

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
16th - 23rd February 2025

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Imelda & Dick Christon
Monday <i>17th February</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Priests Intention
Tuesday <i>18th February</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>20th February</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Friday <i>21st February</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Priests Intention
Saturday <i>22nd February</i>	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership TERRY TAGGART

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria	Thursday	Tea and Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>) RCIA (<i>Stanley</i>)
Tuesday	Feria		
Wednesday	Feria		
Thursday	Feria		
Friday	Feria		
Saturday	The Chair of St Peter, Apostle (Feast)		

Finance - 9 February 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£520.46	£197.25
DIPTON	£63.01	£172.85
Future Collections: 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

Franciscans

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.

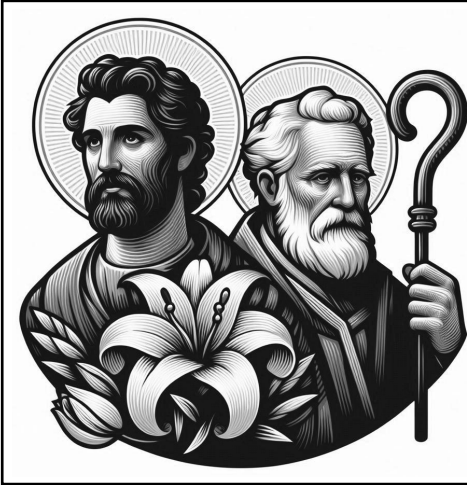


A GENTLE REMINDER...

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



LISTEN TO THE WORD

16TH FEBRUARY 2025 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jeremiah 17: 5-8 | Psalm 1 | 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 | Luke 6: 20-26

There are basic questions about faith in today’s readings. In the passage from the prophet Jeremiah. we are asked to compare the man who puts his faith in the world and the man who puts his faith in God. The Book of Jeremiah is born in exile; it is the story of a people who have turned away from God and who have suffered great hardship exiled in Babylon. They suffer from a hardness of heart and the prophet is trying to change those hearts, to turn the people back to faith in God. There are some who rely on the promises of men; they are like dry scrub in the wasteland, for they do not have faith in God. There are some, the remnant of Israel, who have kept the faith, it blooms in them, like a tree by the waterside, and they are blessed in the eyes of their God.

Paul speaks to us of a faith that is based in Jesus Christ and His promise of eternal life. He reminds us of the power of faith in the resurrection. This is a measure of how faith brings us hope; we believe in the resurrection, the empty tomb, and through that faith we can be confident in God’s promise of eternal life.

Today’s passage from Luke follows the choosing of the twelve from among His disciples. There are three groups of people on this level piece of ground. The Apostles and disciples, the people who have come to listen to His teaching and a group who are looking for the miracle of healing. There is a real sense of the world being present in the various groups assembled. Jesus begins with a carefully balanced series of blessings and woes. He speaks of a world where the poor, the hungry and the mourner find a place of peace and joy but where there is no place for those who enjoy the richness of life. He echoes the poem of Jeremiah and reminds us that our God is not of this world with its ambitions and callous attitudes but of a world filled with God’s love.

So, today, we are called to have faith in the love of God and to rely upon His goodness in the midst of a sometimes, uncaring world; we must choose between dry scrub and green trees, whether to follow the path of faith or to put our trust in the world. It is our choice – choose carefully.

A Prayer based on Jeremiah 17: 7
“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord”

Lord,

There are times when I doubt, when I turn away from your love.
I feel adrift and without purpose as I struggle to see your light.
Then I turn again, and you are there, the cornerstone of my life
And I give thanks.
Help me turn my days of doubt into the certainty of your love.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

‘Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R̥ Psalm 40(39):5a

Response: **Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.**

Blessed indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the path with sinners,
nor abides in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the LORD,
and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they, like winnowed chaff,
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

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 came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.’

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ How true is it that we bring blessing and curse on ourselves?
- ✠ Why will it not be possible to get bored in heaven?
- ✠ Is money a positive bar to eternal happiness, or a challenge?

Taken from the Sunday Word, Henry Wansbrough OSB



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FUNDRAISING EVENING WITH TAKE THIS

There will be an evening of entertainment with Award Winning Singing Comedy Duo Take This. The evening will take place on Friday 25th April. Doors open from 7.00pm. Dipton Club. This will help us raise money for our Family of Parishes. Tickets are £5.00 and will be available from **THIS SUNDAY**.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of

Patricia Margaret Jobson and Margaret Clelland.

Patricia’s Funeral mass will take place on Tuesday 25th February at 10.30am in St Patrick’s, Dipton, followed by committal at Mountsett Crematorium

Margaret’s Funeral Mass will take place at 10.00am on Friday 28th February in St Patrick’s, Dipton, followed by committal at Mountsett Crematorium.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this sad time.

PARKING AT ST JOSEPH’S

Please note that access to Church Grounds is prohibited between **8.00am - 9.15am** and **2.45pm - 3.45pm** in term time. This is to help keep our School Children safe during drop off and pick up times.

We ask that you don’t park on grassed areas or in front of the Church doors. Thank you.

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.

DIOCESAN VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancy: HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – 30 hours a week. Closing date: 27 February. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

AMICI GROUP MEETING

The Amici group’s next meeting will take place on Thursday 6th March at 7pm at St Patrick’s Dipton. All are welcome

COULD YOU HELP IN LOURDES?

Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are now open and live until 31st March 2025

Please register via one of the following links. Thank you very much for registering your help and support.

New Adult Volunteer Registration Form

If you wish to register as a volunteer for 2025, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/PbtE9Jd6aS>

Youth Section Registration Form

The Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is for those aged 16-21 (on the date of travel) or in full-time education. Please click here to register: <https://forms.office.com/e/mlMQfReuZD>

If you would like any more information about becoming a registered helper on the pilgrimage, please email: lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk or visit our Facebook page: Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Thank you so much for your support and for volunteering to help on our Diocesan Pilgrimage.

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP

Holy Island Children's Camp is looking for new volunteers to help in their Holiday Centre on Holy Island. They are in need of young adults to help the children have a great week's holiday on the island in Summer 2025. Full training and support will be given and would suit someone wanting to give back to the Community by helping 9–12-year-olds have fun for a week

They are also keen to attract people who would like to help by volunteering in the Kitchen/Dining room and with caretaking. Term Time Camps need lots of volunteers if they are to survive. If you could find a few days in term time to help out with serving meals, prepping salads and washing dishes they would be truly grateful. By running term time camps, Summer Vinnies Holidays for children can be sustained.

Further information can be found at <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or if you'd like to chat about the role please email BarbaraT@svp.org.uk

ST JOSEPH’S INCOME

Please see below a summary of the income for St Joseph’s for the period of 1st April 2024 - 31st December 2024:

Offertories	£27,087
Candles	£580.00
Papers	£134.00
Baptisms and Funerals	£3,035
Mass Offerings	£1,408
Piety	£976.00
Outreach	£257.00
Fundraising	£3,520
Subtotal	<u>£36,977</u>
Gift Aid Claim	£1,820
Total	<u>£38,817</u>

In addition to the above, special collections raised £5,665. For Good Causes (£972.00 from Thursday Coffee Mornings) and £921 towards the Diocesan Levy, as well as £1,355 which covered the cost of the new Lectionaries.

A special thanks must go to those who have helped in the fundraising this year. However, we will still have a substantial deficit at the end of the financial year (more details later). Please continue to support the parish with our fundraising events, Mass offerings and weekly offerings. St Joseph’s now has the Card Reader, so for those who don’t carry cash, the option to pay by card is there.

Thank you, once again, to John Thompson for compiling the figures