

First reading

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard in a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Responsorial Psalm The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel. Ps 80(79)

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots.

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
son you have claimed for yourself.

4. And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be the
saved.

Second reading

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

Gospel

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.” And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.’

Isaiah 5:1-7

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St Alban’s at Pelaw



St Patrick’s at Felling



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27th Sunday of Year A - 4th October 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
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)
Mon	5 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	<i>Requiem Mass: Michael Mahon</i>
Tue	6 th	Weekday			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	7 th	Our Lady of Rosary	St A	10.00am	Nancy Firth
Thu	8 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Fr John Coyle (NBF)
Fri	9 th	St J. H. Newman	St A	10.00am	Class Mass Year 4
Sat	10 th	28 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	11 th		St P	10.00am	Jim & Nancy McErlane
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					

*‘The digital transformation invites us to rediscover truth as a common good,
to protect the dignity of work and to safeguard freedom against all forms of
dependence and commercialization’
(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
the God of peace will be with you

The **First Reading**, from the prophet Isaiah, likens the house of Israel to the Lord's vineyard which he loves.

The **Psalm** shows how the Lord protects this vineyard planted by his own hand. The apostle Paul, in the **Second Reading**, takes up this theme. He encourages those at Philippi to be confident that their security can only be found in the Lord's nurturing care of them.

The parable of the wicked tenants (**Gospel**) shows that even when the Lord's plans are seemingly thwarted, God can turn all to good.

This week, we are encouraged, despite our worries, concerns and troubles, to remain in the peace of God, which is so much greater than we could ever understand. It will guard our hearts and minds.

Mass this Friday 10.00am at St Alban's will be with the children in Year 4. All welcome.

From this 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.

The Next Parishes Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th October, 6.30pm in the presbytery at St Patrick's.

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. An information meeting will be held for the parents on **Thursday 15th October 6.30pm at St Alban's church**.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Please remember to return your envelopes as soon as possible.

Garden Tidy up at St Patrick's on Saturday 10th October. Help is needed to keep on top of the good work which has already been done. All are welcome. Many hands make light work.

Thank you to all those who attended the recent parish open meetings. Minutes/notes from the meetings are available at the back of church.

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.

Apologies if you have been trying to ring the presbytery. The phone line has been dead for a number of days now. Engineers are looking in to the problem. In the mean time **please use the parish e-mail** if you need to make contact.

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Prayer

Living God, who sent your only Son to walk among us, to teach, heal and nourish us, we sing a song of your praise and thank you for your gifts. Grant that we may draw closer to you through our prayer and our fasting, opening our eyes to the needs of our bruised and broken world. Lead us to hunger and thirst for a better world, where we put our faith into action and seek to love our neighbour so that all your children may flourish. Amen.



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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