

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

19th - 26th January 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Michael B. Tennant
Monday <i>20th January</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>6.00pm</i> 6.30pm	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 6.15pm)</i> For a sick person
Tuesday <i>21st January</i>	<i>Stanley</i> <i>Dipton</i>	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am 12noon	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 9.45am)</i> Lorraine Grundy (SVP) Funeral Liturgy for Patricia Ann Kirk
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>23rd January</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Mary Bell
Friday <i>24th January</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>6.00pm</i> 6.30pm	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 6.15pm)</i> John Cryer
Saturday <i>25th January</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am - 9.55am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 9.45am)</i> James Boylan
3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Mary & Larry Stoker

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria	Thursday	Tea and Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>) RCIA (<i>Stanley</i>)
Tuesday	St Agnes		
Wednesday	Feria		
Thursday	Feria		
Friday	St Francis de Sales		
Saturday	The conversion of St Paul, Apostle (Feast)		

Finance - 12 January 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Crib Collection
STANLEY	£501.95	£197.25	£35.82
DIPTON	£105.39	£172.85	£16.00
Future Collections: 2nd February - Diocesan Levy 16th March - CAFOD Family Fast			

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, Doreen Bailes

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.

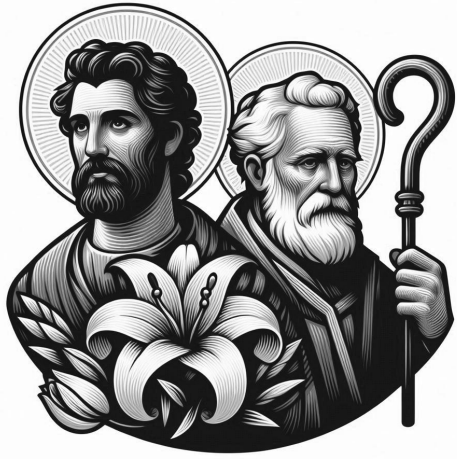


A GENTLE REMINDER...

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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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 our Churches.

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LISTEN TO THE WORD

19TH JANUARY 2025 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 95 Corinthians 12: 4-11 John 2: 1-11

Weddings are special moments in the lives of two people who love each other. During the ceremony there is the giving of a ring, sometimes two, as a sign of the commitment they are making. A ring is a circle, it has no end, and it symbolises the everlasting nature of the love they share. In the Bible there are many references to marriage and the love and faithfulness between the bridegroom and bride, so important in marriage, is also used as a symbol of the covenant between God and His chosen people.

Today’s readings are centered round weddings and gifts. In the passage from Isaiah, we have the image of a city adorned with gifts from God. It is a very personal passage as if the city were a living person. In a sense the gifts are human gifts; a new name, a new image, a city no longer forsaken or desolate but rejoiced in by the Lord. He uses the language of marriage to show the closeness of God’s relationship to His people, he foresees the time when God will rejoice, as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

Paul speaks to us of the variety of gifts and services that are part of the person we are. We do not possess every gift but, especially in a marriage, if we share our gifts with each other our relationship will thrive. In our church communities there are many gifts and talents, if a community is united then each separate need in the church can be met and used to prepare our church for the challenges that the coming years will bring.

John uses a series of signs to show that Jesus is the Son of God. Today, in a scene set within a wedding feast he begins to show his power. Through the intervention of his mother, Mary, he shows his love for the bride and groom by changing water into wine, thus averting a great dishonour to the wedding party. There is a greater sign here. The abundance of the new wine represents the bountiful love of God which is poured out over His people. The wine of the Old Testament has run out and is replaced by the new wine that Jesus brings to us.

Let us celebrate the great gift that we have been given and bring all our gifts to the service of Our Lord.

A Prayer based on John 2:3
“His mother said to the servants ‘Do whatever he tells you’”

Lord,
Whenever I hear a call for help, I hesitate to come forward.
I feel that my gifts are not sufficient for what you call me to do.
Help me to understand that if we all do something then we can achieve great things.
No matter what my gift, you have a use for it.
Give me the courage to respond to your call.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

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

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Sion’s sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac. R3*

Response: **Proclaim the wonders of the LORD
among all the peoples.**

O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
O sing to the LORD; bless his name.

Proclaim his salvation day by day.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, ‘The LORD is king.’
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same LORD; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

God called us through the gospel,
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 2:1-11

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

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, ‘Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.’ So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.’

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ Hoe many sayings and parables of Jesus can you remember which use this image?
- ✠ Apart from love, would you say that any gift is more important to the community than any other?
- ✠ What was Mary thinking while she waited for something to happen?

Taken from the Sunday Word, Henry Wansbrough OSB



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GENERAL NOTICES

COMING SOON...

An evening of Rock ‘n’ Roll in Dipton Club - Save the date
- **Friday 6th March 2025.** In aid of our Family of Parishes.
Tickets and more details soon.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH

Lent will soon be upon us. One tradition that often takes place in Lent is a soup lunch with the proceeds raised going to charity. During Lent, Father Shaun would like to set aside Tuesday for Stations of the Cross, Mass and a soup lunch following Mass (Mass would be at 12noon). Would you be able to help in making a simple soup and serving it? A sign up sheet of the dates is available at the back of both Churches. Please put your name next to the date you are able to do.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you are a baptised Catholic, currently in Year 8 or above, you are invited to consider preparing for Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation typically takes place in early teenage years, when a young person starts to be seen as an adult member of the Church. This is because they are now considered old enough to renew the promises that were made on their behalf when they were baptised as a baby or an infant.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptised young person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service. Those who are Confirmed are called to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in their families, neighbourhoods, society, and the world.

To launch the next Confirmation programme in the Pontop Partnership of parishes we are holding a **CONFIRMATION FAMILY DAY** at St. Mary’s Church Hall, Blackhill on Saturday 8th March. This day will include talks and activities aimed at parents and young people, explaining more about Confirmation. Parents, your support and commitment to your sons and daughters is vital. The Family Day marks a very special milestone in your son/daughter’s spiritual journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All who are interested in Confirmation it is imperative that you attend the Family Day on **Saturday 8th March.**

Arrival will be from 9.30am for a 10am prompt start. The day will end at 4.00pm and lunch will be provided.

If you are interested, please speak to Father Shaun who will give you a booking form that needs to be returned by **Sunday 2nd February.**

PROUD CATHOLICS

Do you identify as LGBTQ+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? We are a support group run by and for LGBTQ+ Catholics in the North East. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick St. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st January, at 7.30pm. We will come together with representatives of other Christian denominations to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and share updates on our experiences of LGBTQ+ inclusion in our churches. Zoom link available. For more information, phone us on 07858 934457, email info@proudcatolics.co.uk or visit our Facebook and Instagram pages [@proudcatolicsuk](https://www.facebook.com/proudcatolicsuk).

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Patricia Ann Kirk, Mary Bell and Ben Rouse

Patricia’s Funeral Liturgy will take place on Tuesday 21st January at 12noon in St Patrick’s Church, Dipton, followed by burial at Harelaw Cemetery.

Mary’s Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 23rd January at 10.00am in St Joseph’s Church, Stanley, followed by burial at Stanley Cemetery.

Ben’s Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 27th January at 11.00am in St Joseph’s Church, Stanley, followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium

We offer the sympathy of our family of parishes to their families at this sad time.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Friday 25th July – Friday 1st August 2025.

The Lourdes pastoral theme for 2025 is: “With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope” The pilgrimage is led by Bishop Stephen Wright.

The Pilgrimage provides a unique opportunity to gather with our Bishop, to pray and journey together in faith. It is a time to stand apart from the rigours of life and seek the peace, healing, and grace which a pilgrimage experience can afford.

Included in the price is:

- Return air fares – From Newcastle to Lourdes
- 1 checked baggage weighing 20kg and 1 piece of hand luggage – final details will be provided 2 weeks prior to departure.
- 7 days in Lourdes
- Hotel transfers
- Travel Insurance
- Full Diocesan pilgrimage programme

To book your place go to the Tangney Tours website: www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle/departures/ or call 01732 886666

Some parishioners have booked already and are staying in the Hotel Stella. If you are considering going, it would be nice to stay together as a family of parishes in the same hotel.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

21st - 23rd February 2025. Location: Liverpool - In Person. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along for Saturday. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org.

THANK YOU

St Patrick’s January coffee morning raised £74.53 and St Joseph’s Sunday coffee morning raised £86.20, both for Church funds.