sufferings of life. This is the Christian gospel, the Good News! (**Second Reading**)

Even whilst stricken with grief, Jesus's response to the people is one of compassion (**Gospel**). He heals the sick and feeds the hungry, and there is still plenty of food left over to share. Jesus feeds the crowd in a way that foresees the food and drink he will offer us in the Eucharist.

We pray this week for courage to take the risk of really hearing what God is saying to us; what sacred nourishment he is freely offering us. We put ourselves into God's hands, asking that Christ will deepen his life in us and in our anxious, often unjust world.

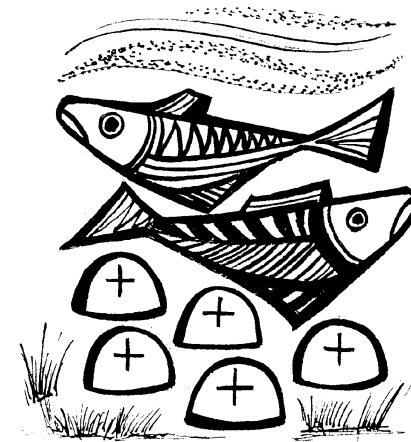
We pray for **Joseph Robert Francis** who died recently. A funeral service will be held for Joseph on Monday 3rd August 12noon at St Patrick's, followed by committal at Saltwell Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

The 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 toultries. These can be left at the entrance of St Alban's or at either entrance to St Patrick's.

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 to all those who helped with the gardening at St Patrick's on Saturday.

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.



We Remember in our prayers those who are on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in this centenary Year. You can join the pilgrimage via **Live Streaming**. The Masses and services will be live streamed via the Diocesan Hospitalité YouTube channel and the Lourdes Sanctuary YouTube channel. More details are available on the Diocesan Hospitalité Facebook page.

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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