

First reading**Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!' And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.' And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 138(137)****In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.**

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| 1. I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple. | 2. I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. |
| 3. All earth's kings shall thank you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
'How great is the glory of the LORD!' | 3. With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. |

Second reading**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Brothers and sisters: I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel Acclamation

Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.

Gospel**Luke 5:1-11**

At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him

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5th Sunday of Year C - 9th February 2025**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat	8 th		St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	9 th	5 th Sun of Year C	St P	10.00am	Isabella Taylor
Mon	10 th	St Scholastica	St P	10.00am	Word & Holy Communion
Tue	11 th	Weekday			No Service
Wed	12 th	Weekday			No Service
Thu	13 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Word & Holy Communion
Fri	14 th	St Cyril & Methodius	St A	10.00am	Word & Holy Communion
Sat	15 th		St A	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	16 th	6 th Sun of Year C	St P	10.00am	Catherine Palmer

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.
We pray for **Aidan Doyle** who died recently. May he rest in peace.

We welcome Fr Jude Ibeh who will be celebrating our Masses this weekend.

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
Here I am! Send me.

This week's readings are full of reassurance and inspiration. However aware we are of our own human limitations, God never stops believing in us, and he needs us to be his messengers. We only need to find the courage to respond to his invitation. The **First Reading** describes Isaiah's mystical vision before the divine court in the Temple. Before God's glory and holiness, Isaiah feels lost and unworthy. But once his lips have been cleansed, he hears God's call for a messenger and offers himself as the one to be sent out.

The **Psalmist** also imagines himself adoring with the angels in the Temple, as he glories in the God who hears us, loves us, and stretches out his hand to save us. St Paul sees himself as the least of the apostles, but he has complete faith in the risen Lord and in the gift of God's grace working within him. (**Second Reading**) Peter agrees rather unwillingly to 'put out into the deep' (**Gospel**), and is then overwhelmed as he witnesses God's power at work in the miraculous catch of fish. But Jesus tells him to set aside his fears and sense of unworthiness, for even greater work now awaits him. The other disciples, too, leave everything to follow Jesus.

This week, we pray that God will help us to listen to his call as courageously as did Isaiah and Peter, and then be generous in offering ourselves fully for whatever work he needs us to do.

Thank you to those who attended the recent Parish Open Meetings. Copies of the minutes of the meetings are available at the back of church.

RCIA: The next RCIA Meeting for the John Ingram Partnership will take place this **Tuesday 11th February, 6.30pm** in the parish centre at St Patrick's.

CAFOD debt cancellation petition: On 1 January Pope Francis repeated his call for action on the global debt crisis, saying, "In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt.... This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice." 54 countries are in 'debt distress', meaning that governments are paying such high sums in debt payments that they are unable to properly fund schools, hospitals or other public services. Often, countries have already repaid their debts once, but due to unscrupulous lenders and exorbitant interest rates, they are left paying many times over. This Jubilee Year CAFOD are asking us to respond to Pope Francis's call and take action to solve the global debt crisis by signing the global Church petition. Visit cafod.org.uk for details.

St Alban's School News: Admissions for School are now closed but admissions are still open for Nursery for children 3 to 4yrs old. Application pack from school office.

A Year of Jubilee Formation Opportunity: Adventurous Accompaniment

As we journey through this year of Jubilee, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. As Catholics our hope is in the Lord who is always at work in our lives. Our new formation programme Adventurous Accompaniment is designed to help us become better at walking with others, supporting them to see God at work. You will explore how to accompany others whether it is informally while out talking with your neighbour or over a sustained relationship with family and friends. The 'Adventure' of this formation is that God is the one leading the way. All are welcome to attend.

Dates & Times: Session 1: Saturday 15 March 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm. Session 2: Saturday 12 April 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm. Venue: St Vincent's Diocesan Office, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY. Cost: £25.00

For more information and booking details please visit bit.ly/DHNAventurousAccompanimentYOJ or email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

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"

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

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