

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

23rd February - 2nd March 2025

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Terry Taggart
Monday <i>24th February</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	N.B.F
Tuesday <i>25th February</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	10.30am	Requiem Mass for Patricia Jobson
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>27th February</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Tom Duggan
Friday <i>28th February</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Margaret Clelland
Saturday <i>1st March</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 9.45am)</i> John Dodds
8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	Brian Duffy People of the Partnership

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria	Thursday	Tea and Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Tuesday	Feria		RCIA (<i>Stanley</i>)
Wednesday	Feria	Next Sunday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Dipton</i>)
Thursday	Feria		
Friday	Feria		
Saturday	St David, Patron of Wales (Feast)		

Finance - 16 February 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£405.70	£197.25
DIPTON	£104.24	£172.85
Future Collections: 16th 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

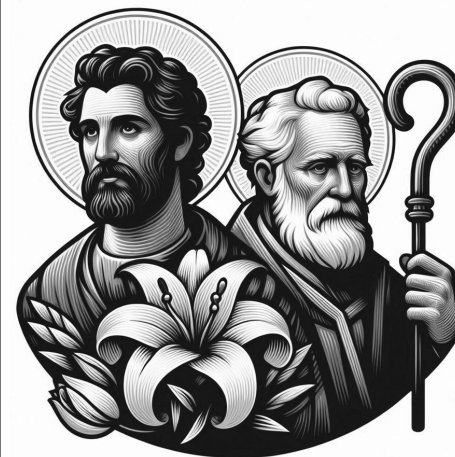
If you or a family member is looking to have your child baptised, please collect the leaflet ‘Getting your child baptised’ from the back of church. This policy of how we access the Sacraments of Initiation is applicable across the Pontop Partnership. Please read the leaflet carefully before returning 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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Office Hours
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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 our Churches.

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



LISTEN TO THE WORD
23RD FEBRUARY 2025 - 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | Psalm 102 | 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 | Luke 6: 27-38

It is very difficult not to react when someone does something to hurt you. Whether the hurt is physical or verbal, it tears at your heart, and you want to respond in some way; to get even or perhaps to return a blow with something greater than you have received. However, we know that retaliation is not the way of Christ, that He taught us to forgive and, although in some circumstances, forgiveness is far from our hearts, this is the road we must follow if we want to follow Him.

The story of Saul and David is one of a great friendship, a loving relationship, broken by jealousy and fear. As he grew to manhood, David became a threat to Saul and a great rift was torn between them. In today’s passage, David has the sleeping Saul at his feet, he has the opportunity to kill his rival, but he shows his compassion and his love by sparing his enemy; perhaps he is hoping for a reconciliation with his former friend, his hopes will prove to be in vain.

Paul uses the example of Adam, the first man, and Jesus, the new man, to teach us about how the world is changed because Christ has lived among us. We are creatures of this world, and our earthly nature makes us prone to conflicting moods. of love, and of hate, of earthly desires, and of heavenly aspirations. Jesus is from heaven, He teaches us how the spirit of God, living in us, has the power to overcome our earthly nature and turn us away from hate to love. We, therefore, have the choice, do we follow our earthly nature, or do we follow Christ?

Healing is greatly needed in today’s world; many people are suffering from the wars and disputes, great and small, that touch our lives. In this, the second part of the Sermon on the Plain, in Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is teaching us about forgiveness. Returning a blow for a blow is not the answer to our problems. Every dispute must be settled by reconciliation and healing. We need to find respect for others, even those who hurt us, for it is in this respect that we find healing and love. “Be merciful even as your Father is merciful” can be a very hard road to follow but, unless we make a start, we may never find a way to build a peaceful world.

A Prayer based on Luke 6: 38

“Give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you use it will be measured back to you”

Lord,
You speak to me today about forgiveness. You ask me to forgive without limits,
that everything must be forgiven.
I gaze at your cross and I am lost in wonder at the forgiveness that you showed to
those who crucified you.
And then I realise that I and my sins are part of that forgiveness.
Forgive me Lord and give me the grace to forgive others.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading *1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23*

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, ‘God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.’ But David said to Abishai, ‘Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD’s anointed and be guiltless?’ So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul’s head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, ‘Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD’s anointed.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R̥ Psalm 40(39):5a*

Response: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the LORD’s compassion is on those who fear him.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:45-49*

Brothers and Sisters: ‘The first man Adam became a living being’; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Gospel *Luke 6:27-38*

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, ‘I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

‘If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

‘Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.’

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ Was David calculating or generous?
- ✠ What does the Resurrection of the body mean in light of Paul’s teaching?
- ✠ What is more important, compassion or generosity?

Taken from the Sunday Word, Henry Wansbrough OSB



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 and available at the end of Mass.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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

Elizabeth (Liz) Stuart

Liz’s Funeral Liturgy will take place on Thursday 6th March at 1.30pm in St Patrick’s, Dipton, followed by committal at St Patrick’s Graveyard.

Please keep Liz and her family in your prayers at this sad time.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday falls this year on 5th March. As well as the Masses, Father Shaun will also be celebrating Celebrations of the Word in two of our three Primary Schools. Masses will be celebrated at:

9.30am - Dipton (St Patrick’s School joining us)
6.30pm - Stanley

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: 27th 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.

HALF TERM

We wish all our staff and pupils from St Joseph’s, St Mary’s and St Patrick’s a happy and safe half term holiday.

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/m1MQfReuZD>

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 VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AND CAFOD

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22nd 27th June in London. Candidates must be aged have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

WEBINAR: SEEDS OF HOPE

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Stephen and members of the Diocesan Environmental Group (DEG) in a webinar to find out more about the DEG and what we can all do to reduce our impact on the environment.
Date: Saturday 8 March 2025
Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm
Details, instructions and Zoom link available on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/mr4cmj99>

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

These will be available for collection before Mass on Sunday 2 March and Sunday 9 March. Please do not use these before April as all numbers have changed.