

The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

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21st Sunday of the Year
25th August, 2024

The following celebrations will take place during the days ahead.

Saturday: (24th Aug) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (25th Aug) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Maureen Johnson

Tuesday: (27th Aug) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Desmond Costelloe

Thursday: (29th Aug) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre: Anne Bell

Saturday: (31st Aug) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (1st Sep) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Fr. Patterson

Monday: (2nd Sep) 10.00 Funeral Mass in St. Alban's Church: Olive Diston

(This Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Shaun Purdy)

Please note, that with the exception of Monday, 2nd September, there will be no other Masses celebrated for the remainder of that 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 Olive Diston who has died. May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

Prayer for our Country

Almighty God, Ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive our shortcomings as a nation, purify our hearts to see and love the truth, give wisdom to our leaders, and steadfastness to our people, and bring us at last to that city of peace whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, of which you are the designer and builder; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Mass Intentions

Fr. Patterson is very grateful for the generous Mass Offerings you have been and continue to hand in. Unfortunately he will be unable to celebrate them all before he leaves us.

Rest assured, Fr. Stempczyk will celebrate them in due time after his arrival.

With an eye to the future and beyond.....

We are looking forward to welcoming our new parish priest Canon Martin Stempczyk in the very near future. 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 during the week beginning Monday, 2nd September.

Fr. Patterson will be leaving us on Tuesday, 3rd September after almost 32 years, to take advantage of his retirement in the Sacred Heart Presbytery, North Gosforth. He will celebrate his final Masses with you next weekend, 31st August/1st September. His contact details will be made available to you in next week's Newsletter.

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.

Thank you once again

Fr. Patterson is so grateful for your cards and gifts which have continued to arrive during the past few weeks. The sentiments contained in many of your cards are both humbling and uplifting. May the Lord continue to bless us all.

Cleaning of St. Alban's Church

We would be very grateful for volunteers who would be able to help with the cleaning of St. Alban's Church on Friday, 6th September at 9.00.

Justice and Peace Group

Thanks to those who continue to support our Justice and Peace Group who have recently sent a cheque to Cafod for £100.00. Your generosity this year has raised over £400.00 for Cafod.

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).

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 during term time.

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) supports adults who want to explore their spirituality and if they wish to become a Catholic. It is an informal system of regular meetings to explore what it means to be a Catholic. Meetings are generally held on Tuesday evenings at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling at 18.30 for one hour during school term times. These meetings allow participants to talk about topics in an open, non-judgemental way. Topics look at the history of the Church, the Bible, the Sacraments of the Church and prayer. You can suggest topics too. The meetings are based around the Sycamore Course approved by the Church. Participants do not have to make their mind up straight away but can decide as the course progresses. This decision is yours alone. An initial meeting is to take place on Tuesday 17th September at 18.30 in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling. Please feel free to come along for a short introduction to the Programme and a chance to ask any questions you may have. The parish centre is situated beneath St. Patrick's Church in Felling High Street. For more information you may choose to call Alan Edgell who leads the course on 07976 402023.

Vocations Discernment

Men aged 18+, who think God might be calling them to serve in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle as a Priest, are invited to explore their vocation with the Diocesan Priestly Vocations Team. Meetings take place each month between 18.00 and 20.00 at St Joseph's Church, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley. The next meetings will be on: Tuesday, 3rd September, Tuesday 1st October, Tuesday 5th November and Tuesday 3rd December. If you would like more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Fr Shaun Purdy by email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or by telephone: 01207 299012.

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.