

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
22nd - 29th June 2025

CORPUS CHRISTI	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Charlie & Renee Bradley
Monday 23 rd June	Dipton	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation until 9.55am Michael Chirnside
Tuesday 24 th June	Stanley	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 26 th June	Stanley	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Friday 27 th June	Stanley Dipton	11.30am 6.30pm	Funeral Liturgy for Daniel (Danny) Callaghan Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
NO MASS ON SATURDAY			
SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Rose Taggart

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	St Etheldreda, Abbess, (M)	Wednesday	Outreach Tea (Stanley)
Tuesday	The Nativity of St John the Baptist (S)	Thursday	Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
Wednesday	Feria (Year 1, Week 12)		
Thursday	Feria		
Friday	The Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)		
Saturday	St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr (M)		
M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity			

Finance - 15 June 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Day for Life
STANLEY	£383.15	£197.25	£124.06
DIPTON	£89.15	£172.85	£43.00
Future Collections: 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.

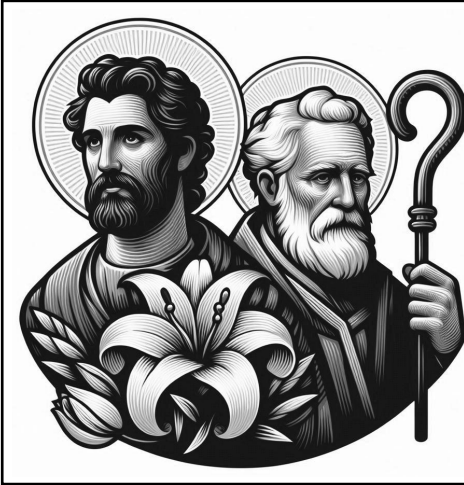
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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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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
22ND JUNE 2025 - TRINITY SUNDAY
Genesis 14: 18-20 | Psalm 109 | 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 | Luke 9: 11-17

Today’s readings may appear to be very brief: a few short lines from Genesis, a familiar passage from Paul to the Corinthians and a miracle story from Luke’s Gospel. But beneath the brevity of the words there is a great treasure of understanding. I find it amazing that the simple meal of bread and wine so familiar from the Last Supper passage begins, thousands of years earlier, with Melchizedek and Abraham. Then Paul, in the midst of admonishing the people of Corinth for their lack of respect to the church and one another, takes time to remind them of the central core of their faith: the New Covenant, the Eucharist and the second coming of Christ.

The miracle of the loaves and fishes reminds me that wherever two or three are gathered Jesus promises to be with us, whether in a great cathedral, in a field with thousands of people or a humble chapel with a small group of believers. The Eucharist is there; for us the bread of life, and, for the world, a reminder of Christ’s love for all humanity.

I believe that a church is never empty. It is filled by the memories and the love of all who have worshipped there. When we leave our family and friends before the altar of God for that final parting, something of their spirit remains. We can never feel alone in our seats because we are in the presence of God’s love, and all who return to Him become part of that love. Coming to Mass or a Service of the Word and Holy Communion can sometimes be difficult, for there are many calls upon our time, but if we see these opportunities as real family gatherings - of old and young, of those who are always with us - then it becomes, each time, a new celebration, one at which the King of Love requests our presence.

Let us share a vision:

**And as I raised the Lamb of God, I saw a wondrous sight
For in the dark and empty church, I saw a sea of light**

**And every seat was taken, by a smiling joyful throng
And the very stones were shaking, as they joined in heavenly song**

**And I knew their names and faces, for they were friends of mine
Long gone but not forgotten, outside of space and time.**

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CORPUS CHRISTI (C)

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

First Reading *Genesis 14:18-20*

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’ And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *8:4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R2a*

Response: You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Lord’s revelation to my lord:
‘Sit at my right hand,
until I make your foes your footstool.’

The Lord will send from Sion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of your foes.

With you is princely rule
on the day of your power.
In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn,
I have begotten you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change:
‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Gospel *Luke 9:11b-17*

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

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, ‘Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.’ But he said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, ‘Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ What does it mean that all Christians share in the priesthood of Christ?
- ✠ Which of the aspects of the Eucharist is most important to you?
- ✠ How can I participate more fully in Jesus’ gift of the Eucharist? Better preparation beforehand? Reflection afterwards? Fuller attention during Mass?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.

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 Mountsett Crematorium.

CORPUS CHRISTI

This Sunday our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will renew their commitment at Mass. Please keep them in your prayers

WELCOME

Next Sunday we welcome the Capuchin Friars who will be celebrating the Sunday Masses. Father Shaun is in Manchester attending a Wedding. Please give them a warm welcome and also pray for Catherine and Thomas who are to be married in St Patrick’s Church, Collyhurst.

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.

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

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

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.

OUTREACH AFTERNOON TEA

The Outreach Afternoon Tea will take please **THIS WEDNESDAY 25TH June**. If you would like some company, a bit of a natter, with refreshments, then this is for you! The afternoon takes place in St Joseph’s meeting room and promises to be a good time. If you would like to come along or for more information, please contact the parish office. Transport may be able to be arranged for those who need it.

We also need some volunteers to help. Because of illness, some of the volunteers are unable to commit at this time. If you can help with baking and serving, please contact the office.

The Outreach is a vital asset to the people of our community, so please help it continue to serve the community and be a place of welcome for many years to come.

FAMILY OF PARISHES RECIPE BOOK

Our last parish recipe book was published in 1986. A new version is to be printed to boost parish funds and will be on sale later this year. All children are invited to enter a competition to use their artistic talent to design the front cover of the recipe book. Two runners up will also receive a prize and their designs will be featured in the book. Please submit any entries by 4th July to St Patrick’s, St Joseph’s or St Mary’s School. The winners will be announced at the Summer Craft Fair on 12th July.

Parishioners are invited to contribute to the book by providing copies of favourite family recipes in any format. It can be a recipe that’s been handed down to you, a favourite family dinner, the soup you made for Lenten lunches, the bakes you have made for coffee mornings or fairs, festive favourites or something you like to make with the children. Many people now have an Air Fryer or Slow Cooker, so you might have some recipes for those. Please hand your recipes to Lorraine Murray at St Joseph’s Church or to Sharon Walker at St Patrick’s Church. If you have any questions please text/call 07969 212 778.

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR

12th July 12.30pm—3.30pm at St Patrick’s Church. Proceeds will g to St Joseph’s and St Patrick’s parish funds. Local crafters will be selling their goods; there will 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 the practicalities (setting up, moving benches, baking, car park duties, clearing up etc) please text or call Sharon Walker: 07969 212 778.



Pause for thought on respect for the Eucharist...

Imagine for a moment a personal audience, not with the King, the CEO of multi-million pound company, a Nobel laureate or a highly acclaimed author — but with Jesus himself, the Son of God. What an awesome privilege. Nothing could be better.

This privilege happens every time we are in the presence of the Eucharist or receive holy Communion. As we would hold a person of high stature in great esteem, all the more should we offer our utmost respect and reverence to Jesus in the Eucharist.