

First reading **Ezekiel 18:25-28**
Thus says the Lord: ‘You say, “The way of the Lord is not just.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.’

Responsorial Psalm **Remember your compassion, O LORD.** **Ps 25(24)**

1. O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.

2. Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

3. Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.

Second reading **Philippians 2:1-11**
Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel **Matthew 21:28-32**
At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” And he answered, “I will not”, but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, “I go, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.’

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26th Sunday of Year A - 27th September 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	26 th	26 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	Lagan & Garbarino Families
Sun	27 th		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
Mon	28 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Dorothy Diamond
Tue	29 th	The Archangels			No Service
Wed	30 th	St Jerome	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	1 st	St Therese	St P	10.00am	Requiem Mass: Lawrence Chambers
Fri	2 nd	Guardian Angels	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
			St P	12.00pm	Requiem Mass: Mary Harold
Sat	3 rd	27 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	4 th		St P	10.00am	Maureen Johnson (20 th Anniv)
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					

Calling for prudence, rigorous evaluation and even, at times, a slower pace in adopting AI does not mean opposing progress; instead, it is an exercise of responsible care for the human family.
(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

**‘Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped’**

In this week's readings, we are invited to reflect on our need for a change of heart. We are called to follow the Lord's way, as we try to model our actions and words on his.

The Jews in exile complained that the Lord was unjust, but the prophet Ezekiel tells them they should look at their own behaviour rather than blame others. God will save those who are law-abiding and honest – those who follow his way. (**First Reading**)

St Paul encourages the Philippians to be united in love, purpose and mind, which they should model on the mind of Christ himself. Although divine and equal with God, Christ was humble enough to become as we are, and even then to die on a cross. (**Second Reading**)

The Lord is merciful and forgiving; he is always ready to show us the way and guide us to walk in his paths. (**Psalm**)

In the **Gospel** Jesus invites his listeners to welcome the call of God in their lives. This requires an open and trusting heart. This week we pray for such gifts.

We pray for **Lawrence Chambers** (100), **Mary Harold** (91) and **Michael Mahon** (95) who have died recently. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Lawrence on Thurs 1 Oct 10.00am at St Patrick's followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Mary on Friday 2nd Oct 12noon at St Patrick's followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Michael on Mon 5th Oct 10.00am at St Patrick's followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Beginning from Next Weekend on Sundays at St Patrick's **Holy Communion will be available under both kinds**. It will allow those who wish to participate more fully in the celebration of the Mass, as the church invites us to do. I am grateful to our extra ordinary ministers of Holy Communion who have made this possible.

First Holy Communions 2026 – 2027 parents of children baptised as Catholics in school year 4 or above are invited to collect a form to enrol their children to prepare for the celebration of reception of Holy Communion in 2027. The **forms are available at Saturday/Sunday Masses** and will be available for the coming weeks.

CAFOD Family Fast Day takes place this coming Friday. Please remember to collect an envelope as you leave church today and return it next weekend.

Thank you to all those who supported and attended the Afternoon Tea in St Patrick's Parish Centre on Saturday.

The next Parish Open Meetings will be held as follows:

St Alban's Wednesday 30th September, 6.30pm

St Patrick's Thursday 1st October 6.30pm

At these important meetings parishioners will be given the opportunity to review the parish finances and to be updated on the discernment of the pastoral strategy initiated by Bishop Stephen. All parishioners are welcome.

The Partnership RCIA meetings – for all those seeking to know more about the Catholic Faith - this year will take place at St. Peter's Church, Low Fell. The first meeting will be held at **6.30pm on Tuesday 6th October**. If interested please let Fr Martin know.

Congratulations and Welcome to

Sibilla Dale

Who was baptised at St Patrick's last Sunday

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.

Life in the Spirit seminars – will be taking place at St Anne's, Harlow Green, NE9 7UD beginning on Thursday 1st Oct, 7.00pm. For further information please visit <https://bit.ly/LifeInTheSpiritCDSC>

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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