The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



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Pentecost Sunday 19th May, 2024

The following celebrations will take place during the days ahead.

Saturday: (18th) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Dominic Sloan

Sunday: (19th May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: In Thanksgiving (BH)

Tuesday: (21st May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Maurice Short

Thursday: (23rd May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Foster, Birney and

Madden Families

Saturday: (25th) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (26th May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Pat Donald

Tuesday: (28th May) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Patricia Lagan

Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from the Holy Name, Jesmond.

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 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 whose memories we cherish at this time

A Prayer for the troubled world

Prince of peace, in a world of conflict and violence we pray that the peace you came to bring may become a reality in the world of our own time. Amen.

Bishop Stephen introduces "A Way Forward"

Dear Sisters & Brothers

In order to grow as a synodal Church it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this, I together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection.

Our discerned Diocesan commitments are:

- To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him;
- To grow as One Diocesan Family- Rebuilding Relationships;
- Forming and Developing People for Mission;
- Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home.

Each of these commitments are developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision. It is offered for further reflection and I invite all of our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. The Vision may be accessed here https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/diocesan-vision-what-is-the-lord-calling-us-to-be-and-do/. Those without internet access who would like a printed copy are asked to contact one of our welcomers at either church.

With assurances and prayers + Stephen

Please bring your leaf

Please remember to return your "leaf" this weekend. Extra leaves will be available from St. Patrick's this weekend.



Afternoon Tea.

Join us next Saturday, 25th May for Afternoon Tea from 13.00 -15.00 in St. Patrick's parish centre. This event is open to everyone from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's, along with friends and neighbours.

School News from Mrs Robinson

Thank you for all your prayers for the Y6 children who took their SATs this week. They remained calm and were able to try their very best in each of the six tests.

Lay Training Fund

This weekend, Bishop Stephen invites those of us who wish to contribute to our Diocesan Lay Training which provides resources for the formation of lay people who wish to involve themselves in the pastoral work of our Diocese.

Should you wish to support this work by means of a donation, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Lay Training" and place it in one of the boxes at the doors of our churches. If you have a box of envelopes you should find an envelope in your box.

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project......

......which supports people who are seeking asylum in our area, continue to appeal for donations of sugar, biscuits, tinned fish in oil, tins of tomatoes, chick peas, white rice (not microwaveable), long life milk, sugar, tomato puree, breakfast cereals, table salt, cooking oil, shampoo, shower gel and unopened toiletries If you feel able to support this project, donations may be left on the tables at the entrance to our churches and at our school.

The Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen on Sunday 2nd June starting at 15.00 in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up at https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/ to help Ushaw to estimate numbers and car parking requirements.

Significance Festival Weekend

All are welcome to the Emmaus Village for the Significance Festival on Saturday 29th June from 10.00. The day will offer a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. Mass celebrated by Bishop Stepen Wright will take place at 15.15, followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation and camping (self-catered) on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and any donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To book email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244

Gift Aid Scheme

If you are a UK tax payer and make an offering to our church collection you could join the Gift Aid Scheme enabling our parishes to gain an extra 25% of your offering, at no extra cost to you. If you feel you could be a part of the Gift Aid Scheme, please email the Parish Gift Aid Organiser at felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk for further details. Last year, St. Alban's received £1,637.00 and St. Patrick's £4,035 from HMRC from your Gift Aided offerings. Thank you.

Your offerings are our sole source of income

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. Alternatively you may consider making your offering by Standing Order the details of which are below.

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