

**First reading****Isaiah 62:1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 96(95)****Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

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| 1. O sing a new song to the LORD;<br>sing to the LORD, all the earth.<br>O sing to the LORD; bless his name.                           | 2. Proclaim his salvation day by day.<br>Tell among the nations his glory,<br>and his wonders among all the peoples.  |
| 3. Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,<br>ascribe to the LORD glory and power;<br>ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name. | 4. Worship the LORD in holy splendour.<br>O tremble before him, all the earth.<br>Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'<br>He will judge the peoples in fairness. |

**Second reading****1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**Gospel Acclamation**

God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel****John 2:1-11**

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Year C - 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025****MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>			St P	10.00am
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Jean McFadden
Tue	21 <sup>st</sup>	St Agnes			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Patsy Rafferty
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis de Sales	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	Catherine Taylor

St A = St Alban's; St P = St Patrick's  
 Weekday Masses at St Patrick's are Celebrated in the Parish Centre  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Available on Request

**We keep in our prayers** all parishioners who are sick and housebound at this time.

**The Next Parish Open Meetings** will be held on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm at St Alban's and Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm at St Patrick's. All welcome.

**The Order of Mass** can be found on **Page 200**  
in the **middle of your Hymn Books** indicated by the grey page markers.  
**The Gloria** is on page **202**. **The Creed** is on page **205**.

### **Journeying with the Word of God**

**'Your words are Spirit, Lord, and they are life.'**

We begin the Sundays of Ordinary Time in Year C with readings that remind us of God's eternal relationship of love for his people. The imagery of a wedding as a symbol of that everlasting bond is used in both the First Reading and the Gospel.

The Prophet Isaiah paints a poetic picture of how the Jewish people in exile will be delivered from their suffering. God delights in his people and the intimacy of that love is compared to the way that a bridegroom rejoices in his bride. (**First Reading**)

This relationship of rejoicing is mirrored in the way that the **Psalms** describes his love for God.

In the **Second Reading**, the Church in Corinth hears how God's Spirit of love is at work in each of them, in very different ways. There are many gifts and talents in the community, but they are united in this one Spirit. Paul would later teach the Corinthians that Christ is married to the Church.

This first **Gospel** reading of Ordinary Time is from the Gospel of John. The wedding at Cana sets the scene for the beginning of Jesus's ministry in the world. This passage is full of symbolic meaning. Although the scene is a wedding, the imagery is not of Jesus as bridegroom, but as a guest who brings new wine to the wedding feast. He will fulfil the promises of the old prophets. Later he will become the bridegroom who rejoices in his bride, the Church.

Let us pray that we will be drawn into a deeper relationship with the God who rejoices in each one of us.

**RCIA:** The next RCIA Meeting for the John Ingram Partnership will take place this **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 6.30pm** in the parish centre at St Patrick's.

**St Alban's School News:** On Friday 24th January, we will be launching the Jubilee Year in school and creating our very own Holy Door. Please pray for us as we embark on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

**Prayer for Peace Sunday:** Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace is **'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'**.

*God of mercy and compassion, where I have not loved my neighbour as I love myself, or done to others what I would have them do to me, held grudges, or tried to get even after I have been hurt: Father forgive. Grant us your peace, that I might know peace within myself, seek to be a peacemaker in my daily life, grow in my conviction that we are all made in your image, love those I find it hard to love, forgive injuries and refuse to retaliate, and follow in the footsteps of the nonviolent Jesus. Amen*

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 - 18–25 January 2025**

The theme this year is: **Do you believe this?** Based on the question posed by Jesus to Martha: 'Do you believe this?' (John 11:26). This same question resonated throughout the deliberations of the first Ecumenical Council, meeting in Nicaea in 325, which gathered Christian communities from around the world to strengthen their relationships as the Church of Jesus Christ. For further resources visit: <https://ctbi.org.uk>

**Your offerings are our sole source of income:** We ask you to please consider **making your offering by Standing Order**. This is by far the easiest way to donate, ideally on a monthly basis. (Details 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 [stpatrick.felling@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:stpatrick.felling@diocesehn.org.uk)

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**Jubilee 2025:** In announcing the Jubilee Year of 2025, with the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope", Pope Francis said: *"the Jubilee... would be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God....May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation."*

There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.

**The Jubilee prayer:** *Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

*Official prayer from Pope Francis for the Jubilee year 2025, "Pilgrims of hope"*