

First reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: ‘So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.’

Responsorial Psalm O that today you would listen to his voice! Ps 95(94)
‘Harden not your hearts.’

1. Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.
2. O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’

Second reading

Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet’, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel Acclamation

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.’

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23rd Sunday of Year A - 6th September 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	5 th	23 rd Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	6 th		St P	10.00am	Bill Henderson
Mon	7 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	<i>Service of Word & Holy Communion</i>
Tue	8 th	Birthday of BVM			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	9 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	<i>Service of Word & Holy Communion</i>
			St P	12.15pm	<i>Funeral Service: Joan Wylie</i>
Thu	10 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	<i>Service of Word & Holy Communion</i>
Fri	11 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	<i>Service of Word & Holy Communion</i>
Sat	12 th	24 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	13 th		St P	10.00am	Denis Lenehan & Margaret Lenehan
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 <u>First Saturday</u> of each month: 10.00-10.15am at St Patrick's and 5.30-5.45pm at St Alban's					

"Let us imagine a world in which the energies currently invested in war are directed toward integral human development, to overcoming poverty, protecting human dignity and reconciling divided peoples. Such a vision reflects faith in the coming of God’s Kingdom" (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
Love does no wrong to a neighbour

We all live in different groups, families, communities, neighbourhoods. Today's readings invite us to reflect on the best way to behave so as to live peacefully with everyone around us.

In the **first reading**, the prophet Ezekiel is portrayed as a watchman warning society of potential dangers. We all share a responsibility for encouraging people to renounce their bad ways.

The **psalmist** urges us to listen to the voice of God and to trust God.

For Paul, the best way to live peacefully in society is by mutual love. The Commandments can all be summed up by the phrase 'Love your neighbour as yourself' (**second reading**).

In the **Gospel**, Jesus gives us practical advice for smooth relationships between people. Meeting and praying as a group, however small, will ensure that he is present amongst us.

This week, then, we may want to focus our prayer on any area of conflict that we know of – and to resolve, with the help of Jesus, to play our part, however small, in contributing to its resolution.

We welcome Fr Jude Ibeh, a Dominican priest, who will be celebrating our Masses this weekend.

We pray for **Joan Wylie** who died recently. A funeral service will be held for Joan at St Patrick's Church this **Wednesday 9th September at 12.15pm**, followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

All Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St Patrick's Church are invited to a meeting in Church **after Mass on Sunday 20th September** (this includes those most recently commissioned) to discuss the re-introduction of Communion under both kinds in October.

Thank You to the African community for a wonderful event last Sunday and thank you to all those who helped with the garden tidy up at St Patrick's yesterday.

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.

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 on **Wednesday 16th September at 6.30pm** at which participants will be introduced to the programme and 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.



Afternoon Tea will be held in St Patrick's Parish Centre on Saturday 26th September starting at 1pm. Everyone is invited for a bite to eat, a cuppa and a good catch up with friends. Hope to see you then.

Diocesan Pastoral Strategy Discernment – John Ingram Partnership.

At recent meetings of laity and clergy there arose a common consensus on the following points:-

- Merging of parishes and reductions of churches necessary now.
- Develop stronger relationships with our school communities.
- Promote and deepen catechesis, education for all, formation and lay leadership.
- A real taking account of the facts presented to us and action to address them.
- The importance of the John Ingram Partnership.

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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