

First reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people: 'The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall make response before the LORD your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me." And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Ps 91(90)

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| <p>1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
and abides in the shade of the Almighty,
says to the LORD, 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'</p> <p>3. They shall bear you upon their hands,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread,
and trample the young lion and the serpent.</p> | <p>2. Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach your tent.
For you has he commanded his angels
to keep you in all your ways.</p> <p>4. Since he clings to me in love, I will free him,
protect him, for he knows my name.
When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in distress;
I will deliver him, and give him glory.</p> |
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Second reading

Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. *Glory and praise to you, O Christ.*

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

'Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil'. At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."' And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."' And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."' And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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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1st Sunday of Lent Year C - 9th March 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	8 th	1 st Sun of Lent C	St A	6.00pm	Bill Harland
Sun	9 th		St P	10.00am	People of the Parishes
Mon	10 th	Weekday of Lent	St P	10.00am	Harry & Rose Arnott & Teri Sangwin
Tue	11 ^h	Weekday of Lent			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	12 th	Weekday of Lent	St A	10.00am	L & D of Cooper & Hollyman Families
Thu	13 th	Weekday of Lent	St P	10.00am	Joan + Eliz Lenehan, Valerie Diamond
Fri	14 th	Weekday of Lent	St A	10.00am	Dec'd of Sloan & Harland Families
Sat	15 th	2 nd Sun of Lent C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	16 th		St P	10.00am	Betty Wasp

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

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

Lent Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St Patrick's this coming Friday 14th March at 6.30pm.

The Order of Mass can be found on **Page 200** in the **middle of your Hymn Books** indicated by the grey page markers. **During Lent the Gloria is not said and we use the Apostles Creed, on page 205.**

Journeying with the Word of God

When you call, I shall answer: 'I am with you.'

We begin our Lenten journey in the wilderness. In the **First Reading**, Moses reminds the people of Israel of the story of how they became a mighty nation. He tells of their years of slavery in Egypt, and how the Lord heard their cry. God's people were led through many trials in the desert to the promised land.

The **Psalms** is a song full of confidence in the power of God, to help us endure the difficulties of life. We can imagine Jesus taking comfort from praying this psalm when he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. And yet it is a verse from this very same psalm that the tempter in the desert uses to test Jesus's trust in God. The psalm reminds us that God is always with us, whatever trials we may face.

Luke's **Gospel** account of the testing in the wilderness sees Jesus being tempted to use his divinity for his own needs, and of the possibility of seizing earthly power.

Jesus shows that true power comes from centering your life on God.

The **Second Reading** reminds us of this teaching, and tells us that the Word of God is very close to us. It is deep within our being for all who believe in the saving love of Christ. We are all equal in that love, and we are called to proclaim this message of love in our lives. When we call on the Lord for help in our daily struggles, God will be with us.

Let us hold each other in prayer and pray too for our communities, that we may grow in our trust in God and deepen our prayer life in the coming weeks of Lent.

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

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated as follows:
At St Patrick's on the following Friday evenings at 6.30pm on:

Friday's 14th March
21st March
28th March
4th April.

They will be celebrated at St Alban's on:

Friday's 11th April at 2.30pm
18th April, (Good Friday) at 10.00am.

(If you would like to help lead one of these please let Fr Martin know).

Lent CAFOD Family Fast Day takes place on **Friday 14th March**. **CAFOD Fast Day envelopes are available after Mass**. A CAFOD soup lunch will also be held at St Patrick's on Thursday 20th March 12noon, following Mass at 11.30am, both in the church hall.

A Lenten Penitential Service for the partnership of parishes will be held at St Augustine's church on **Wednesday 9 April, 6.30pm**.

Please Note that **Weekday Masses at St Alban's** will be celebrated in the new weekday chapel in the presbytery.

St Alban's School News: All are very welcome to join us for our Lenten Celebrations of the Word in St Alban's Church each Friday at 2.45pm. The children will lead the prayers as we reflect on the coming Sunday gospel. We hope to see you there.

Blessed Carlo Acutis: Blessed Carlo Acutis, who is scheduled to be the first millennial saint, will be canonised in April 2025. Because of his devotion to the Eucharist, his youthfulness and his life in the 21 century, he was chosen to be the patron of Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust. **His relics** will be visiting the Diocese from 27th – 29th March. In particular you are invited to support our local event, a Mass at Cardinal Hume School on Saturday 29th March, 10.30am. Full further details on the Diocesan Website.

Minutes from the recent **John Ingram Partnership Meeting** are available at the back of church.

Lenten Alms: During Lent we traditionally support the work of St Cuthbert's Care. If you wish to do so, please use the basket marked at the back of church.

Support for Asylum Seekers: Don't forget to continue to support all asylum seeker's by placing your contributions in the baskets at the entrance of each church. Fresh supplies always needed.

New Altar Servers: Parents whose children are in school Year 4 or above who would like their children to train to be altar servers are invited to let Fr Martin know.

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear **Tony Flannery** speak about **The Bible, history or myth? Why it is important to know at Holy Name** parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle, on **Tuesday 11 March, at 2.30pm – and again at 7.30pm**.

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, either on a weekly or 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@diocesahn.org.uk

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