

First reading

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

Responsorial Psalm

**The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Ps 103(102)

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.
2. It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.
3. He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our
sins nor repay us according to our faults.
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. 'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

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24th Sunday of Year A - 13th September 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
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
Mon	14 th	Exaltation of Cross	St P	10.00am	Bill Henderson
Tue	15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows			No Service
Wed	16 th	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	17 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	KSC CL24 Felling
Fri	18 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	19 th	25 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	20 th		St P	10.00am	Rosemary Harvey & LDM of Cullen fam
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					

*"prayer and social justice are not merely complementary but,
in fact, are inseparable,"
(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 Lord is Compassionate and Gracious

Our faith is based on a living covenant with the God of compassion and love. Christ invites us to be drawn deeper into the flow of this eternal covenant of love.

The **First Reading** from the book of Ecclesiasticus urges us to let go of anger, hate and resentment. True forgiveness from our heart will set us free from these destructive urges.

Today's **Psalm** is a song of thanks and celebration of God's healing love. God crowns us with a compassionate love that liberates us from fear and guilt.

St Paul, in his letter to the Romans (**Second Reading**), teaches us that as Christians, the life we live has a profound impact on others. We belong to the Lord both in life and in death.

The challenging parable on forgiveness in today's **Gospel** reminds us that God has an immense capacity to forgive us our sins. It is only if we choose not to forgive that we will cut ourselves off from the flow of compassion and love that comes from God. In this coming week, we can pray for each other that we might have the grace to be set free from anything that holds us back from fully embracing God's forgiveness.

We welcome Fr Jude Ibeh who will be celebrating our Masses this weekend.

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.

First Holy Communions 2026 – 2027. From next weekend, parents of Catholic children in school year 4 or above will be able to collect a form to enrol their children to prepare for the celebration of reception of Holy Communion in 2027. The forms will be available at Saturday/Sunday Masses for the coming weeks.

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 this **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.

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.

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.



Children's Liturgy at St. Patrick's for children of Primary School age will be on 27th Sept, 18th Oct, 29th Nov, 6th Dec, 13th Dec and 20th Dec. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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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