

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS  
9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>           | <i>Dipton Stanley</i> | <b>9.00am</b><br><b>11.00am</b> | <b>People of the Partnership</b><br><b>Ivy Mulhearn</b>                               |
| <b>Monday</b><br><i>10<sup>th</sup> February</i>   |                       |                                 | <b>NO MASS OR SERVICE TODAY</b>                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><i>11<sup>th</sup> February</i>  | <i>Stanley</i>        | <b>10.00am</b>                  | <b>Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion</b>                                     |
|                                                    |                       |                                 | <b>NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY</b>                                                           |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><i>13<sup>th</sup> February</i> | <i>Stanley</i>        | <b>10.00am</b>                  | <b>Laurence Barron</b>                                                                |
| <b>Friday</b><br><i>14<sup>th</sup> February</i>   | <i>Dipton</i>         | <i>9.30am</i><br><b>10.00am</b> | <i>Adoration (Reconciliation until 9.45am)</i><br><b>Forgotten Souls in Purgatory</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>15<sup>th</sup> February</i> | <i>Stanley</i>        | <b>9.30am</b>                   | <b>Walker &amp; Ryans Families</b>                                                    |
| <b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>           | <i>Dipton Stanley</i> | <b>9.00am</b><br><b>11.00am</b> | <b>People of the Partnership</b><br><b>Imelda &amp; Dick Christon</b>                 |

| LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK |                                         | PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK |                                            |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Monday                        | St Scholastica                          | This Sunday                 | Tea and Coffee after Mass <i>(Stanley)</i> |
| Tuesday                       | Our Lady of Lourdes                     | Thursday                    | Tea and Coffee after Mass <i>(Stanley)</i> |
| Wednesday                     | Feria                                   |                             | RCIA <i>(Stanley)</i>                      |
| Thursday                      | Feria                                   |                             |                                            |
| Friday                        | Ss Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe |                             |                                            |
| Saturday                      | Saturday Mass of Our Lady               |                             |                                            |

| Finance - 2 February 2025                                      | Offertory Total | Standing Order | Diocesan Levy |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| STANLEY                                                        | £420.16         | £197.25        | £127.11       |
| DIPTON                                                         | £92.70          | £172.85        | £107.40       |
| Future Collections: 16 <sup>th</sup> 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.

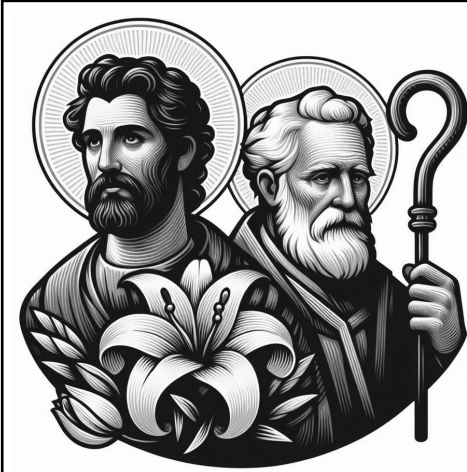


**A GENTLE REMINDER...**

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



**LISTEN TO THE WORD**

**9TH FEBRUARY 2025 - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Isaiah 6: 1-8 | Psalm 137 | 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 | Luke 5: 1-11**

I became a Minister of the Word almost 35 years ago when I attended a course over three evenings and we learned about the history of the Mass and the Lectionary and the importance of the readings. Looking back, one simple instruction comes to mind “Speak clearly, for if you do not, then you silence Christ”. Perhaps this was the most important lesson of all. All our readers try their best to speak clearly so that you may hear the word and hold it in your hearts. Listen closely, because the words they speak are holy and they come from our heavenly Father.

Today’s readings are all about proclaiming the Word. In the passage from Isaiah, he describes a vision of heaven, he writes of the Temple filled with the presence of God and His angels. He speaks of his unworthiness to speak in God’s presence “I am a man of unclean lips”. Then a Seraphim flies to him carrying a burning hot coal and touches his lips and the voice of the Lord rings out, ” Whom shall I send, and who will go for us” and Isaiah cries out “Here I am, send me”. This call to Isaiah is God calling to each of us to proclaim God’s word among the people.

When Paul writes to the Corinthians, he does so to remind them that the word he speaks to them is the Good News of salvation and forgiveness based on the death and resurrection of Christ. He follows in the footsteps of the Apostles, speaking out, so that all may believe in Jesus Christ. Paul was once a persecutor of the church but now he, through the grace of God, has overcome his unworthiness so that he may preach, so that you may believe.

The Gospel passage speaks of the power of the Word. Wherever Jesus goes he is surrounded by a great crowd of people drawn to him so they may be healed and receive His word. Now, on the lake, the press of the crowd forces Jesus into a boat so that he may be seen and heard by the people. His words have the power to open hearts, today his word calls to the fishermen, Peter, Andrew, James and John, although they do not know it. Perhaps today’s readings have a message for you, is this the day when you hear, believe and begin to follow Christ more fully.

**A Prayer based on Luke 5: 4**  
*“Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch”*

Lord,  
Often, I listen to your word with my ears open, but my heart closed.  
Teach me to be attentive to your word, and to know that you speak to me, each time your word is proclaimed.  
Help me understand that every action I take, every word I speak, matters to someone.  
Grant that my life may bring others to know your love.  
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.’

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 4-5, 7c-8, R1c

Response: In the presence of the angels
I praise you, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth’s kings shall thank you, O Lord,
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
‘How great is the glory of the Lord!’

With your right hand you save me;
the Lord will accomplish this for me.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an

Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of me

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

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: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.’ And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.’ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.’ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- How does your idea of holiness fit with Isaiah’s?
- What do you find special and important about Luke’s account of the call of the disciples?

Taken from the Sunday Word, Henry Wansbrough OSB



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WELCOME

This 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.

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 NEXT 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.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Thank you to all who supported the Crib Offerings this year for Muhoroni People’s Foundation. Between our Family of Parishes we raised £601.76. Father David Smith came to collect the cheques on Monday and he asked that we pass on our thanks to all parishioners who helped. Father David said that what we raised will pay to send a child to school for two years. Thank you for your generosity helping those in need.

ST JOSEPH’S COFFEE MORNING

A new sign up sheet is available at the back of the Church for people to sign up to help with the Coffee Morning which takes place on the second Sunday of the month. If you can help, please put your name next to an available month. Thank you for your continued to support and generosity.

ST PATRICK’S INCOME

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

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Offertories              | £11,356 |
| Candles                  | £393.00 |
| Piety                    | £130.00 |
| Baptisms and Funerals    | £1,882  |
| Donations/Mass Offerings | £1,411  |
| Fundraising              | £3,588  |
|                          |         |
| Subtotal                 | £18,760 |
|                          |         |
| Gift Aid Claim           | £1,170  |
|                          |         |
| Total                    | £19,930 |

In addition to the above, special collections raised £3,894. This included £1,986 for Good Causes and £704 towards the Diocesan Levy, as well as £1,050 which covered the cost of the new Lectionaries and Hymn Books.

A special thanks must go to those who have helped in the fundraising this year, this has meant that in a long time the expenditure hasn’t outweighed the income. It is good to see that the accounts are going in the right direction, but we can’t become complacent, we need to keep on doing what we can to make sure that St Patrick’s is financially viable.

Thank you to John Thompson for compiling the figures. St Joseph’s figures will be presented shortly.

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.

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.

YOUTH2000 LEEDS RETREAT

Saturday 15th February from 9am-10.30pm
Held at Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Leeds, LS18 5HD.
Registration is essential. Please use the following link: https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/td7cjfox