

The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

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18th Sunday of the Year 4th August, 2024

The following celebrations will take place during the days ahead.

Saturday: (3rd Aug) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Kathleen and Bill Harland

Sunday: (4th Aug) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday: (6th Aug) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: George Owens

Thursday: (8th Aug) **10.30** Funeral Service in St. Patrick's Church: Peggy Joyce

Saturday: (10th Aug) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (11th Aug) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Special Intention (BH)

Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from the [Holy Name, Jesmond](#). Visit their parish website to discover the times for the coming week.

Please keep in your prayers:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital
- all those whose memories we cherish at this time
- and Peggy Joyce, who has died. May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

The Christian leaders of Merseyside offer this prayer for anyone seeking consolation following the events which took place in Southport on 29th July

Gracious God, words alone cannot express our sadness and disbelief our heartbreak and anguish when such precious lives are so brutally stolen. We offer to you the cries of our own hearts and pray for those families whose grief and loss is impossible to comprehend. Help us all to cling to hope even amidst this senseless brutality. Be close to all whose lives have been so cruelly scarred; surround them with your love; hold them fast in their sorrow and grant them strength amidst their unbearable pain. We cannot escape our anger and devastation, but choose to seek hope even amidst this darkness. For all its horror, may it spur us even more to never surrender to despair, but build a world where peace, hope and love prevail. Amen

Our new Parish Priest

As many of you will be aware, Bishop Stephen has appointed Canon Martin Stempczyk as the new parish priest of St. Alban's, Pelaw and St. Patrick's, Felling. He will reside in St. Patrick's Presbytery and will move to Felling towards the end of the week beginning Monday, 2nd September. Fr. Patterson will be leaving us on Tuesday, 3rd September to take advantage of his retirement in the Sacred Heart Presbytery, North Gosforth. Please keep them and one another in prayer in the weeks ahead so that we may continue to be guided by the Spirit of the Living Lord.

Mission Appeal

We have been unable to host a visit from the Comboni Fathers to make their Mission Appeal in our parishes this year. As such, we will have a retiring collection for their work in both churches this weekend 3rd/4th August. **Please note this is a retiring collection and baskets will be offered for your donations as you leave the church.**

A Tour of our Cathedral

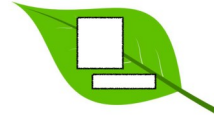
The Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to a guided tour of St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle (with particular attention to the stained glass windows, including the new Kevin Nichols window). The tour will take place on Tuesday, 6th August, at 14.00 and will be followed by discussion and refreshments.

Joe's Place

Joe's Place is a project supported by the parishes of the John Ingram Partnership. It supports some of the many vulnerable people in the local area. It was founded in 2014 and takes place every Wednesday in the Parish Hall of St Joseph's, Gateshead. Guests are served freshly prepared hot or cold food at their tables. Food is prepared in the kitchen using donated tinned and dried foods, together with fresh and frozen food purchased using donations from local schools, businesses, parishes and individuals. During the past five years the parishes in the Partnership have made financial contributions to the project, according to their means, to help cover the cost of renting St. Joseph's Hall and the cost of utilities. This year the proceeds of the Charity Box in St. Alban's Church will go to Joe's Place and a box at the front of St. Patrick's Church marked "Joe's Place" is available for donations.

Please bring your leaf as time is running out!

Please remember to return your "leaf" as soon as possible.
Extra leaves are available from St. Patrick's and St. Alban's.



A Liturgy Day for Readers

This is an opportunity for those who proclaim the Scriptures at Mass to look at the background of why we are going to be using a new translation of the Scriptures at Mass. It will take place on Friday, 15th November, 2024 at St. Aloysius, Hebburn from 10.30 - 15.30. If you would like to attend, please contact the parish office at felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk. Other dates and locations may be found here [Liturgy & Prayer - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](#) (Please note the booking fee of £15 per person will be paid for by the Parish).

Are you new to our Parishes?

If you have recently moved into Bill Quay, Felling, Pelaw, Heworth, Windy Nook and the surrounding area you are more than welcome to come along to worship with us in either St. Alban's Church, Queen Victoria Street, Pelaw or St. Patrick's Church on the High Street in Felling. Mass times are Saturday evening at 18.00 in St. Alban's and 10.00 on a Sunday in St. Patrick's. You may like to visit our website by clicking [here](#)

If you would like to offer your talents to the parish - and we all have God given talents - then please approach Fr. Patterson or any of our welcomers and provide us with your details. You would also be most welcome to join us for refreshments after Sunday Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre which is located directly underneath the Church. We look forward to seeing you.

Special Collections

During the current financial year the following donations have been made for the various charities we are invited to consider supporting. These are the combined figures for St. Alban's and St. Patrick's. Little Sisters £261.00; Lay Training £71.50; Peter's Pence £66.00; Stella Maris £40.00; Day for Life £19.00; World Communications £40.00; Holy Places £83.00; Sick and Retired Priests £68.00. Thank you.

Update your Contacts' list for our parishes

Please note that the parish email address has changed to felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk

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.

If you are a tax payer 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 felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk

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

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times. Each of our churches has a Parish Safeguarding Representative indicated on the Safeguarding posters displayed in each church.