

First reading

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him. And he said, 'Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Ps 85

1. I will hear what the LORD God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the
Earth, and justice look down from
heaven.
3. The LORD will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Righteousness will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way.

Second reading

Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word.

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, 'It is a ghost!' and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.' And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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19th Sunday of Year A - 9th August 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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
Mon	10 th	St Lawrence	St P	10.00am	LDM McCabe & Murray Families
Tue	11 th	St Clare of Assisi			No Service
Wed	12 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	13 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Brenda Gibbon, Christine Penfold
Fri	14 th	St Maximilian Kolbe	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	15 th	The Assumption	St A	6.00pm	Burrell and Wilson Families
Sun	16 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

*"Holidays should be, for everyone, a time to take a break from daily tasks and worries, a time to enjoy genuine experiences of friendship and sharing, so that we may experience a foretaste of that communion which we can and will experience in the Kingdom 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
'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.'

Like Jesus in this week's Gospel story, we try and find the time to pray with our heavenly Father. Our readings this week reveal God's presence in our lives, especially in times of trial.

The dispirited prophet Elijah in the **First Reading** recognises God in 'the sound of a low whisper', rather than in impressive manifestations.

May we hear God's voice that speaks of mercy and faithfulness, justice and peace (**Psalm**).

St Paul in his Letter to the Romans (**Second Reading**) reveals his love and respect for his Jewish heritage and its people. He would even forgo his greater love for Christ to help them.

Jesus distances himself to find the space and peace to pray. The storm in the **Gospel** reflects the storm in Elijah's life. Can the disciples recognise the Lord? The question to Peter, "Why did you doubt?" is also addressed to us.

The God of power comes in dramatic crises but also in the quietness of our daily lives. Perhaps this week we can listen and become more aware of this.

Our Annual Mission Appeal will be given by Fr Pat O'Beirne of the Columban Missionaries on **Sat/Sun 23/23 August**. There will be a collection after communion on that day to support their work.

An African Day Celebration will be held on **Sunday, 30th August 2026** after Mass in the Church hall at St Patrick's. This will be a joyful opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of African culture through traditional attire, delicious food, music, and dance. Everyone is warmly invited to stay after Mass, experience the vibrant culture of Africa, and enjoy a time of fellowship as a parish community. We look forward to celebrating with you.

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 touletries. 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.

Bongo Bingo in St patrick's Parish Centre on Friday 28th August starting at 7.30. All are welcome. Bring your own snacks and refreshments. Also if you are able, please bring a food item for our Justice and Peace Refugee Project.

Are you Interested in Becoming a Catholic or just learning more about the Catholic Faith? This years Partnership RCIA (Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults) programme is due to start on Monday 5th October, at 6.30pm. The initial meeting will take place at St Patrick's Church, in the Parish Centre. The participants will then be able to decide the venue and day for future meetings. The course will consist of around 20 sessions based on the Sycamore Video Course supplemented by some additional materials. Each meeting lasts around an hour and a quarter and meetings will not take place when schools are on holiday. If interested please let Fr Martin know.

Congratulations to
Sarah Willis & Sean James Platt
Who were married at St Patrick's on Saturday

Thank you for the following collections:	St Alban's	St Patrick's
Day for Life	£15.60	£87.75
Peter's Pence	£34.40	£123.88
Sea Sunday	£90.00	£66.30



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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