

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
1st - 8th December 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership The Spinks Family
Monday <i>2nd December</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>9.30am - 9.55am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 9.45am)</i> Intentions of Fr Shaun
Tuesday <i>3rd December</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am - 9.55am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 9.45am)</i> Isabella Myers
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>5th December</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Deceased Members of the McAninly Family
Friday <i>6th December</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>6.00pm - 6.25pm</i> 6.30pm	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 6.15pm)</i> Keith Halliwell (SVP)
Saturday <i>7th December</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am - 9.55am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 9.45am)</i> Norma Quigley
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Paul Pendleton

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Weekday of Advent	This Sunday	Tea and Coffee after Mas (Dipton)
Tuesday	St Francis Xavier, Priest	Wednesday	Trip to Carlisle
Wednesday	Weekday of Advent	Thursday	Tea and Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
Thursday	Weekday of Advent	Friday	Free Festive Film - 7.30pm (Stanley)
Friday	Weekday of Advent	Next Sunday	Tea and Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
Saturday	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor		

Finance - 24th November 2024	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Catholic Youth
STANLEY	£332.73	£197.25	£158.56
DIPTON	£95.62	£172.85	£100.95
Future Collections: mDiocesan Levy - 1st December Advent Alms - 15th December			

DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father,
in Baptism you called us by name
and made us members of your family,
the Church.

Help all your people to know
their vocation in life,
and to respond by living
a life of holiness.

For your greater glory
and for the service of your people,
raise up dedicated and generous men
who will serve as priests
for the Church
of Hexham and Newcastle.

Send your Spirit to guide
and strengthen our communities,
our seminarians and all
who are discerning their vocation.

Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING IN
OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES...

Anne Kennedy, Margaret Convey, Maureen Dixon

GETTING YOUR
CHILD BAPTISED

If you or a family member is looking
to have your child baptised, please
collect the leaflet ‘Getting your child
baptised’ from the back of church. This
policy of how we access the
Sacraments of Initiation is applicable
across the Pontop Partnership. Please
read the leaflet carefully before
returning the attached application *in
person* to your parish priest at the end
of Mass.

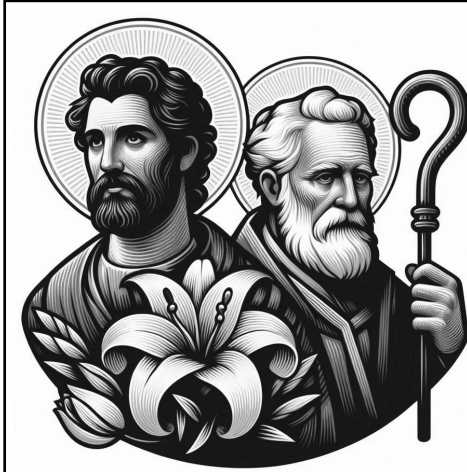


A GENTLE REMINDER...

Please remember to switch off your mobile phone
(or put it on silent) when coming into Church.

We show reverence to Jesus present in the Tabernacle.

Please talk to God before Mass and one another afterwards.



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SAINT JOSEPH, STANLEY

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SAINT PATRICK, DIPTON

LISTEN TO THE WORD

1ST DECEMBER 2024 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4: 2
Luke 21: 21-25, 34-36

We are at the beginning of a journey through the Gospel of Saint Luke which will lead us, initially, through the weeks of Advent to the coming of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. We will meet people on our journey who will light the way. We are also on a journey to the revelation of God’s plan for humanity, shrouded in mystery, all will be revealed in due time.

God’s revelation was made first to the Jewish people and so the first reading of Advent is from the Book of Jeremiah. Jerimiah speaks to his people promising them a great future with the coming of the Messiah, “a righteous branch to spring up from David”, he urges the people to keep faith. But the people fail to respond, and their fate is deportation to Babylon, leaving Jerusalem in ruins.

Paul begins with a prayer. He prays that their love will grow and that they be filled with the holiness that comes from God. A new covenant with God is being established, the message that Paul is taking to all who will listen is that this is a new time, the old time has gone, the boundaries have been broken, and all, jews and gentiles, will be reborn into a new creation.

Often, in the Gospels, Jesus uses exaggerated language to raise people’s awareness that change is coming. The apostles are moving towards Jerusalem and He is continually warning them of what is to come but, like the Jews of Jeremiah’s time they are not listening. He is signalling the end of the present time and of the emergence of a new day when those who are faithful will emerge from captivity to freedom. But He warns them to “Stay awake and keep praying” for their reward will be “to stand before the Son of Man.

The Year of Prayer is coming to an end on Christmas Eve and soon we will enter 2025 The Year of Jubilee. We complete our journey of prayer in the four weeks of Advent.

A Prayer based on 1 Thessalonians 3: 12

“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all”

Lord,
I am writing this prayer as hope is coming for a ceasefire in Lebanon.
Your message of love for one another and for all fills me full of hope that this time of great distress is coming to an end for the people of Lebanon, of Gaza and of Israel.
Let people of peace on all sides make this a lasting cessation of war.
Pour your grace on our world so that your peace will come to reign among us and your gift of freedom from want can be made manifest on our earth, our home.

Amen.

David Frank.

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9.30am - 3.30pm

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Everyone in the Church has a responsibility
to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of
those who worship in our Church or who
join us for any activity facilitated by Church
members. If you are concerned about the
welfare of a child or adult at risk,
information is available on the noticeboards
at the back of all our churches.

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If you would like to receive this newsletter
by email, please contact the office.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 25(24):4-5b. 8-9. 10, 14. R 1b

Response: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O LORD, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he shows the way to sinners. He guides the humble in right judgement; to the humble he teaches his way.

All the LORD’s paths are mercy and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and commands. The LORD’s secret is for those who fear him; to them he reveals his covenant.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. A reading from the Holy Gospel according Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

‘But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ If Jesus is the ‘righteous branch’ promised to David, did he bring saving justice to the world?
- ✠ Is everything subject to Jesus, even the last enemy, death?
- ✠ If these prophecies are not to be taken literally, what do they mean?

Taken from the Sunday Word, Henry Wansbrough OSB

THE ORDER OF MASS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 4 OF THE HYMN BOOK

GENERAL NOTICES

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The Christmas Mass times will be as follows:

Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Dipton
	6.30pm	Stanley
Christmas Day	10.00am	Stanley

CHRISTMAS TRIP TO KLONDYKE GARDEN CENTRE AND CARLISLE

For those going on the trip THIS WEDNESDAY, please see below the pick-up points and times.

St Joseph’s, Stanley	8.15am
St Patrick’s, Dipton	8.30am
John Street, Consett	8.45am
St Mary’s, Blackhill	9.00am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th & 15th December - Christmas Tree Festival at St Patrick’s Dipton 1pm - 4pm. It is £10 to display a tree. If you would like to book a place please contact Deacon Paul on 07906 489 183 or Aileen Mantle on 07745 943 455.

15th December - Our Family of Parishes Carol Service will take place at 4.00pm at St Patrick’s, Dipton.

21st December—An evening of Festive Music with Craghead Colliery Band in St Joseph’s at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00.

PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Tuesday 10th December a lunch has been arranged at the Jolly Drovers in Leadgate at 12.30pm. The cost is £23.95 for three course or £18.95 for two Courses. A £10 deposit is required. Please pick up an envelope from the back of Church to book your place.

COFFEE MORNING

Next Sunday is the monthly Coffee Morning after Mass at St Joseph’s, Stanley. Donations of baked goods and prizes for the raffle will be gratefully received.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

The New Sunday Missals have arrived for those who ordered them. The cost is £14.99. These can be collected from the Piety Stall.

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

PACT House Stanley is appealing for Christmas gifts for children up to the age of 16. Should you wish to donate, please bring any items to St Joseph’s or St Patrick’s Churches and we will pass them on. PACT House also hosts a Christmas Day meal that sees over 200 people provided with dinner and a small gift, which helps a lot of isolated people feel included. Please let the office know if you would like to refer someone for this meal and we can pass this along to PACT House.

LOVE CHRISTMAS

This weekend we launch the 2024 Love Christmas campaign. It is across the whole partnership this year and collection envelopes are available in all our churches. With the help of your generosity we aim to make Christmas a little bit better for those across our community who need a helping hand. Last year we distributed “Love Christmas Dinner” bags, toiletries gift bags for young people living in temporary accommodation, gift bags for adults with learning needs and lastly, helped the mothers of the children in our local Women's Refuge with something extra for Christmas. Your generosity helped to make a big difference to a lot of people. Please be as generous as you can this year.

HYMN BOOKS

There are currently 6 of the new hymn books missing from St Patrick’s, Dipton. If you have inadvertently taken one home by mistake, can you please return it. Thank you.

The Hymn books at St Joseph’s, Stanley, can now be found on a

bookshelf at the back of Church. This is because the books are becoming damaged and often they are left on the floor and the church looks untidy.

Please return your hymn book to the bookshelf at the end of Mass and help keep our churches tidy.

FREE FESTIVE FILM NIGHTS

During Advent, there will be Free Festive Film Nights in the meeting room at St Joseph’s, Stanley. Bring your own alcoholic beverages/Soft drinks and popcorn/sweets.

The films will begin at 7.30pm on the following Fridays:

Friday 6th December It’s a Wonderful Life U An angel is sent from Heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed.

Friday 13th December The Muppet Christmas Carol U Scrooge, an old miser who dislikes Christmas, is visited by spirits who foretell his future and share secrets from his past and present, which helps change his view on life.

Friday 20th December Nativity! PG An uptight but secretly heartbroken primary school teacher's little white lie about Hollywood coming to see his class' nativity play grows like wildfire in his rag-tag school low on self-esteem.

FLAME 2025

Takes place on Saturday 15th March. The theme is ‘UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE’. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18’s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). COST: £45 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact mary.hughes@ymt.org

HOLY COMMUNION

There have been on several occasions people asking Father Shaun if it would be possible for him to swap sides each Sunday so that people have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion from the priest. Holy Communion is a gift that we receive from the Lord, not from the person distributing Holy Communion. Holy Communion, whether we receive from the Priest, Deacon or Extraordinary Minister is God’s gift to His Church, not the person distributing it. You will always receive the Lord fully from whoever distributes Holy Communion.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who organised and attended the Christmas Craft Fair at Dipton. Including kind donations from those who couldn’t make it on the day, the total raised to share between St Patrick’s and St Joseph’s Churches was £1540. Below is a list of unclaimed raffle prizes. To claim, please contact Sharon on 07969 212 778.

MAIN RAFFLE UNCLAIMED PRIZES:

Cinema night in hamper - PINK 431
Time for tea hamper - BLUE 126
Boxed Jack Daniels - GREEN 132
Scarf set - PINK 389
Ringtons tea & biscuits - PINK 257
Tin of Ringtons biscuits- GREEN 343
Pamper hamper - PINK 266

CRAFT RAFFLE UNCLAIMED PRIZES:

Christmas cake - ORANGE 32
Christmas cottage decoration - ORANGE 195.