

First reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

**This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

Ps 118(117)

1. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
2. The LORD's right hand is exalted.
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
3. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Gospel

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Easter Sunday Year C - 20th April 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	19 th	Easter Sunday	St A	6.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun	20 th		St P	10.00am	George Laurie
Mon	21 st	Easter Octave	St P	10.00am	Philip Donovan
Tue	22 nd	Easter Octave			No Service
Wed	23 rd	Easter Octave	St A	10.00am	Brian Grace Snr
Thu	24 th	Easter Octave	St P	10.00am	Footer, Birney, Madden & Carr Fam. L & D
Fri	25 th	Easter Octave	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	26 th	2 nd Sun of Easter	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	27 th		St P	10.00am	Paul Hughes
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					

We pray for all those who are sick or unwell at this time. We pray for **Brian Cairns** who died recently. A Funeral service for Brian will take place on Wednesday 30 April at 12.30pm, followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May he 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.
The Gloria is on page **202**. In Easter we use the **Apostles Creed**, on page **205**.

Journeying with the Word of God

This Day was made by the Lord. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Today we arrive at the oldest of the Church's Feast Days, and the pinnacle of the liturgical year: the wonder-filled celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The **Psalmist** joyfully foresees the resurrection of Jesus and recognises it as the work of God Himself.

The **Gospel** records how Peter and the unnamed 'beloved disciple' (and then later in the same chapter, Mary Magdalene) slowly come to realise that Jesus has risen from the dead. The relationship between Jesus and the 'disciple he loved' is a model for all faithful Christians, as God invites us into a loving, intimate relationship with Christ.

The **First Reading** demonstrates that one of the fruits of the Resurrection is to break down barriers between peoples: in this case Peter, a Jew, stays in the home of Cornelius, a Gentile. This goes beyond what is culturally permitted: Peter is risking defilement by having contact with a non-believer.

Paul, too, emphasises the consequences of the Resurrection for the followers of Jesus, and appeals to the Early Church in Colossae to be aware of the mystery of true life with Christ. He calls them to live the sort of life fitting for those raised to new life in Christ (**Second Reading**).

On this Easter Day, we may pray to recognise the dignity that belongs to us as Christians and for the grace needed to live it out in practice doing good as Jesus did, in our daily, ordinary lives.

Happy Easter: I take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who have contributed to the preparation and celebration of our liturgies throughout Lent and especially during Holy Week. I am also very grateful for your Easter cards and greetings and your continuing support. I wish you, your families and friends every peace and joy this Eastertide. *Fr Martin*

St Alban's School News: Over this last half term we have followed Jesus' Lenten journey in school to prepare for the wonderful celebration of Easter. We wish you all a very happy and joyful Easter and we look forward to being in touch in the summer term. Please spread the word to all families with young children that we have a few places left in our school nursery for children who are 3 or 4 years old. Arrange a visit by contacting the school office on 0191 4693251 – after all, we are the best school in Pelaw!

The Parish Quiz Night will now be held after Easter. More details to follow.

Congratulations to Daniel Boyle, Bill Goodacre and Reece Lloyd, who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

The Next Afternoon Tea will take place in the hall at St Patrick's on Saturdays 3rd and 31st of May. All welcome.

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 pay income tax **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 stpatrik.felling@diocesehn.org.uk

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Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancies: **Head of Human Resources**, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 27 April. **Chief Executive Officer** of the Youth Ministry Trust, based at the Emmaus Village, Consett – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 25 April. **Parish Secretary**, St Bede and Ss Peter and Paul, South Shields – 12 hours a week, permanent contract. Closing date: 21 April. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.



He has Risen! Alleluia!