

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
6th - 13th April 2025

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i> <i>Dipton</i>	9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	People of the Partnership Henry Harrison (SVP) Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Monday <i>7th April</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>5.30 - 5.55pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i> 6.30pm	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> NBF
Tuesday <i>8th 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> Ivy and Bill Mulhearn
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>10th April</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am 12.30pm	Jack & Lucy Kelly Funeral Liturgy for Henry Harrison
Friday <i>11th April</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>9.30 - 9.55am</i> 10.00am 11.30am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation</i> Priests Intention Funeral Liturgy for Veronica Rafferty
Saturday <i>12th April</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am - 9.55am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation</i> Priests Intention

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	Blessing of Palms 9.00am 11.00am	and Procession (<i>Weather Permitting</i>) Bill Mantle People of the Partnership
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Weekday of Lent	This Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (<i>Dipton</i>) Coffee Morning 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>) RCIA (<i>Stanley</i>)
Thursday	Weekday of Lent	Friday	Film Night 7.00pm (<i>Stanley</i>)
Friday	Weekday of Lent	Next Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Saturday	Weekday of Lent		

Finance - 30 March 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£471.89	£197.25
DIPTON	£107.00	£172.85

Future Collections: 6th April - Northern Brethren Fund
13th April - Easter Flowers for our Churches

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...

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.

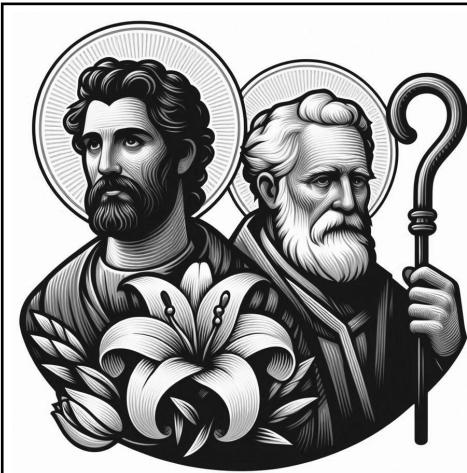
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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
6TH APRIL 2025 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Isaiah 43: 16-21 | Psalm 125 | Philippians 3: 8-14 | John 8: 1-11

The call in Lent is to reconciliation and to change. In today’s first reading we are reminded of the great blessings we receive from the Sacrament of Reconciliation; we are urged “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old”. We need to believe we can be forgiven. God promises that he will provide a new thing, a way in the wilderness, that all we need to do is open our eyes to perceive it. He will take us from the wilderness of our lives and create a new road for us to follow.

Paul is making a journey from obedience to the Law and living as a devout Jew to living as a Christian and following a crucified Christ. This is not an easy choice, it is a difficult road to follow but Paul says “I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord”, He realises that he does not walk alone, that without the guidance of the Spirit and his faith in the resurrection of Jesus he would not be able to walk this road. But he tries, just like an athlete; he strives for the finishing line. Paul speaks to from the heart; this is a personal testimony in which he accepts that he can only do this with the help of Christ.

The Gospel is also speaking about our attitude to others who we judge as sinners. This time it is a woman who is in trouble; as an adulterer she is under sentence of death by stoning; a cruel punishment in a male dominated society. The Jews use this as a test against Jesus, hoping to trap him into an indiscretion. Jesus sees through their motives he says a few words then turns his attention to marks he is making in the sand. The mob is challenged by the words of Jesus: “Let him who is without sin throw the first stone at her.” And one by one they walk away unable to face their own sins. Often we judge others; we apply to them rules which we do not apply to ourselves. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinner. Change is always necessary; real change makes a difference in our lives, and this is the change that Jesus wants us, and the woman taken in adultery, to make.

A prayer based on John 8: 11

“Neither do I condemn you, go, and from now on sin no more”

Lord,
I sit and wonder at your unfailing love for me.
It is truly without limits.
Yet I struggle to believe in your forgiveness
Lead me Lord to an understanding of your love for all your creation.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

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

First Reading

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
‘Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild beasts will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response: **What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.**

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy.

Then they said among the nations,
‘What great deeds the LORD worked for them!’
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.

Bring back our exiles, O LORD,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 43:16-21

Gospel Verse

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.

Gospel

John 8:1-11

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, ‘Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?’ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, ‘Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.’ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ She said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.’

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ In what way would you wish to be transformed by the new beginning of Easter?
- ✠ Apart from his suffering and death, what do you find most inspiring about Jesus’ life story and his character as seen in the gospels?
- ✠ What do you think Jesus wrote on the ground? Would it sometimes be better to be less judgemental?

Taken from the Sunday Word, Henry Wansbrough OSB



During Lent, we shall be using the second form of the penitential Act:

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
All: For we have sinned against you.
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
All: And grant us your salvation.

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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 Lenten Soup lunch continues 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 Henry Harrison, Veronica Rafferty, Jane (Jenny) Richardson, Anne Kennedy and Bill Mulhearn

Henry’s Funeral Liturgy will take place on Thursday 10th April at 12.30pm in St Joseph’s, followed by private committal.

Veronica’s Funeral Liturgy will take place on Friday 11th April at 11.30am in St Patrick’s, followed by committal in St Patrick’s Cemetery.

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,

CHURCH CLEANING

Can you help clean St Joseph’s Church in time for the Easter Triduum? If you are able to help, please come along on **Saturday 12th April** after 10.00am Mass. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

WASHING OF THE FEET - HOLY THURSDAY

Thank you to those who have signed up for the washing of the feet. There are only two more spaces to fill on St Joseph’s list and one more space to fill on St Patrick’s list. As it has already been said, it is a real privilege to take part in this ancient liturgy, going back to Christ himself. Please sign up today.

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).*

LENTEN LITURGIES WITH ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL

On Tuesday 8th April at 2.30pm, the Children will be leading Stations of the Cross in Church. All are welcome to attend.

On Thursday 10th April at 2.15pm, the children will be leading a Holy Week Liturgy in Church. Once again, all are welcome to attend.

NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND

This Sunday we have the collection for the Northern Brethren Fund. This collection supports the sick and retired priests of our Diocese, who have dedicated their life serving the People of God. This fund will remain open for the next four weeks for any personal donations you may wish to give. We ask that you be as generous as you possibly can.

AMICI GROUP

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 10th April at 7pm at St Patrick’s Dipton. All are welcome.

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.

COFFEE MORNINGS FOR LOURDES

A reminder that this Sunday there will be Coffee Mornings after mass in both Churches to raise money for our two young adults who are going to Lourdes to help with the Assisted Pilgrims. Please do stay after Mass for a cuppa and to help support our young adults.

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.

COFFEE MORNING - ST JOSEPH’S

The usual coffee morning will take place next Sunday after Mass at St Joseph’s. Any baked goods or items for the raffle will be greatly appreciated.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please make use of the opportunities available to you for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the last couple of weeks leading up to Easter. The Lord who is loving and merciful is waiting to welcome you.

JOINT PASTORAL LETTER

This Sunday we have a joint pastoral letter from the Bishops of England and Wales on the assisted suicide Bill. If you would like a copy of the pastoral letter that was read out today, please contact the parish office. It will also be available on the Diocesan Website.

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.