

First reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.'

Responsorial Psalm Ascribe to the LORD glory and power. Ps 96(95)

1. O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

2. For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens.
3. Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

4. Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

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29th Sunday of Year A - 18th October 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
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
Mon	19 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (TC)
Tue	20 th	Weekday			No Service
Wed	21 st	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Elizabeth (Lily) Cunningham
Thu	22 nd	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Michael Mahon
Fri	23 rd	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	24 th	30 th Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	LDM Cooper & Hollyman Families
Sun	25 th		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
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					

"School is the place where new generations can learn to seek and love the truth,
to reflect on the meaning of life and to recognise the dignity of every person"
(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

**'I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other'**

The readings this week all focus on the one God who rules the whole world.

In the **First Reading**, the Jews, who believed in one God, are shown how God is able to use unexpected people to do his work – even the pagan king Cyrus.

The **Psalms** is a call to worship God as the true King, ruler of Israel and of all the world: 'The Gods of the nations are naught'.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, also focuses on the one God, the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. It is through God's love that the people of Thessalonica have received the Good News. They worked and persevered in hope, sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, in the **Gospel**, we find the Pharisees (traditional Jews) and their unlikely allies, the Herodians (who accepted Roman rule), attempting to trap Jesus. Which one – God or the Roman Emperor, Caesar – was the greater? To whom should they pay their taxes? Jesus's answer was likely to upset one party or the other; however, he knows how to defuse this explosive situation. 'render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

Perhaps this week, we might reflect on the rulers of our world, the good and the bad, and pray for them – remembering that God can work through them as he worked through Cyrus and Caesar.

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated this Sunday at St Patrick's.

This Weekend we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. There will be a collection as you leave church to support the churches efforts to evangelise. Why not visit: missio.org.uk to find out much more.

We welcome those children preparing for First Holy Communions – who will be presented with their books this weekend. We keep them and their families in our prayers.

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

The Next Partnership RCIA meeting will take place at St. Peter's Church, Low Fell at **6.30pm** on **Tuesday 20th October**.

Children's Liturgy at St. Patrick's for children of Primary School age will be on, 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.

Prayer for World Mission Sunday (by Pope Leo)

Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and embodying daily your faithful love for all creatures. Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope! Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelisation in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognise in Christ the light that saves.

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.

A Remembrance Mass – for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage – will be celebrated on Fri 20th Nov 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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