

**First reading****Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. And he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

**Responsorial Psalm****The LORD is my light and my salvation.****Ps 27(26)**

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| <p>1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;<br/>whom shall I fear?<br/>The LORD is the stronghold of my life;<br/>whom should I dread?</p> <p>3. It is your face, O LORD, that I seek;<br/>hide not your face from me.<br/>Dismiss not your servant in anger;<br/>you have been my help.</p> | <p>2. O LORD, hear my voice when I call;<br/>have mercy and answer me.<br/>Of you my heart has spoken,<br/>'Seek his face.'</p> <p>4. I believe I shall see the LORD'S goodness<br/>in the land of the living.<br/>Wait for the LORD; be strong;<br/>Be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD!</p> |
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**Second reading****Philippians 3:20-4:1**

Brothers and Sisters: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

**Gospel Acclamation***Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.*

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.

*Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.***Gospel****Luke 9:28b-36**

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

**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****Part of the John Ingram Partnership of Parishes****Fr Martin Stempczyk St Patrick's Presbytery, 9, High Street, Felling, Gateshead NE10 9LT****Deacon Kevin Atkinson**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025****MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of Lent C	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	Betty Wasp
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick	St P	10.00am	Elizabeth Pearson
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph	St A	10.00am	Margaret & Brian Pankhurst
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	St Cuthbert	St P	11.30am	Robert Hunter
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of Lent C	St A	6.00pm	Manus McDermott
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>		St P	10.00am	People of the Parish

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. We pray for **Robert William Andison, Maria Bernadette Rae** and **Veronica Jeanne Morgan** who died recently. A funeral service will be held for Maria at St Patrick's on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 11.45am followed by committal at Saltwell Crematorium. A Requiem Mass will be held for Jeanne on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10am at St Alban's followed by internment at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

**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**

**'This is my Son, my Chosen One, Listen to him!'**

We continue our Lenten journey this week, deepening our faith as we ponder Abraham's example and enter into the revelation contained in the Transfiguration of Jesus.

The **First Reading** tells us of the Covenant God made with Abram. Abram had no son, but he put his faith in God and trusted that his descendants would dwell in the land given to him.

The **Psalm** is a confident prayer that the Lord will lead the psalmist, whose prayer will be heard and answered. He has no fear, but seeks the Lord and hopes in him. It is also a prayer for Christ as he turns his face to Jerusalem.

The passage from St Paul in the **Second Reading** links all these themes: of homeland, of being glorified in Christ, and of trusting in him and remaining faithful. On this Second Sunday we always have an account of the Transfiguration in the **Gospel**. The disciples had a physical journey and a time of prayer before encountering this mystery. Seeing Jesus transfigured, in the presence of Moses and Elijah, and hearing the voice from heaven all struck them forcibly, even if they only understood in hindsight.

Perhaps this week we can ponder the possibility, by the power of Christ, of transformation in our own lives this Lent.

**RCIA:** The next RCIA Meeting for the John Ingram Partnership will take place this **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> March (In the Hall), 28<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

**They will be celebrated at St Alban's on:**

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

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

**A CAFOD soup lunch** will be held at **St Patrick's this Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 12noon**, in the church hall. Please note Mass will be celebrated beforehand at 11.30am in the hall on Thursday. All welcome.

**The Children from Years 4-6** will help lead the 10.00am Mass at St Alban's this Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March.

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

**St Alban's School News:** You are all very welcome to join us for our next Lenten Celebration of the Word in St Alban's Church on Friday 21st March at 2.45pm. The children from Y3 will lead the prayers as we reflect on the coming Sunday's gospel.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March. In particular you are invited to support our local event, a **Mass at Cardinal Hume School on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am**. Full further details on the Diocesan Website.

**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.

**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.

**National Catholic Leadership Programme:** This programme is for serving Deputy Headteachers in Catholic Primary and Secondary schools who are considering the role of headteacher in the next two years. It is fantastic training for the role of Catholic Headteacher, delivered by inspirational leaders across our Diocese. Please contact [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk) for further information.

**The Next Afternoon Tea** will be held in the hall at St Patrick's on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1-3pm**. All welcome.

**A Parish Quiz Night** will be held in the hall at **St Patrick's on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm-10.00pm**. Suitable for all ages -, guaranteed to get the grey matter whirring! Please bring your own snacks and refreshments. There will also be a raffle.

**The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle** is looking to appoint to the following vacancy: Safeguarding Co-ordinator, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 25 March at 12.00pm. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

**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@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:stpatrick.felling@diocesehn.org.uk)

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Account No: 92010984

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