

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
18th - 25th May 2025

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
Monday <i>19th May</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	9.30am	Betty Law
Tuesday <i>20th May</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
NO MASS ON WEDNSDAY			
Thursday <i>22nd May</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Friday <i>23rd May</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Fr Kevin Cummins
<i>Saturday</i> <i>24th May</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am - 9.55am 10.00am</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation N.B.F</i>
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	Diamond Jubilee of Sr Mary Stephen People of the Partnership

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

Finance - 11 May 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Daughters of Divine Love
STANLEY	£420.10	£197.25	£215.80
DIPTON	£121.40	£172.85	£193.52
Future Collections: 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.

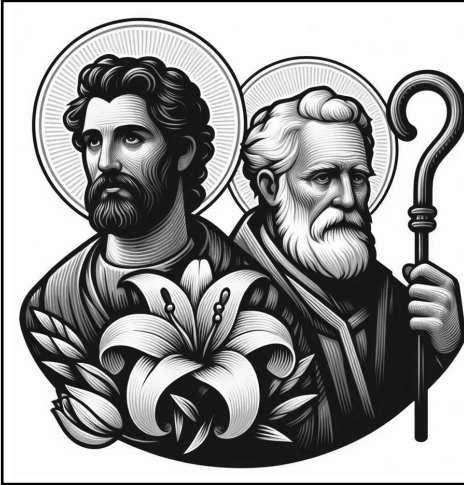
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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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Office Hours
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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
18TH MAY 2025 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 14: 21-27 | Psalm 144 | Revelation 21: 1-5 | John 13: 31-35

Stepping out into the unknown, clothed only with faith in Christ, Paul and Barnabas ventured into their first missionary journey. They took nothing with them but their faith; they had no safe havens to take comfort in. They, quite literally, put their trust in the Lord.

Have you ever thought about how you would have the courage to follow in the footsteps of Paul and Barnabas? Is your faith strong enough to give up everything to follow Christ wherever that may take you? I do not think that I could do such a thing. I am by nature cautious; I try to get as much information as I can before embarking on something new but sometimes, I do make a leap of faith. I cannot understand why I do so, but I know that something deep within gives me the courage. Of course, my leap of faith does not leave me open to angry mobs that want to silence and kill me. Thankfully my journey is not like that. But we all need to consider what do we do when our faith is challenged: do we speak out or do we remain silent?

Jesus speaks of “A new commandment”. This is His message of Love, His manifesto for the future where His love for us must be shared. He tells us that “By this all people will know that you are my disciples”. He challenges us to show to the world our Faith in Him through our love for all of His creation. This task may not appear to be as daunting as the challenges facing Paul and Barnabas, but on a basic individual level it is a task that we are each called to fulfil. How do we appear to those with whom we come into contact? Do they see in us true disciples of Jesus? If we have that love that Jesus speaks about then it will shine out and show, to the people we meet, the love of Christ living within us.

A prayer based on John 13: 35
“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”

Lord,
Help me to see that only by opening my hands and my heart to embrace all your creation can I truly find peace.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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

First Reading

Acts 14:21b-27

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response: **I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

To make known your might to the whole human race,
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule endures for all generations.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.’

And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you

Gospel

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, ‘Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ To what extent should my behaviour as a Christian be different from that of others?
- ✠ If God lives among us now, where and how can I most find him?
- ✠ What in practice does Jesus’ love mean for you? Does it really make sense to say, ‘I love them with a Christian love, but I just don’t like them’?

Taken from the Sunday Word, Henry Wansbrough OSB



HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE

THERE ARE STILL SEATS AVAILABLE FOR THE TRIP On Saturday 31st to Holy Island joining in with the Stella Maris annual pilgrimage. We will be leaving Stanley at 8.00am, to then pick up at 8.15am from Dipton. We will leave Holy Island at 4.00pm for a stop 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).* **Monies for the trip need to be paid by next Sunday. Cheques made payable to St Joseph’s.**

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley Conroy. Shirley’s Funeral Liturgy will take place at 12.30pm on Tuesday 27th May in St Joseph’s, followed by committal at Mountsett Crematorium.

MAY PROCESSION

This 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.

PARISH EVENTS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

This 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’.

ST JOSEPH’S ORGAN

You may notice that the organ in St Joseph’s sounds a little different. This is because it is a new organ! Father Shaun was approached by a generous benefactor who wanted to pay for a new organ. The organ was installed on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The new organ has a built in hymnal and recorder, so that when our organist isn’t here we can play the organ through a phone, so no more tinny backing tracks. The new organ will be blessed this Sunday. Please offer a prayer in thanksgiving for the generous benefactor and for their intentions.

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@diocesehn.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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated or managed to attend to support the Guys & Dolls event at Dipton Jubilee Centre and those who took part in the Lourdes sweepstakes £92.50 was raised at the Guys and Dolls event. The remaining items will be sold on Vinted to maximise donations to church funds. The Lourdes sweepstake raised £135.00.

JOB VACANCY

An exciting opportunity is available at St Joseph’s Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for an Assistant Cook. Hours available: 30 hours per week, includes evenings and weekends. Please note, sponsorship for this role is not available and applicants must have the right to work in the UK, which will be checked if successful. For more information, please contact Lee-Marie Thornley on 07856 256095 or email lee.marie@lslondon.co.uk.

PROUD CATHOLICS

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 May at St Andrew’s RC Church, Newcastle NE1 6UW for the Annual General Meeting and to vote for new members of the Committee and get involved with the inner workings of Proud Catholics. Please bring snacks and/or drinks to share with everyone. Zoom link available. For more information email secretary@proud Catholics.co.uk or visit www.proud Catholics.co.uk.