

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
4th - 11th May 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	Kevin McCormick People of the Partnership
Monday 5 th May	Dipton	10.00am	Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Conclave
Tuesday 6 th May	St. Mary's School	10.00am	John Dodds
NO MASS ON WEDNSDAY			
Thursday 8 th May	Stanley	9.30am	Bill and Ivy Mulhearn
Friday 9 th May	Dipton	9.30am	John Cryer
Saturday 10 th May	Stanley	9.30am - 9.55am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation Glenn Robert Dimmick
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Terry Taggart

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR	
Monday	Weekday of Easter	This Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (Dipton)
Tuesday	Weekday of Easter	Thursday	Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
Wednesday	Weekday of Easter	Friday	Free Film Night 7.00pm (Stanley)
Thursday	Weekday of Easter	Next Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (Stanley)
Friday	Weekday of Easter		
Saturday	Weekday of Easter		

Finance - 27 April 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	N.B.F	April Coffee Mornings
STANLEY	£531.21	£197.25	£112.00	£190.40 for church funds
DIPTON	£110.78	£172.85	£60.85	-
Future Collections: 11 th May - Mission Appeal 18 th May - Little Sisters of the Poor 1 st June - World Communications 8 th 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

Franciscus

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.

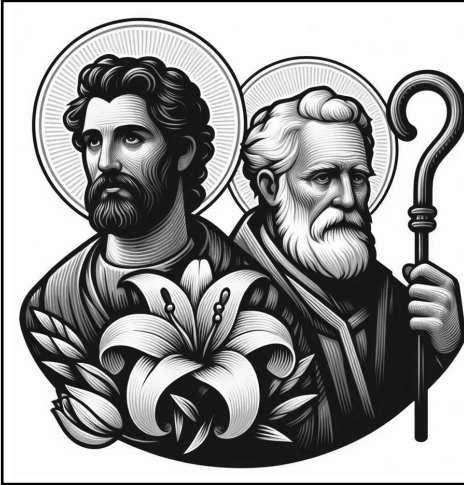
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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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LISTEN TO THE WORD
4TH MAY 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41 | Psalm 29 | Apocalypse 5: 11-14 | John 21: 1-9

Whenever I read today's Gospel I am touched by the simplicity of the story. The written word is fragile; many books from the ancient world have been lost. We have just a fraction of all that has been written. The Gospel of John is rich in stories of healing, miracles and teaching; it contains a lifetime of understanding and reflection as John reviews his journey with Jesus through those three glorious years of His ministry. Yet this story, this epilogue, contains such a wealth of humanity, faith and love that if this were the only part of John's gospel to survive it would still give us a picture of who Jesus was, how He lived and of His love for all mankind.

It begins on familiar ground, there is a lake, people fishing and a man walking on a beach. You can almost hear the lapping of water on the shore, the cry of birds swooping over the boat and see the tired faces of fishermen who have been out on the lake all night and caught nothing. Can you imagine the thoughts of these tired men when a stranger, bids them to try once more, to throw that heavy net over the side at the end of such a fruitless night? Yet something tells them to go again and what a catch, one hundred and fifty three fish fill the net almost to bursting.

Sometimes we become tired of trying to follow Our Lord. Our prayer life seems to be fruitless; we have difficulties in getting people to help with things, everything we do becomes a trial; then we hear a word, or read a piece of scripture or someone does something unexpected that raises our spirits and that familiar voice from inside says “I know” and we start again. That is what our fishermen hear, that call to carry on, that assurance that all will be well and with Our Lord's help they, and we, are ready to begin again.

Breakfast on the beach, grilled fish, a wineskin filled with refreshing liquid and sitting once again with their friend Jesus must have felt like heaven to those fishermen, but Jesus does not stop there. There is a brokenness to be mended. Three times he calls to Peter, ‘Do you love me’ and three times Peter asks for that forgiveness which Jesus longs to give. No matter what has been broken in our relationship with God there is always a hand, reaching out to us in forgiveness. Take courage, reach out and grasp that forgiveness so freely given.

A prayer based on John 21: 7
“That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter ‘it is the Lord!’”

Lord,
Grant me the grace to recognise you in today's world
Open my eyes that I may see you in those in need
Open my mind that I may find you in the chaos of everyday life
Open my heart so I may serve you by my love for others
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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

First Reading *Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41*

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, ‘We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.’ But Peter and the Apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.’

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 30(29):2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12a,13b. R2a*

Response: **I will extol you, Lord,
for you have raised me up.**

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you faithful ones;
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me;
be my helper, O Lord.
You have changed my mourning into dancing.
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

Second Reading *Revelation 5:11-14*

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!’ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshipped.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse
Christ is risen, who created all things
and has shown compassion on the human race.

Gospel *John 21:1-19*

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 revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter,

Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, do you have any fish?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared ask him, ‘Who are you?’ They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ He said to him a second time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.’ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

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

- #### QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION
- ✠ What sort of hardships do I endure for the sake of Christ?
 - ✠ Is Peter’s protestation of love an example for our own recovery from sin? How can I become more aware of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist?

Taken from the Sunday Word, Henry Wansbrough OSB



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MASS ON MONDAY

Mass on Monday will be a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, during this Mass we will pray for the Cardinals who will be taking part in the Conclave to choose the new Pope who will lead the Church in the coming years. Mass will take place at 10.00am in Dipton. Please do come along and pray the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the Universal Church.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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

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.

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.

FREE FILM NIGHT

Our next Free Film night is this Friday at 7.00pm in St Joseph’s meeting room. The film we will be watching is Conclave. As the Cardinals gather for the actual Conclave this week, we watch the adaptation of Robert Harris’ book. Who knows, by Friday there might be a new Pope! Film age rating - 12.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped make the Easter Triduum the wonderful celebration it was. Many people were involved in the organisation in the liturgies and also behind the scenes. Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their time and generosity.

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.

TEA AND COFFEE

This Sunday after 9.00am Mass in Dipton there will be the monthly Coffee Morning.

Next 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.

FUNDRAISING EVENING - THANK YOU

Thanks to all those who prepared the evening and came along to support fund raising efforts at Dipton Club with Take This on Friday 25th May. It was a great night and raised £1,033 for our Family of Parishes. Our thanks go to the committee and Stewardess of Dipton Club for their continued support. Watch this space for more exciting things to come...

WELCOME

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

GODFELLAS

Godfellas will meet this coming Tuesday at 7.00pm in Wetherspoons, Consett. If you’ve not been before, it is an informal gathering for men. Sometimes we go to the pub, or have a quiz or someone gives a talk. Why not come along and give it a go this Tuesday?

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.

DIOCESE VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancies:
Bookings Administrator for the Youth Ministry Trust, based at the Emmaus Village, Consett – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 14 May
Choral Director, Newcastle for the Diocesan Schools Singing Programme – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 12 May
Cleaner, St Augustine Parish Centre, Darlington - part-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 13 May
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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 phillipsalkeld@ymt.org or 01207592244.

‘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>
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