

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
2nd - 9th February 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Intentions of the Youth Ministry Team
Monday <i>3rd February</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 6.15pm)</i> N.B.F
Tuesday <i>4th February</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 9.45am)</i> Richard Christon
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>6th February</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Amy Welsh (SVP)
Friday <i>7th February</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 9.45am)</i> Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Saturday <i>8th February</i>	NO MASS TODAY		
5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Ivy Mulhearn

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria	This Sunday	Tea and Coffee after Mass (<i>Dipton</i>)
Tuesday	Feria	Thursday	Tea and Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Wednesday	St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr		RCIA (<i>Stanley</i>)
Thursday	St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Friday	Free Film Night 7.00pm (<i>Stanley</i>)
Friday	Feria	Next Sunday	Tea and Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Saturday	St Josephine Bakhita		

Finance - 26 January 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Crib Collection
STANLEY	£463.21	£197.25	£21.00
DIPTON	£92.70	£172.85	£16.40
Future Collections: 2 nd February - Diocesan Levy 16 th March - CAFOD Family Fast			

Prayer for the Jubilee Year

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Franciscus

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.

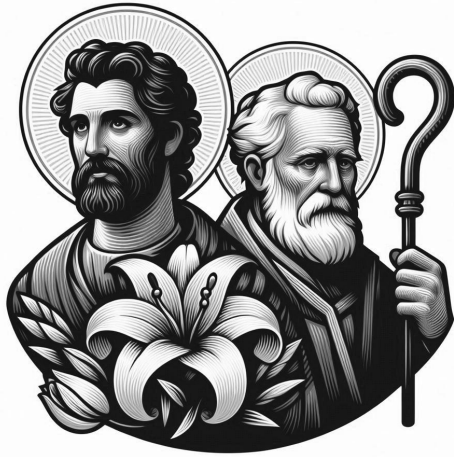


A GENTLE REMINDER...

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

2ND FEBRUARY 2025 - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Malachi 3: 1-4 | Psalm 23 | Hebrews 2: 14-18 | Luke 2: 22-40

Today is Candlemas, a day on which all the candles to be used in church over the next twelve months are blessed. Candles are important in our liturgy, they shine in the darkness, transforming a dark world into a world of light, they are a symbol of Christ, the true light, the light of the world. During the Baptism ceremony a candle of faith is lit and held by an adult for the child being baptised. In an adult baptism the one being baptised holds their own light to show that Christ has entered into their lives to drive away the darkness and to welcome the light of Faith. At the final event of our lives the Easter Candle is lit at our funeral to remind those present of the promise of resurrection and eternal life. We each have a light, a light that never goes out, it may grow dim, but God’s love sustains its flame.

Malachi is writing 400 years before the birth of Jesus, and he is the last of the Old Testament prophets. Now a silence will descend on Israel which will only be lifted upon the birth of a child. Malachi prophesises the coming of John the Baptist as the messenger of the Lord; he speaks of the Lord suddenly entering his temple, a Lord born in poverty to a Jewish couple from Nazareth, he a local carpenter, she a housewife and mother. Malachi’s message is that this child will come with power and his teaching will change the hearts of the people of Israel and bring them back to God.

The letter from Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is our brother. He is one of us, born of woman as we are. He is the one who will lead us like a loving, older brother showing us the way, keeping us safe, turning us away from temptation and sin. He will give his life for us and so defeat death and the devil forever. Through his sacrifice he will make us free.

In the Gospel passage we meet Simeon and Anna. It is Simeon who breaks the silence of prophesy as he recognises Jesus as the Christ of the Lord. In his simple prayer, in Latin the “Nunc Dimittis”, he speaks of a “light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel”. Simeon announces that the light of the world has come so that all the people on earth can walk in the light of faith.

A Prayer based on Luke 2: 35 - Simeon said to Mary
“And a sword will pierce your own heart also - so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed”

Lord,
Thank you for your mother, Mary
You gave her to us from the cross to be our mother also
When we pray to her it is a sign of her motherly love that we share with you as children of Mary
She is our intercessor with you as we pour out our problems into her listening ears.
She shares our sorrows and joys; we are all carried tenderly like babes in her arms
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (C)

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

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. R8a

Response: **The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?
The LORD, the mighty, the valiant;
the LORD, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?
He, the LORD of hosts,
he is the king of glory.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ How is it that the majority of Jews failed to recognise Jesus?
- ✠ What was the purpose of Jesus' death?
- ✠ Imagine Jesus' first serious conversation as an enquiring child with Mary.

Taken from the Sunday Word, Henry Wansbrough OSB



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GENERAL NOTICES

WELCOME

This Sunday we welcome to the 11.00am Mass, The Youth Ministry Team (YMT).

YMT are based at the Emmaus Youth Village near Consett. YMT gathers together young people (18-30) from all over the world, from August to July, to live a community lifestyle and work as part of a team. Our Youth Ministry Interns are given training, ongoing formation and support. At the same time, they embark on planning and carrying out school outreach, retreats and activities for the young people of the diocese and beyond. Since we started in 1994, we have had members from all over the world, such as the USA, Philippines, Australia, and Cameroon, to name a few.

These young adults must be willing to grow in their relationship with God, learn more about their faith and help other young people on their faith journey whilst learning professional skills. We are constantly amazed and uplifted when young people of all ages respond and receive a new vision and a new insight into themselves and the God who loves them. The work of the team is essential to YMT and is a life-changing experience both for them and for those to whom they minister. If you are interested in joining our Youth Ministry Internship or wanting to know more about the programme, please drop us an email at: melany.francisco@ymt.org.

Next Sunday we welcome Br Lixson Cyriac OFM Cap who will celebrate the Sunday Masses whilst Father Shaun is in Lourdes preparing for the Diocesan Pilgrimage later in the year. Br Lixson is a Capuchin Friar based at St Francis' Friary in Tenter House, Durham.

FREE FILM NIGHT

There will be a free film night this Friday at **7.00pm** in St Joseph's Stanley. This month we will be watching **The Miracle Club**, starring the late Dame Maggie Smith.

In 1967 Ireland, two elderly women, Lily and Eileen, along with a younger woman, Dolly, form a musical band called the Miracles as part of a talent show organised by the Catholic Church and win tickets to go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes for various reasons.

All welcome - bring along your drinks, popcorn and snacks. The age rating for this film is PG

THANK YOU

St Joseph's January coffee mornings have raised £166.56 for CAFOD.

A YEAR OF JUBILEE FORMATION OPPORTUNITY: ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT

As we journey through this year of Jubilee, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. As Catholics our hope is in the Lord who is always at work in our lives. Our new formation programme Adventurous Accompaniment is designed to help us become better at walking with others, supporting them to see God at work. You will explore how to accompany others whether it is informally while out talking with your neighbour or over a sustained relationship with family and friends. The 'Adventure' of this formation is that God is the one leading the way. All are welcome to attend.

Dates & Times:

Session 1: Saturday 15 March 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm.
Session 2: Saturday 12 April 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Venue:

St Vincent's Diocesan Office, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY.

Cost:

£25.00

For more information and booking details please visit :
bit.ly/DHNAventurousAccompanimentYOJ
or email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

MEMORIAL OF ST BLAISE

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise." In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet. Blaise cured the child

As is tradition, the blessing of throats will take place on Monday at the end of Mass at St Patrick's.

COMING SOON...

An evening of Rock 'n' Roll in Dipton Club - due to unforeseen circumstances, we need to change the date of the Rock 'n' Roll evening. We will let you know the new date and when tickets are on sale as soon as we can..

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH

Thank you to those who have signed up so far to help make soup for our Lenten Lunches. If you are able to help, please put your name down on one of the available dates. Thank you.

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.

COFFEE MORNING

Next Sunday after Mass at St Joseph's, there will be the monthly Coffee Morning. Prizes for the raffle and baked goods are greatly appreciated, along with your company. Please stay for a cuppa and chat.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Blessed Carlo Acutis is scheduled to be the first millennial saint when he is canonised in April 2025. A relic of Blessed Carlo will visit our diocese between 26th -30th March 2025. There will be opportunities to attend Mass in the presence of the relic, as well as times of veneration and talks about the life of Blessed Carlo. All are welcome. Further information about the visit and how to book your ticket for an event can be viewed on the following website: CarloAcutis.bwcet.com