

The Newsletter of
the parishes of



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Remembrance Sunday
13th November, 2022

We need everyone to
keep Gateshead safe



Remembrance Sunday is an opportunity for us as a nation to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who defended our freedom and protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.

The poppy has become a symbol of Remembrance and hope for a positive future and peaceful world. In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote his now famous poem after seeing poppies growing in battle-scarred fields.

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our place: and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing,
fly scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow, loved and were loved,
and now we lie In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
to you from failing hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high,
if ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow in Flanders' Fields.*

We will remember them

Welcome to the Advent Café

(aka St. Patrick's Parish Centre)

Opening Wednesday, 30th November, 2022 at 18.00

Offering a chance to explore the themes of Advent - Hope, Love, Joy and Peace while praying, chatting and drinking coffee and eating cake!!!

The aim is - to find ways in which we, as a Christian, Catholic family can actually make these Advent 'themes' a reality for someone, somewhere this Christmas. All are welcome and admission is free in a warm environment.

*"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles teaching
and to fellowship' (Acts 2:42)*

C = Catholic, **C**ommunity, **C**ake, **C**onversation, **C**ake, **C**offee, **C**ake and **C**hallenge
A = Action, **A**dvent
F = Faith
E = Everyone



Mass Intentions

Fr. Patterson will celebrate Mass for the following Intentions during the coming week. With the exception of Friday all Masses and Services are open to everyone.

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: **10.00 in St. Patrick's Church:** Richard Charlton

Wednesday: **10.00 in St. Alban's Room in school:** A Private Intention

Thursday: **10.00 in St. Patrick's Church:** In Thanksgiving (BH)

Friday: (Private Mass) Susan Harland

Saturday: 18.00 in St. Alban's Church: Dominic Sloan

Sunday: 10.00 in St. Patrick's Church: For the Intentions of all our parishioners

Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from our Cathedral on a Sunday. Visit the [Cathedral website](#).

Alternatively, you may like to follow Mass from [the Holy Name, Jesmond](#). Visit the website for Mass times this week.

When you are unable to celebrate Mass in Church, you may wish to make this act of spiritual communion:-

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital
- and all those near and dear to us whose memories we cherish at this time especially Paul and David Clay, Susan Harland and Dominic Sloan

Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty God, may the memory of two world wars strengthen our efforts for peace. May the memory of those who died inspire our service to the living. May the memory of past destruction move us to build for the future. Amen.

Lest we forget

November is that time of year when the Church invites us to pray for all those who have died. As well as remembering our own family members and friends, let us remember those parishioners whose deaths were made known to us during the past twelve months:-

Celia Anderson, Mary Smith, Sheila Fletcher, Patrick Reilly, Celia Morley, Maureen Hughes, Brian Barrett, Jim Ward, Joan Elliott, John Madden, Catherine Harkness, Margaret Graham, George Owens, Connie Hullock, Kevin O'Sullivan, Ronnie Brown, Louise Synnott, Catherine Hall, Peter Coyne, Joan Neil, John Rutter, Audrey Irvine, Pat Cunningham, John Southern and Kathleen Burrell. May light perpetual shine on them.

A Prayer for those who are ill and for those who have Covid

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that your everlasting arms are here to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for those who care for the sick

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for cures to the world's illnesses. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for the whole world. Amen

All are welcome

Everyone is welcome to join us for the celebration of Mass in St. Patrick's and St. Alban's churches. In recent times, it has been a joy to welcome people of other faiths or none who have come to join us in worship.

Currently, only baptised Catholic people are able to receive Holy Communion and we ask that when you approach the altar you extend your hands towards the minister who will place the sacred host in your hand which you should then consume immediately before returning to your place.

If you are not a Catholic or are indisposed to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward at the appropriate time and receive a blessing, indicating your desire by folding an arm across your chest.

Refreshments after Mass

Enjoy each others company in a warm and friendly setting with delightful refreshments in St. Patrick's parish centre after Mass this Sunday.

Mass in St. Alban's Room in our school

Fr. Patterson will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday, 16th November at 10.00 in St. Alban's Room in our school when parishioners will be able to join in prayer with some of our children.

To comply with the school's safeguarding policy, you are asked to enter the school via the Rothbury Avenue gate by ringing the bell at the gate. Cross the yard to the Main Entrance where you will be welcomed, asked to "sign in" and taken to St. Alban's Room. Please do not arrive before 9.45 and do not attend if you are suffering from any Covid, cold or flu like symptoms. St. Alban's room is ventilated, but if you wish to wear a face covering you are welcome to do so.

St. Alban's Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning St Alban's Church on Friday, 25th November at 10.00. If you are able to come, your help would be appreciated.

A Christmas Shopping Night

Our school is hosting a Christmas Shopping Night on Thursday, 17th November from 17.00 - 20.00. There is an admission fee of £2.00. There will be a variety of different stalls and refreshments for you to enjoy. For those who receive the Parish Newsletter by email, see the attached poster for more details.

Advent Retreat : 25th - 27th November, 2022

Minsteracres welcomes you to join them for an Advent Retreat on the theme of '*Behold I Make All Things New*' led by international Poet/librettist Euan Tait. Tel: 01434 673248 for more information.

No collection taken

Although we do not take a collection at Mass by passing round a basket, we do hope you will feel able to make an offering towards the upkeep and running costs of our churches in one of the boxes you will find at the entrances to our churches. Your offerings are our sole source of income. Alternatively you may consider making your offering by Standing Order the details of which are above.

Supporting St. Alban's and St. Patrick's with your offerings

These are difficult times for everyone as the cost of living and energy costs are starting to impact on us, our parishes included. Fr. Patterson wishes to express his gratitude for your generous weekly contributions to parish funds enabling us to pay our bills.

There are ways you can help at no further cost to yourself. If you are a UK taxpayer, our parishes can recover, through the UK government's Gift Aid scheme, an extra 25p for every £1.00 you donate. If you wish to support our parishes in this way, please email John, the parish gift aid organiser for both of our parishes at stpatrick.giftaid@outlook.com for the appropriate form.

Whether you are a tax payer or not, you can help to relieve the pressure on our "Counting Teams" and those who have to bank the monies, by making your weekly contribution by Standing order. The details below will enable you to do so.

For St. Alban's HSBC Bank
Account name: DHN Pelaw St Alban
Sort code: 40-34-18 Account No: 92010984

For St. Patrick's HSBC Bank
Account name: DHN Felling St Patrick
Sort code: 40-34-18 Account No: 52010453

Gateshead Covid update

You may find this data from the Borough of interest. Figures are as reported on 10th November, 2022

140 new Covid cases in the seven days up to 7th November which is an increase of 11 from the previous 7 days
2 people have died in the same period, which is a decrease of 6 from the previous 7 days
66 patients with Covid were in the QE Hospital on 9th November

The Newman Association

The next meeting of the Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association is on Wednesday, 30th November at 19.30 in the church hall at St. Cuthbert's, North Shields, when Bernard Robinson will give a talk entitled "'All will be Saved' - Eventually: The Universal Salvation Debate". All are welcome to attend.

Priestly Vocations Discernment Evening

The next Discernment evening for those who may feel they have a vocation to the priestly life, will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, 6th December at 18.00. Bishop Robert will be attending the evening which is the last gathering before the Christmas holiday.

If you would like to come along, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Father Shaun Purdy, by Monday, 28th November, so catering arrangements can be made. Please either call 01670 812 200 or email vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk The evening will finish at 20.00.

A stay in Hospital

If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to contact the Catholic Chaplain. Alternatively you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital telephone 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev Paul Nichol). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle telephone 0191 282 9322 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev Paddy Jackson).

In an emergency, please ask the ward sister to contact the on call Catholic chaplain. Please do not contact your own parish priest who may be unable to respond due to current hospital protocols.

The Lindisfarne Gospels

The Gospels are currently on display at the Laing Art Gallery until 3rd December, 2022, on loan from the British Library. The Lindisfarne Gospels has long been acclaimed as the most spectacular manuscript to survive from Anglo-Saxon England. Created on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, the book represents the golden age of design and craftsmanship in Northumbria and has survived in almost perfect condition for over one thousand years. The exhibition includes an immersive digital experience and includes a selection of early medieval treasures brought together from across the UK. You can find out more by visiting the Laing Art Gallery Website - [click here](#)

Postage stamps

After 31 January, 2023, regular stamps without a barcode will no longer be valid. You can either use up these stamps before this deadline or swap them for the new barcoded ones. The barcodes will enable exciting new services by connecting physical stamps to the digital world through the Royal Mail app.

The stamps that are changing are the stamps that feature the profile of Her Late Majesty The Queen on a plain coloured background.

Your non-barcoded stamps can be exchanged for the new barcoded version through the Stamp Swap Out scheme. To swap out your stamps, simply complete one of our Stamp Swap Out forms and send it back to us along with your non-barcoded stamps. More information can be found by clicking [here](#).

The Parish Newsletter by email

Could you help to offset the cost of printing paper copies of the Newsletter by having it sent to you by email? Many of you have been receiving it electronically throughout the pandemic and continue to do so. If you do not already receive it in this way and would like to receive the Newsletter and other news from the parish by email, please send your request to felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk and you will be added to our contact list. The Newsletter may also be found on [our parish website](#).

A few printed copies will still be available from St. Patrick's and St. Alban's churches, on the days they are open for Mass, for those of you who do not have access to email.