

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
11th - 18th May 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Terry Taggart
Monday <i>12th May</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>6.00pm - 6.25pm 6.30pm</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation Joe Jarvis (SVP)</i>
Tuesday <i>13th May</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am - 9.55am 10.00am</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation Bill and Ivy Mulhearn</i>
NO MASS ON WEDNSDAY			
Thursday <i>15th May</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Lesley Eagle
Friday <i>16th May</i>	<i>Stanley Dipton</i>	9.00am 12noon	Requiem Mass for John Bailes Requiem Mass for Joseph (Joe) Jarvis
<i>Saturday</i> <i>17th May</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am - 9.55am 10.00am</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving</i>
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<i>Dipton Stanley Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Mary and Brian McDermott People of the Partnership May Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR	
Monday	Weekday of Easter	This Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Tuesday	Weekday of Easter	Thursday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Wednesday	St Matthias, Apostle (Feast)	Next Sunday	May Procession 3.00pm (<i>Stanley</i>)
Thursday	Weekday of Easter		
Friday	Weekday of Easter		
Saturday	Weekday of Easter		

Finance - 4 May 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£586.00	£197.25
DIPTON	£118.07	£172.85
Future Collections: 11th May - Mission Appeal 18th May - Little Sisters of the Poor 1st June - World Communications 8th June - Lay Training Fund		

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.

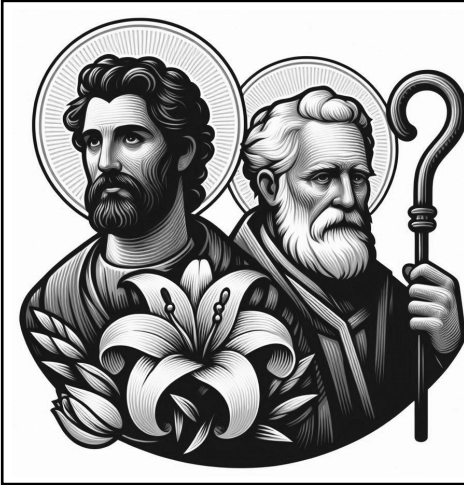
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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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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
11TH MAY 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 13: 14, 43b-52 | Psalm 100 | Revelation 7: 9, 14b—17 |
John 10: 27-30

The shepherds of the Old Testament led a lonely, dangerous life. Sheep were an important asset in the economy of their land. They needed to be on their guard against both human and animal predators. Some shepherds were hired hands, but others had close relationships with their flocks, they knew each one by name. They lived in the hills of the high country, beset by the conditions, heat in summer, cold in winter, their nights filled with the sounds of the wind, ever vigilant and far from human company, the smell of the sheep was strong and made them isolated by the nearby village communities.

Shepherds were the first to hear of the birth of our saviour. The wondrous song of the Angels calling them down from the hills to the village of Bethlehem and a wooden stall in a cave where the King of Kings was laid. We hear stories of shepherds throughout the Bible. Abraham had his flocks, Moses minded the flocks of his father-in-law Jethro, the well where Jesus met the Samaritan Woman was built for the flocks of Jacob and his sons. The parable of the lost sheep reminds us of the compassion of God who, forsaking the ninety-nine who are safe, leaves them to search for the one who is missing.

When Jesus says that He is the Good Shepherd he is announcing a message to His people, His flock. Many shepherds were hired men who had no bond with their sheep and when trouble came, they would disappear leaving the sheep to their fate. Jesus knows His sheep and they know Him. He does not run away but stays with his sheep, his people, and sees them through whatever may befall them. We hear his voice each time the Word of God is proclaimed. This is a tremendous gift that we sometimes take for granted; familiar stories often lose their impact through repetition. If Jesus appeared amongst us and spoke, we would be lost for words and cling to his message. He speaks to us in the Gospels, He is really present in the Word we hear at Mass; we must hold each sentence in our hearts, and it will feed us, as the Eucharist feeds us. Never lose your love for the Word for it is a gift from God that will guide, nurture and lead you to eternal life.

A prayer based on John 10: 27

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me”

Lord,
Guide me when I read your Gospel that I may begin to make sense of my life
Open my mind so that I may hear your voice in the word I read.
Teach me that there are no quick answers or easy rides on my journey but if I follow where you lead I will find you
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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

First Reading *Acts 13:14, 43b-52*

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” ’ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c*

Response: **We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Second Reading *Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17*

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.

Gospel *John 10:27-30*

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 said, ‘My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.’

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ What can I do to help the Christian mission to all nations?
- ✠ Do I give too much ground to the idols and standards of contemporary society?
- ✠ What is involved in imitating Christ as shepherd? Do you ever feel like a sheep in search of a shepherd? Could the parish help?

Taken from the Sunday Word, Henry Wansbrough OSB

HABEMUS PAPAM!



We pray for Pope Leo XIV
(Cardinal Robert Prevost)

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.
May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God’s people,
to embody your love for the world.
Amen.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
John Bailes Joe Jarvis and Shirley Conroy

John’s Requiem Mass will take place at 9.00am on Friday 16th
May in St Joseph’s, followed by committal at Mountsett
Crematorium

Joe’s Requiem Mass will take place at 12noon on Friday 16th May
in St Patrick’s, followed by committal at Mountsett Crematorium.

Shirley’s Funeral Liturgy will take place at 12.30pm on Tuesday
27th May in St Joseph’s, followed by committal at Mountsett
Crematorium.

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.

MAY PROCESSION

Next 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.

TEA AND COFFEE

This Sunday after 11.00am Mass in Stanley, there will be the
monthly Coffee Morning.

Do please stay behind and support your community and get to
know one another.

WELCOME

This Sunday we welcome the Sisters who will be making a
Mission appeal on behalf of their order. A retiring collection will
take place.

PARISH EVENTS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 10th May, 11-1pm - Guys & Dolls: pre-loved clothing
and accessories event at Dipton Jubilee Community Centre. We
have booked a table and proceeds will go towards parish
funds. Please support the event by attending. Home baked goods
and refreshments will be available.

Saturday 5th July, 11-1pm - Dipton Jubilee, pre-loved children's
clothing sale in aid of parish funds.

Saturday 12th July 12.30pm - 3.30pm - Summer Craft Fair, St
Patrick's Church in aid of parish funds.

Saturday 6th September 11am - 1pm - Craft De-stash event at
Dipton Jubilee Centre, table top sale proceeds in aid of parish
funds.

Saturday 22nd November 11am -1pm - Christmas Craft Fair at
St Patrick's in aid of parish funds.

SCIENCE & FAITH

Rev Prof David Wilkinson and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT)
warmly invite anyone interested in the conversation between
science and faith to an open meeting on Wednesday, 28th May, at
the Emmaus Youth Village, 5:30–6:45 pm. All are welcome!
For more information, please contact phillip.salkeld@ymt.org or
01207592244.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Little
Sisters of the Poor. This will support their work in St Joseph’s
Home, Newcastle.

‘HOPE IN A TIME OF DARKNESS’

A Lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP
Monday 23rd June 2025; 7:45pm
Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral

Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year's
Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies
at Durham University, hearing from speaker Cardinal Timothy
Radcliffe and respondent Prof Anna Rowlands.

Cardinal Radcliffe is a distinguished Catholic priest, theologian,
and church leader. Between 1992 and 2001, he served as Master
of the Order of Preachers (also known as the Dominican Order).
Radcliffe received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the
University of Oxford in 2003; in 2023, he was appointed preacher
to the Catholic Church’s Synod on Synodality, and was made
cardinal by Pope Francis in December 2024.

Anna Rowlands (respondent) is St Hilda Professor of Catholic
Social Thought and Practice at Durham University. She is a
political theologian whose research interests include the ethics of
migration and the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. In 2023,
Rowlands took up a two-year secondment at the Vatican, where
she contributed to the global synodal process.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>
Please send any queries to ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk.

LAUDATO SI’ MASS

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at 10.00am at St Mary’s
Cathedral on Saturday 24th May to celebrate 10 years since the
publication of Pope Francis’ encyclical – Laudato Si’.

MEMORIALS AT ST PATRICK’S CHURCHYARD

It has come to our attention that there has been some confusion
regarding the installation of new headstones at St Patrick’s
Church, Dipton. As a result, we would like to reiterate to any
families wishing to install headstones that we require the
following **before** any memorial is installed in the churchyard:

- Any and all plans for the memorial are to be forwarded to the church office at stjoseph.stanley@diocesohn.org.uk. This includes dimensions and any intended inscriptions. This is so that we can ensure the headstone will not encroach onto any nearby plots and that inscriptions are appropriate for the churchyard. Permission will be given to go ahead once the designs have approved.
- Any headstones intended for an ashes plot can not be larger than 18” tall or 14” wide, in line with the smaller headstones already in place. Please contact the office for examples.

GRAVES AT ST PATRICK’S CHURCHYARD

There are only 18 graves left for burial in St Patrick’s
Churchyard. Parishioners are able to pre-purchase a plot if they
wish to. Please contact the parish office if you would like to
pre-purchase a plot or for further details. Once all the plots are
taken, the churchyard will be known as a “Closed” churchyard,
and only those with existing graves will be allowed to be buried
there. There is still room for cremated remains.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

The next Confirmation Meeting for our young people will take
place this Thursday 15th May at St. Mary’s church hall, Blackhill,
starting at 6.30p.m until 8.00p.m. We appreciate the commitment
involved in bringing children to these meetings, especially from
further afield. Please bring the children 10 minutes beforehand so
we can start promptly. It is very important that the Candidates
attend the full programme of preparation.

THANK YOU

The St Patrick’s May coffee morning raised £94.00 for church
funds. Thank you for your generosity.