

The Newsletter of  
the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

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15th January, 2023

We need everyone to  
keep Gateshead safe



### Peace Sunday

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, the Apostolic Administrator of our Diocese, offers the following reflection for Peace Sunday:-

*"2022 has been a year of war and rumours of war. Lives lost, people displaced, fear and suspicion overwhelming many communities around the world. These wars are also contributing to the destruction of our environment. Sometimes it feels as though we have moved backwards in our efforts to bring peace and justice to the world.*

*However, the constant, faithful voice of Pope Francis urges us to keep going. Whether he is speaking about Ukraine and Russia, Yemen or the Middle East, his message is always the same: No to war and no to the trade in weapons that fuel war. His Angelus message on the Feast of All Saints last year, offers these questions: 'Brothers and sisters, let us look within and ask ourselves: are we peacemakers? In the places where we live, study and work, do we bring tension, words that hurt, chatter that poisons, controversy that divides? Or do we open up the way to peace?'"*

### Are you feeling unwell?

*.....remember the old slogan "Coughs and sneezes spread diseases"*

If you are feeling unwell or have any cold, flu or Covid symptoms, particularly a persistent cough, you should consider staying at home rather than coming to church for your own well-being and for that of others.

### Weekly Offering Envelopes - Gift Aid Contributors

We will soon be ordering boxes of envelopes for the new year, beginning 1st April, 2023. These envelopes are becoming very expensive, so we would urge you to consider making your offering by Standing Order. This not only reduces the cost on the parish and is more environmentally friendly, but also eases the burden on our limited teams of counters who count the collections.

The details you require to set up a Standing Order are set out below:-

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

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

If you would prefer to continue to receive a box of envelopes for your Gift Aided contributions it would be helpful if you would please place a note to that effect with your name and address in the collecting boxes at the front and back of our churches by next weekend, or email the parish office at [felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk) as soon as possible.

## Mass Intentions

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

Monday: No Mass

**Tuesday: 10.00 in St. Patrick's parish centre:** Special Intention (GMcG)

Wednesday: (Private Mass) In Thanksgiving (GL)

**Thursday: 10.00 in St. Patrick's parish centre:** Bishop Hugh Lindsay

Friday: (Private Mass) Private Intention

**Saturday: 18.00 in St. Alban's Church:** For the Intentions of all our parishioners

**Sunday: 10.00 in St. Patrick's Church:** Zofia Krawczyk-Pastuszka

## 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
- all those whose memories we cherish at this time, especially Bishop Hugh Lindsay and Patsy Rafferty
- and Rita Short who has died. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

## A Prayer for those who are ill and for those who care for them

Merciful God, we entrust to your loving care those who are ill or in pain. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to full health and strength. Grant perseverance and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, empower them with your Spirit, so that through their care many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Thanks

Fr. Patterson is grateful for two donations amounting to £45.00 received this week towards the cost of heating St. Patrick's Church. and wishes to renew his thanks for your generous financial support in what are challenging economic times for us all.

## St. Alban's Church - plumbing issues

The plumbing issues were repaired during the course of the week. Toilet facilities are once again available in St. Alban's Church.

## Pope Benedict

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have produced a prayer card in memory of Pope Benedict. The arrival of the cards has been delayed in the post, but they are now available for you to collect from the front of St. Patrick's Church and the rear of St. Alban's Church.

## Parish Boundaries

Following recommendations from the Diocesan Boundaries Commission and consultation with parishes, partnerships, schools and the Council of Priests, the boundaries of each parish within the diocese have been reviewed and where necessary revised. A map showing the boundaries of our parishes is displayed on the noticeboards and can be viewed [here](#)

In addition to the various canonical and pastoral reasons for having clear boundaries for each parish, the maps will assist our Diocesan schools with the implementation of their admission policies.

## Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermons

Each week Bishop Barron offers a Sunday sermon which may be accessed [here](#)