First reading **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Responsorial Psalm **Blessed are all who fear the LORD**. **Ps 128**

1. Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion. May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

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33rd Sunday of Year A – 15th November 2026

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	**14th**	**33rd Sunday Year A**	**St A**	**6.00pm**	People of the Parishes
Sun	**15th**		**St P**	**10.00am**	Patricia Tattles (nee Murphy)
Mon	16th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Deceased of D'Silva Family
Tue	17th	St Hilda			*No Service*
Wed	18th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Sister Francine
Thu	19th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Anne & John Donald
Fri	20th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Dominic Sloan
Sat	**21st**	**Christ the King**	**St A**	**6.00pm**	People of the Parishes
Sun	**22nd**		**St P**	**10.00am**	Catherine Taylor

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 living God descends into our history
in order to free us from all forms of slavery. He takes upon himself
our weakness and transforms it into a setting for salvation'
(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 Lord gives us talents and asks us to use them in his service

Today's readings are for *us* – we who live in the 'in-between times' between the Lord's Resurrection and his Second Coming.

Convinced that the Last Day would occur within their own lifetime, the first Christians are counselled by St Paul (**Second Reading**) always to be prepared, since they cannot know the hour.

Similarly, St Matthew (**Gospel**) encourages those same early Christians, who wondered how best to live in the days before Jesus's return in glory. Both writers urge them simply to wait, confidently, in the light, while being faithful to their daily responsibilities.

Today's **Psalm** reminds us of the joys that come from such faithful service, while the author of the **First Reading**, using the analogy of a good wife, shows that the book of Proverbs is the best place to look for advice on using one's talents in a fruitful, practical way.

We pray, this week, for a greater devotion to the Lord, and the awareness that, already, we have a share in the Master's happiness.

The Next Partnership RCIA meeting will take place at **St . Peter's Church**, Low Fell at **6.30pm** on **Wednesday 18th November**.

The Next Partnership Development Group Meeting will take place at St Patrick's on **Thursday 19th Nov, at 7pm.**

Children's Liturgy at St. Patrick's for children of Primary School age will be held throughout Advent. All are welcome and encouaged 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.

Church Heater at St Patrick's – Update: The church heater has been partially repaired. Further work may be needed.

Events and Dates for your diary

20th 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.

Thank you for the following collections:	**St Alban's**	**St Patrick's**
Education Sunday	**£-**	**£28.00**
Evangelli Gaudium Sunday	**£75.50**	**£48.70**
CAFOD Family Fast Day	**£144.00**	**£390.00**
World Mission Sunday	**£60.00**	**£64.40**

(The CAFOD contribution from St Patrick's incluides **£80** donated by the Justice and Peace group and **£180** raised by the afternoon tea at the end of October).

It is 25 years since the Justice and Peace project was established through the efforts of Audrey and John Marshall. In the years since, thousands of people seeking asylum have been welcomed and supported thanks to the generosity of volunteers. St Patrick's Justice and Peace group have been involved since it's inception and now with St Alban's parish are regular donors of foodstuffs. There will be a Mass of thanksgiving at 2pm on Wednesday 25th November at Dominic's Church , Newbridge Street, Newcastle NE1 2TE, celebrated by Father Adrian Tuckwell, the Episcopal Vicar for Caritas. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits after Mass and the chance to catch up with fellow supporters.

A Remembrance Mass – for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage – will be celebrated on Fri 20th Nov 7.00pm at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington. For further information contact 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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