

First reading

Exodus 22:21-27

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, LORD, my strength.

Ps 18(17)

1. I love you, LORD, my strength;
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
2. My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, 'O praised be the LORD!'
and see, I am saved from my foes.
3. The LORD lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The LORD gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Gospel Acclamation

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

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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30th Sunday of Year A - 25th October 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
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
Mon	26 th	St Chad & St Cedd	St P	10.00am	Fr John White
Tue	27 th	Weekday			No Service
Wed	28 th	St Simon & St Jude	St A	10.00am	Andrew Sloan
Thu	29 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Sheila Robinson
Fri	30 th	Martyr's of Douai	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	31 st	All Saints Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	1 st		St P	10.00am	Derek Holywell

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 family is a primary social good. Founded on the enduring union between man and a woman, it is the first environment in which all persons develop their potential, become aware of their dignity and learn the earliest forms of truth and goodness, internalizing the habits that prepare them for life in society.'

(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

**“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.”**

The **First Reading** from Exodus describes how God’s law of love is to be applied in daily life. God wants his people, who were liberated from slavery in Egypt, to be people of justice, kindness and compassion; both to strangers and to their neighbour.

The **Psalm** is a litany of love for God ... our strength, fortress, saviour, and the very rock of our existence. Surely it is from this refuge of compassion and help that we are given strength to come to the aid of others.

Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians (**Second Reading**) describes how their faith has changed the communities where they live. Their life lived in the Holy Spirit has encouraged others to believe in the Gospel message.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus teaches that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul and mind. We are commanded to put God’s law of love into practice by loving our neighbour as ourselves.

We pray for each other this week that we will have the grace to want and to choose only that which will deepen our love of God. With God at the centre of our lives, we will have strength to love others. May our hearts be open to respond actively to the need of our neighbour.

There will be a collection as you leave church today for the **Clergy Training Fund**.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Please remember to return your envelopes by next Sunday.

The Next Partnership RCIA meeting will take place at St. Patrick’s Church at **6.30pm** on **Wednesday 4th November**, after the school half term, before resuming once again at St Peter’s Low Fell.

We will Celebrate a November Mass for the Deceased of the Parishes on **Saturday 7th November, 11.00am at St Patrick’s**. During this Mass there will be an opportunity to remember our loved one’s who have died, especially those who have died in the last year. Similarly I will celebrate a Mass for our loved one’s **at St Alban’s on Wed 11th Nov 10.00am.**

Children’s Liturgy at St. Patrick’s for children of Primary School age will be held on, 29th Nov and throughout 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 Partick’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.



Garden tidy up at St.Patrick’s on Friday 6th November from 11am. Help us continue with the great work already done.

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

The Litte Sisters of the Poor will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21st November 2026 at St Joseph’s Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle, 12pm until 3pm. All welcome.

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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