

The Newsletter of the Parishes of St Alban's Pelaw & St Patrick's Felling



St Alban's at Pelaw



St Patrick's at Felling



Our School at Pelaw

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6th Sunday of Year C - 16th February 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	15 th	6 th Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	16 th		St P	10.00am	Catherine Palmer
Mon	17 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	William Pearson
Tue	18 ^h	Weekday			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	19 th	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	20 th	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Dec'd of Wright & Bradley Families
Fri	21 st	Weekday	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	22 nd	7 th Sun of Year C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	23 rd		St P	10.00am	Joan Neil & Kathleen & Tommy McKenna

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

First reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 'Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

- Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the LORD, and who ponders his law day and night.
- He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.
- Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

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. The funeral Mass for Aidan will be at St. Patrick's on Mon.24th Feb at 12.45. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

Blessed are those who have placed their trust in the Lord.

This week we are invited to reflect on the happiness which can be ours when we trust in the Lord.

In the **First Reading**, the Prophet Jeremiah teaches us through curses and blessings (the language of the time), that we need to make a choice – either to trust in human beings or to trust in the Lord. Depending on our choice, we will inhabit a dry wilderness or feel fulfilled and happy.

The same ideas are echoed in the **Psalms**, which also uses the image of a luxuriant and fruitful tree. It starts with a Beatitude: ‘Blessed indeed are those who ...’, thus introducing the **Gospel** from St Luke. Shorter than the more famous Beatitudes passage from Matthew’s Gospel, it contains a series of parallel warnings for those who make the wrong choices: ‘Woe to you ...’.

St Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians (**Second Reading**), points to another source of our happiness: the resurrection of Christ. If Christ had not been raised, we would not have been saved, and would remain in our sins. As he rose again for us, we are the happiest of all people.

This week, then, we might want to reflect on what makes us happy and on how much we trust in the Lord – and to wonder whether we might need to adjust some of our choices in order that others should have a greater share in this happiness.

RCIA: The next RCIA Meeting for the John Ingram Partnership will take place this **Tuesday 18th 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 We would love parishioners to get involved in school life by becoming a school reader. This involves coming into school to read with children, sharing your love of stories and books. Find out more about the scheme by clicking this link: [Everything about being a Schoolreaders reading volunteer](#)
Remember that nursery places are available in our fantastic school nursery. Call us on 0191 4693251 or email info@stap.bwcet.com.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? The pilgrimage will take place between Friday 25 July to Friday 1 August 2025. Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are now open and live until 31st March 2025. Please register via one of the following links. Thank you very much for registering your help and support.

Existing Appointed Registered Helper: If you are an existing, appointed registered helper and volunteered on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2023 or 2024 please visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/bdNSkV8HvK>

New Adult Volunteer Registration Form: If you wish to register as a volunteer for 2025, please visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/PbtE9Jd6aS>

Youth Section Registration Form: The Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is for those aged 16-21 (on the date of travel) or in full-time education.

Please visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/m1MQfReuZD>

Please see the Tangney Tours website for prices of travel and accommodation.

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/.../diocese-hexham-newcastle/>

If you would like any more information about becoming a registered helper on the pilgrimage, please email: lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk or visit our Facebook page: *Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes*. Thank you so much for your support and for volunteering to help on our Diocesan Pilgrimage.

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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