

First reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

Ps 23(22)

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| 1. The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. | 2. He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name. Though I should
walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. |
| 3. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. | 4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. |

Second reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Newsletter of the Parishes of St Alban's Pelaw & St Patrick's Felling



St Alban's at Pelaw



St Patrick's at Felling



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28th Sunday of Year A - 11th October 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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
Mon	12 th	St Wilfrid	St P	10.00am	Michael Mahon
Tue	13 th	Weekday			No Service
Wed	14 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	15 th	St Teresa of Avila	St P	10.00am	John Henderson
Fri	16 th	Weekday	St A	9.30am	Priest's Intention
Sat	17 th	29 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	18 th		St P	10.00am	Concep & Francis Tepace

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

*"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
Come to the wedding feast!

This week's readings remind us that God desires to be generous to us. He not only invites all to share in his great feast of life, but also fills us with his strength – the power of Christ at work within each one of us.

Isaiah (**first reading**) describes the banquet the Lord has prepared for all people on his holy mountain – a place where death is destroyed, and all can rejoice in God's saving power.

The **psalm** also reassures us of the great feast spread for us by the Lord, our Shepherd, the one we can trust to guide and comfort us.

St Paul, writing from prison (**second reading**), similarly tells how lavishly God meets our needs, in the way that only God can. Though Paul has experienced all sorts of hardships, he knows God has equipped him to deal with absolutely anything, both good and bad. This amazing strength comes from Christ, whose empowering grace is greater than anything we can desire or imagine.

In Jesus's parable of the wedding banquet (**Gospel**), many of the invited guests refuse to come: some just continue with their business; others kill the messengers. But the king then commands that *all* are invited – good and bad – to fill the empty places. In the same way, God invites *us* all to share in his kingdom – can we respond positively?

This week, we might ask God to help us say a confident 'Yes!' to that invitation, and to pray for even greater dependence on God's love working within and around us.

Please Note: Mass this Friday at St Aban's will be celebrated at 9.30am.

This Weekend we celebrate **Prisoners Sunday**. We pray for all those imprisoned and for the work of PACT who seek to support the families of those in prison. We also pray for all victims of crime and their families too.

The Next Parishes Finance Committee Meeting will take place this **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** this **Thursday 15th October 6.30pm** at **St Alban's church**.

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

Thank You to all those who helped with the garden tidy up at St Patrick's this weekend

The Next Partnership RCIA meeting will take place at St. Peter's Church, Low Fell at **6.30pm on Tuesday 13th October**. now.

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

Recruiting New Altar Servers: Parents of children in school Year 4 or above who would like their children to train to be altar servers are invited to let Fr Marin know.

Events and Dates for your diary

31st October: Afternoon Tea in St Patrick's Parish Centre, starting at 1pm. This will be a fund raiser for Cafod. All are welcome.

7th November: Old Time Music Sing a Long in St Patrick's Parish Centre, starting at 1pm. Singing, food and much more. This will be a fund raiser for Parish Funds.

13th November: Steve's famous Quiz Night in St Patrick's Parish Centre starting at 7pm. This is for all ages and we will be raising money for Parish Funds. Remember your own drinks and snacks.

21st November: Afternoon Tea in St Patrick's Parish Centre, starting at 1pm. Again this will be a fund raiser for Parish Funds.

5th December: Crafts and Wine afternoon starting at 1pm in St Patrick's Parish Centre. You will be able to paint glass or canvas, make a Christmas Wreath and much more. Each activity will require a donation for the items. Any money raised will go to Parish Funds.

Throughout November and December we will be selling raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle and also we will be selling candles to remember our loved ones. These will be lit at Christmas Eve Mass in St Patrick's.

Remembrance Mass – Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: A Remembrance Mass has been organised by the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for Friday 20th November 7.00pm at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington. This is open to everyone, not just those who have been to Lourdes. There are special candles that can be purchased to be burned at the Mass in memory of loved ones. These are £3.00 each and available by contacting the Lourdes office – lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk

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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