

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
13th April - 4th May 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	Bill Mantle People of the Partnership
Monday <i>14th April</i>	<i>Stanley</i> <i>Dipton</i>	10.00am <i>6.00pm</i> 6.30pm	Funeral Liturgy for Jane (Jenny) Richardson <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday <i>15th April</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>10.45 - 11.10am</i> <i>11.15am</i> 12noon	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Lesley Eagle
CHRISM MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 11.00AM ON WEDENSDAY - ALL WELCOME			
Holy Thursday	<i>Stanley</i>	7.30pm	Intentions of the Bishops and Priests of the Diocese
Good Friday	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Preparatory Rites for those being baptised and received into the Church - all welcome</i>
SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION	<i>Stanley</i> <i>Dipton</i>	7.30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 10.00am (<i>Sunday</i>)	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - Intentions of those being baptised and received People of the Partnership
Monday <i>21st April</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	12noon	Anton Prochazka
Tuesday <i>22nd April</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Deceased members of the Mulhearn, Hillas, Ryans and Walker families
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>24th April</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Anne Kennedy
Friday <i>25th April</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	12noon	Requiem Mass for Bill Mulhearn
Saturday <i>26th April</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Shaun McGough
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership James Keers
Monday <i>28th April</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday <i>29th April</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
NO MASS ON WEDNSDAY			
Thursday <i>1st May</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Friday <i>2nd May</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
NO MASS ON SATURDAY			
Third Sunday of Easter	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	Kevin McCormick People of the Partnership

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR	
21 st - 26 th April	Octave of Easter	This Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
28 th April	St George, Patron of England (<i>Solemnity</i>)	Tuesday	Soup Lunch after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
29 th April	St Catherine of Siena (<i>Feast</i>)	Friday	Tea and Hot Cross Buns after Stations (<i>Stanley</i>)
2 nd May	St Athanasius	Saturday	Cake and Fizz after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
3 rd May	Ss Philip and James, Apostles (<i>Feast</i>)	Next Sunday	Coffee and cake after Mass (<i>Dipton</i>)
		24th April	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
		1st May	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
		3rd May	Coffee Morning after Mass (<i>Dipton</i>)

Finance - 6 April 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	N.B.F
STANLEY	£434.59	£197.25	£89.50
DIPTON	£119.23	£172.85	£25.50
Future Collections: 13th April - Easter Flowers for our Churches			



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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

9.30am - 3.30pm



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

13TH APRIL 2025 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 21 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Luke 22:14 - 23: 56

We are all called to be disciples of God's love. The word discipleship is one that we tend to shy away from. We are comfortable in our spiritual lives. Just go to church, say your prayers and behave yourself and everything will be fine. But Jesus calls us to be greater than "just fine": he wants us to make a difference in this world. He calls us to be disciples.

The new translation of the Word of God can be confusing. Familiar lines are missing now, and their replacement can be difficult to understand. Today's reading from Isaiah begins: "The Lord has given me the tongue of those who are taught". How do we understand what is being said in this passage? In my humble opinion, we must go back over what we have heard previously. Isaiah used to refer to a "disciple's tongue". This indicates that the passage is talking about how a disciple should behave and now becomes much clearer.

The call to the disciples was to people who had very little learning. They were working people, drawn to Christ by His words and actions. Jesus, throughout his ministry, taught His disciples by opening the scriptures to them and giving them fresh insights into what was being said. They did not always follow his reasoning; they made blunders, refusing to believe that all this was to end in the death of the man they loved. However, if we go beyond the events of Holy Week and venture into the days of the Acts of the Apostles we see, emerging, the fruits of listening. It was the Apostles and Disciples who carried the work of evangelisation to the very ends of the earth.

Each of us is called to discipleship. The call may be faint, the response slow, but we must learn to listen and grow in our faith so that, in God's time, we can emerge as His disciples and then by our words and actions we can help each other along the path to God's love.

There is no doubt that our saviour died for us. The week that starts today and ends in his glorious resurrection reminds us, every year, of the price that love has paid for our freedom. The cross is not a tragic event. It is a symbol of God's love for us and if we show that love to all we meet then Jesus did not die in vain.

A prayer based on Luke 22: 40

*"And when he came to the place, he said to them.
Pray that you do not enter into temptation."*

Lord,

How can it be that even in your darkest hour your
thoughts and prayers turn to me.

Give me the strength to resist the temptations of this life.

Teach me to put your needs and the needs of others before my own.

Lord, make me a true disciple of your love.

Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

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

Gospel

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 went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” you shall say this: “The Lord has need of it.”’

So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ And they said, ‘The Lord has need of it.’ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near — already on the way down the Mount of Olives — the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.’

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

First Reading

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backwards.
I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.
But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3

Response: **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
‘He trusted in the LORD, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he delights.’

For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones.

Luke 19:28-40

They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.
But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
‘You who fear the LORD, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.’

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

*The Passion Gospel can be found on your insert.
It will be read by three Voices.*



FUNDRAISING EVENING WITH TAKE THIS

The Last few tickets remain for our family of parishes fundraiser 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 available at the end of Mass. Don’t miss out!

SOUP LUNCH

Our last Lenten Soup lunch is 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 souls of Jane (Jenny) Richardson, Anne Kennedy, Bill Mulhearn and John Bailes

Jenny’s Funeral Liturgy will take place on Monday 14th April at 10.00am in St Joseph’s, followed by committal in Pelton Cemetery.

Anne’s Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 24th April at 10.00am in St Joseph’s, followed by committal at Mountsett Crematorium.

Bill’s Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 25th April At 12noon in St Joseph’s, followed by committal at Mountsett Crematorium,

John’s funeral details are to be finalised, and we will let you know as soon as we have them.

WASHING OF THE FEET - HOLY THURSDAY

Thank you to those who have signed up for the washing of the feet. There is only one space left to fill on the list at St Patrick’s. If you can help, please sign up today, so that we can close the list.

NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND

This fund will remain open for the next three weeks for any personal donations you may wish to give. We ask that you be as generous as you possibly can.

CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD’s Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

GIFT AID

The donor letters for 2023/24 have now been received from the Diocese and will be available for collection on the 6th and 13th April. Please see Jennifer before Mass on either of these dates.

SUNDAY MISSALS

There is a limited supply of Sunday Missals if anyone would like to buy one. They will be a good investment for Easter, as they contain all the Easter Triduum Liturgies. The Missals also contain the readings for the three year cycle and all the order of Mass, along with other prayers. If you would like a copy, please visit the Piety Shop. The price is £15.00.

WELCOME

We will be welcoming to our family of Parishes David Pinder, a seminarian for our Diocese, who will be spending Holy Week and Easter with us on placement. David will arrive this coming Saturday and leave on Easter Sunday. Please make him welcome.

COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES

A retiring collection for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (*Holy Places*) will be taken on Good Friday. Please be generous in supporting our brothers and sisters in their current situation.

HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday 31st May, there will be a pilgrimage to Holy Island joining in with the Stella Maris annual pilgrimage. We will be leaving around 8.00am and then leaving Holy Island and 4.00pm for a stop off in Seahouses. If you would like to go, please contact the office to put your name on the list and whether you are to be picked up at Stanley or Dipton. Spaces are limited, so please get your name down asap. The cost is £20 for adults and £5 for children. (*The cost includes your tip for the driver*).

MASS INTENTIONS

We have been receiving fewer Mass Intentions in recent months. Masses are a beautiful way of remembering a loved one who has died, celebrating a significant anniversary, praying for someone who is ill or for a special intention. Mass intentions also help with the upkeep of the Parish Communities and their mission. Why not consider having a Mass celebrated for a particular intention? The suggested donation for a Mass is £10.00, but whatever you can offer is always greatly appreciated. Mass offering envelopes are available from the back of our Churches.

JOB VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancies:

Head of Human Resources, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 27th April

Chief Executive Officer of the Youth Ministry Trust, based at the Emmaus Village, Consett – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 25th April

Parish Secretary, St Bede and Ss Peter and Paul, South Shields – 12 hours a week, permanent contract. Closing date: 21st April Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

THANK YOU

The coffee mornings to support Young Adults going to Lourdes raised £320.25 (St Joseph’s) and £186.15 (St Patrick’s). Thank you for your generosity.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed next week due to annual leave. It will reopen on Tuesday 22nd April. Father Shaun will check the answer machine messages and emails when he is able. Please be patient until we can get back to you.

WERE YOU THERE?

As we enter the Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. You are each invited to journey with Jesus through his passion, death and glorious resurrection. Please join us for the Easter Liturgies, journeying with Jesus and praying for one another as Pilgrims of Hope.

WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH

We welcome into Full Communion with the Catholic Church: **Corrie, Donna, Frankie, Greg, Nathan, Sophie and Susanne**, who will be baptised, received and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. We wish them all well and keep them in our prayers as they continue to journey in their faith.

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter will cover until Sunday 4th May. You will find all the times and venues for the Liturgies this coming week. **Please remember that there will only be one Sunday Mass on Easter Sunday. This is at 10.00am in St Patrick’s, Dipton.**

MAY PROCESSION

On Sunday 18th May at 3.00pm in St Joseph’s there will be a May Procession. This will consist of Rosary, Procession of Our lady and Benediction. Please do come along to support this beautiful devotion in honour of our Blessed Lady.

And finally... thank you to those who have helped in any way in preparing for our Easter Liturgies. May God bless you all for your dedication to our Family of Parishes.