

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
15th - 22nd June 2025

TRINITY SUNDAY	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership John & Ettie Boyd
Monday 16 th June	Dipton	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation until 9.55am In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 17 th June	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation until 9.55am Kevin Cuthbertson
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 19 th June	Stanley	10.00am	Lesley Eagle
Friday 20 th June	Dipton	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation until 9.55am For a sick daughter
Saturday 21 st June	Stanley	12noon	Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Intentions of the Sick and Housebound of our Family of Parishes
CORPUS CHRISTI	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Charlie & Renee Bradley

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria (<i>Week 11, Year I</i>)	Thursday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Tuesday	Feria	Friday	Free Film Night (<i>Stanley</i>)
Wednesday	Feria	Saturday	Mass with the anointing of the sick
Thursday	Feria		Refreshments served after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Friday	St Alban, First Martyr of England (<i>M</i>)		
Saturday	St Aloysius Gonzaga (<i>M</i>)		
<i>M</i> = Memorial <i>F</i> = Feast <i>S</i> = Solemnity			

Finance - 8 June 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Lay Training Fund
STANLEY	£505.07	£197.25	£118.70
DIPTON	£122.20	£172.85	£44.80
Future Collections: 15 th June - Day For Life 29th June - Peter’s Pence & Support for the Holy See			

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, Norman King

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.

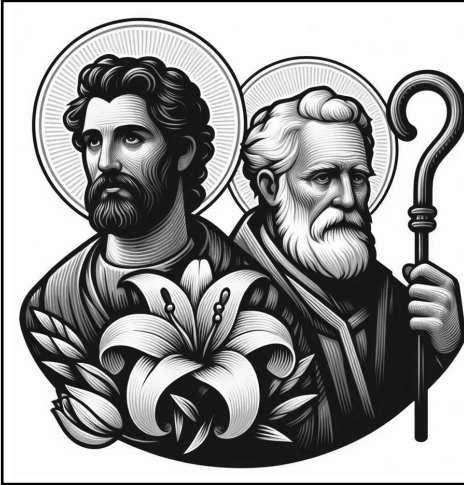
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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
15TH JUNE 2025 - TRINITY SUNDAY
Proverbs 8: 22-31 | Psalm 8 | Romans 5: 1-5 | John 16: 12-15

It is impossible to fully describe the Trinity. To me, it is a mixture of all the power, mystery and wonder of a loving God who knows me as myself and somehow cherishes that knowledge, knowing that I am flawed but still a perfect part of His creation. If only we could grasp the reality of that love. We never seem to understand that with all our strengths and weaknesses, despite all our successes and failures, we are truly loved as a perfect human being.

Whenever I read today’s passage from the Book of Proverbs my thoughts lead me to the Holy Spirit. The words are ascribed to Solomon, but the message comes from a very ancient culture which saw the work of God in every thought of man. The second line “At first, before the beginning of the earth when there were no depths I was brought forth” reminds me of a line from the first verse of Genesis: “God’s Spirit hovered over the waters”. When we read this passage, we can see that God’s hand is always guiding and caring, for he is “delighting in the children of man”.

Paul’s letter to the Romans reminds us that it is through our faith that we find peace with God. This is not the peace that the world gives; this peace comes through “suffering”. Paul sees suffering as a stepping stone to a life of faith. Suffering gives us the strength to endure whatever life throws at us; it builds character and creates in us a feeling of hope for the future. Each of these steps brings us closer to the love of God and so the way to God is “poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us”.

In John’s Gospel Jesus speaks of the Spirit of Truth, and how “he will lead you to the complete truth”. Since the day of Pentecost, the church has been moving towards that truth that Jesus speaks of. The revelation of the truth is a continuing process, and the church continues to gain fresh insights into the depth of God’s mercy. A pivotal moment in the church’s story was the second Vatican Council. We are the children of the council, and we are called to continue its work. At this time of falling numbers in our clergy and laity we can fail to see the way forward, but if we keep our faith in the Holy Spirit then, in time, all will be revealed.

A prayer based on Psalm 8
“What is man that you should keep him in mind, the son of man that you should care for him”

Lord,
Your loving arms enfold me.
Without your love, life would be so difficult.
You teach me to forgive for that is the foundation that brings love into my life.
Help me to share that love with all I meet today.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)

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

First Reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

Thus says the Wisdom of God: The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

8:4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R2a

Response: **O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name through all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little lower than the angels;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hands:
you put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and oxen,
yes, even the cattle of the fields,
birds of the air, and fish of the sea
that make their way through the waters.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is and who was and who is to come.

Gospel

John 16:12-15

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

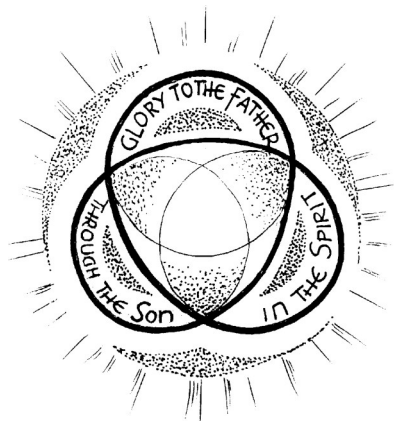
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ 'God is love.' But if God is totally other, what can this mean?
- ✠ Can we distinguish the function of the three Persons of the Trinity in the work of our salvation?
- ✠ Can you think of an image for three Persons in one Nature?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.



**Glory be to the Father,
who by his almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.**

**Glory be to the Son,
who by his Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.**

**Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
who has sanctified me in the
sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from his bounty.**

**Glory be to the Three adorable Persons
of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever.**

Amen.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Daniel (Danny) Callaghan.

Danny's Funeral Liturgy will take place at St Joseph's on Friday 27th June at 11.30am followed by committal at Mountset Crematorium.

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.

'HOPE IN A TIME OF DARKNESS'

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.

For more information and to book (free) tickets, please visit <https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketboothshows/1173659458>

Please send any queries to ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

This Saturday, 21st June at 12noon, there will be a Mass with the anointing of the sick for the sick and Housebound of our Family of Parishes in St Joseph's. Letters are being sent out to those on our SVP list, but if you would like to come, you would be more than welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the meeting room. Anyone who could help with providing refreshments, this will be gratefully received on the day. For further information, please contact the office.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL - NURSERY PROPOSAL

The Executive Board of Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust, in partnership with the Local Governing Committee of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, are proposing a change to the age range of the school from 4-11 to 3-11. As part of the process, we would like to hear your views on the proposal. Currently, children who join St Patrick's at the age of 4, come from a variety of settings within the locality. Under the new proposals, children aged 3 upwards would be able to formally become part of the same structure as the school within a new early years unit.

Responses will be received throughout the consultation period, which begins on Monday 2nd June at 12 noon and ends on Monday 23rd June at 12 noon. These will be analysed and the school will publish the outcome on its website. How can I respond to this consultation? Please complete the consultation response using the online form - following the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/m4uGxxyVp> Further details are available in the porch.

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST

The National Churches Trust (NCT) have launched a survey to better understand the challenges that churches face, and to highlight the vital work our churches do. This survey has the support of denominations, faith, and heritage groups across the country and we encourage you to take part. The survey is live from 6th May – 30th June. Your response will provide essential evidence to build a clearer picture – to tell a stronger, more informed story about your church, and others like it, so that together some of the biggest challenges facing churches can be addressed and help ensure their future. The survey can be found here: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey

CORPUS CHRISTI

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (*The Body and Blood of Christ*), During Mass our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will renew their commitment for a further year.

There is also a Blessed Sacrament Procession at Ushaw College next Sunday at 3.00pm. If you would like to attend, please sign up through Ushaw's online booking system - ushaw.org/whatson/corpus-christi/

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025

There are a number of the parishioners from our Family of Parishes joining the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage this year. If you are one of them, would you require transport to the airport? If there is enough interest, Father Shaun will look into the possibility of organising transport to and from the airport. If you are interested, can you please contact the office **by Friday of this week**, so Father Shaun can look into the options and costs.

FREE FILM NIGHT

Our next free film night will take place this Friday at 7.00pm in the meeting room at St Joseph's. We will be watching **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**. Harold is an ordinary man who has passed through life, living on the side lines, until he goes to post a letter one day...and just keeps walking. The film is suitable for those aged 12 and over.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a new challenge? Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about our work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? For further details, please contact Sharon Matthews on 07748514641 or email smatthews@cafod.org.uk

WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL

Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From 25th-28th July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, The Southwell Consort, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Tickets available now at www.webeliefefestival.com

CONFIRMATION SESSION

Thursday 19th June 6.30pm – 8.00pm at JFK Centre (St Mary's Church Hall). We would like to welcome all Confirmation candidates together with their parents and guardians to this important introductory gathering.

WITNESS: SHARING OUR FAITH IN TODAY'S WORLD

Saturday 28 June, 9.20am -1.30pm, Emmaus Village

Are you terrified by the idea of evangelisation? Do you dread people asking you about the Church?

All are welcome to join us for: a day of sharing experiences and fears; an insight into how to deal with tough questions and 10 things that might help when talking to people about your faith!

This witness formation event will lead into the Significance Festival with Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen at 3pm followed by a BBQ, live music and ceilidh.

For more information and booking details visit: <https://bit.ly/DHNWitness-Significance> or contact the Formation & Mission team at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or call 0191 243 3316.

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR

12th July from 12.30pm - 3.30pm at St Patrick's Church. Proceeds will go to St Joseph's and St Patrick's parish funds.

Local crafters will be selling their goods; there will be a tombola, tea room, bake sale, live music, children's crafting area, face painter, raffle and more. Donations for tombola/raffle prizes, incl. a separate children's tombola would be very gratefully received. Please put any donations into the boxes at the back of church or at any of our three schools. If anyone would like to help with practicalities (setting up/moving benches/baking/car park duties/clearing up etc) please text or call Sharon Walker: 07969 212 778.