

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
9th - 16th March 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership John Dodds
Monday 10th March	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>5.30 - 5.55pm 6.00pm 6.30pm</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation Stations of the Cross Elizabeth Stuart (SVP)</i>
Tuesday 11th March	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>10.45 - 11.10am 11.15am 12noon</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation Stations of the Cross John Saunders</i>
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 13th March	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	For a sick friend
Friday 14th March	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>9.30 - 9.55am 10.00am</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation Paul Mosley</i>
Saturday 15th March	NO MASS TODAY Father Shaun is attending Flame (<i>The National Youth Congress</i>) in Wembley.		
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Fr Joe Park

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Weekday of Lent	This Sunday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Tuesday	Weekday of Lent	Tuesday	Soup Lunch after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Wednesday	Weekday of Lent	Thursday	Tea and Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Thursday	Weekday of Lent		RCIA (<i>Stanley</i>)
Friday	Weekday of Lent	Friday	Film Night 7.00pm (<i>Stanley</i>)
Saturday	Weekday of Lent	Next Sunday	Stations of the Cross and Benediction (<i>St Joseph's</i>)

Finance - 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£544.10	£197.25
DIPTON	£128.80	£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

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.

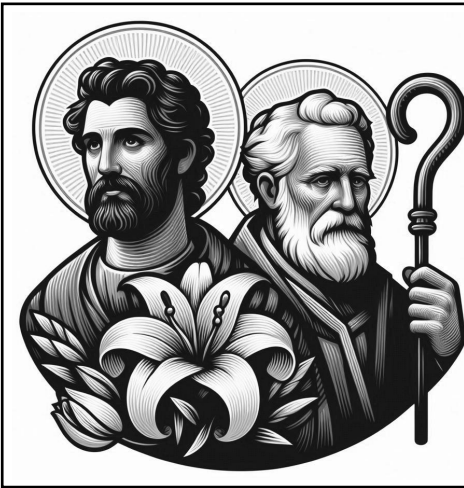
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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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 MARCH 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 | Psalm 90 | Romans 10: 8-13 | Luke 4: 1-13

We are on a journey of discovery. It is the time in the Year of the Church when we experience an annual Lenten pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is a period when we have an opportunity to look more closely at ourselves and at our faith, if we want to know Our Lord more than this is a perfect time. We begin with a desert experience, deserts are not always places of sand, scrub and sun, they exist everywhere, even in the green places of our world, for the desert we will explore is one that exists within ourselves.

The people of the Exodus entered the desert walking hand in hand with God. Their journey through the wilderness lasted forty years, during this time they lived through the full range of human experience. They found and lost faith in God many times, but God never lost sight of them and journeyed with them throughout the long years of travel. In the Book of Deuteronomy Moses speaks to the people of a harvest, “the first of the fruit of the ground” which came forth from the land they had settled in after their exodus from Egypt. This harvest was a faith in God which would carry them through the long years ahead.

Seeking the Lord is not difficult, Paul tells us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” because it is through speaking of Jesus as Lord and believing in His resurrection in your heart that you will be saved. There are no barriers to belief, no distinction of race or colour, we reach towards faith by coming to know Our Lord through our experiences and actions. Listen carefully to the words of scripture and follow your heart for that is the way to Christ.

We are all subject to temptation, it comes in many forms and is subtle and appealing. It has an innocent look, and we often do not realise we are being deceived until it is too late. Through the wilderness experiences of Our Lord, we can begin to discern how easy it is to fall into temptation’s trap. Jesus was taught scripture from his childhood and understood the temptations of humanity for status and power. As we listen today to the Gospel of Luke, we can take heart from the reaction of Jesus to His temptation and learn how to overcome those human temptations that we face in our daily life.

A Prayer based on Luke 4: 8
“You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone”

Lord,

Open the door of understanding so that I may see the world through your eyes.
Teach me to follow you and resist the temptations of the world.
The call to be part of the race to success, wealth, power and status are held out to us as being symbols of human achievement. Then I hear your word, and I realise that all these values are temporal, they cannot last.
Help me to use the gifts you have given me for the benefit of others that they may come to know you by the way I live my life.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

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

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people: ‘The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall make response before the LORD your God, “A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.” And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91(90):1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15. R cf 15b

Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
and abides in the shade of the Almighty,
says to the LORD, ‘My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!’

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach your tent.
For you has he commanded his angels
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread,
and trample the young lion and the serpent.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him,
protect him, for he knows my name.
When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in distress;
I will deliver him, and give him glory.

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

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, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry.

The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone.” ’

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, ‘To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.” ’

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.” ’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- In what sense are Christians still a Pilgrim People?
- Is there any special reason why Christians should be concerned about the salvation of the Jews?
- If the Devil came to distract you from your Christian Vocation, what would he dangle before you? In the solitude of the desert, Jesus prayed to his Father. Do you find solitude helpful in prayer?

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 and available at the end of Mass.

SOUP LUNCH

Our Lenten Soup lunches begin this Tuesday after the 12noon Mass. Come along and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup, a hot drink and time with friends. All proceeds will go to the Lenten Alms fund (St Cuthbert’s Care).

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Aileen Bowes who died on 28th February. Aileen’s Funeral Liturgy will take place in St Joseph’s on Friday 21st March at 2.00pm. Please remember her family in your prayers.

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.

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

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.

THANK YOU

St Patrick’s March coffee morning raised £91.91 for parish funds.

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

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

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 to 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

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

A YEAR OF JUBILEE FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

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 15th March 2025, 10am – 1pm. Session 2: Saturday 12th April 2025, 10am – pm.

Venue: Diocesan Office, West Road, Newcastle NE15 7PY. Cost: £25.00

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

MILL HILL MISSIONS

Donations are now due for March 2025. Could members please pick up Mission Today books at the back of church. Any boxes or donations please hand in at the piety stall, ensuring they are clearly named. Thank you - Maureen B.

OUTREACH AFTERNOON TEA

The Outreach Afternoon Tea will take place on Wednesday 25th March. If you would like some company, a bit of a natter, with refreshments, then this is for you! The afternoon takes place in St Joseph’s meeting room and promises to be a good time. If you would like to come along or for more information, please contact the parish office. Transport may be able to be arranged for those who need it.

We also need some volunteers to help. Because of illness, some of the volunteers are unable to commit at this time. If you can help with baking and serving, please contact the office.

The Outreach is a vital asset to the people of our community, so please help it continue to serve the community, and be a place of welcome for many years to come.