

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

8th - 15th June 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Bill & Ivy Mulhearn
Monday <i>9th June</i>	<i>St Mary's</i> <i>School</i>	10.00am	Jim Walker
Tuesday <i>10th June</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	9.45am	Requiem Mass for Thomas (Tom) Hovvels
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>12th June</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	9.30am	T. McKeaver
Friday <i>13th June</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation until 9.55am</i> Margaret McDermott (SVP)
Saturday <i>14th June</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass For the intentions of the Children and their Families
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership John & Ettie Boyd

LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
Monday	Mary, Mother of the Church (<i>M</i>)
Tuesday	Feria (<i>Week 10, Year I</i>)
Wednesday	St Barnabas, Apostle (<i>M</i>)
Thursday	Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest (<i>F</i>)
Friday	St Anthony of Padua (<i>M</i>)
Saturday	Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<i>M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity</i>	

PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
This Sunday	Tea and Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Tuesday	Godfellas 7.00pm. (<i>Stanley</i>)
Thursday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Friday	First Holy Communion rehearsal 5pm (<i>Dipton</i>)

Finance - 1 June 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	World Communications Day
STANLEY	£513.48	£197.25	£108.01
DIPTON	£86.92	£172.85	£43.00

Future Collections: 8th June - Lay Training Fund
15th June - Day For Life

St Patrick's June coffee morning raised £81.55 for the Lourdes fund. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

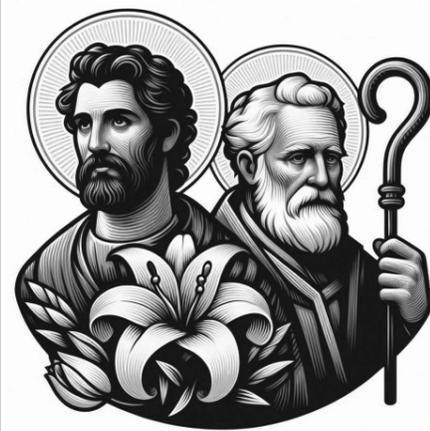
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

9.30am - 3.30pm



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.



If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please contact the office.



LISTEN TO THE WORD

8TH JUNE 2025 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2: 1-11 | Psalm 103 | Romans 8: 8-17 |

John 14: 15-16, 23-26

Pentecost day comes round every year; it is a milestone in our lives. We emerge from Lent and Easter often breathless and aware that once again Christ has paid the ultimate price for our behaviour, and we make the decision to change our ways; make a new resolution to come closer to Him and follow His way. Then the sunshine of summer enters our lives, and we say "Tomorrow Lord" and the summer days pass by until we are once again in autumn and nothing has really changed. How can we change these hearts of ours? How can we make them hearts of flesh and not stone?

Pentecost Sunday is about being changed through an experience. In the first reading the Apostles are changed utterly by their experience of the Holy Spirit; they had listened to the promises of Jesus but could not grasp the reality of His word. Now it is here and happening; they are transformed, they are no longer the frightened crowd of the Good Friday church they are invigorated, encouraged and challenged by their encounter with the Holy Spirit and as they speak to the crowd all who see this transformation are amazed and astonished.

Today's Psalm speaks of how basic the Holy Spirit is to life itself. In our Creed, we call Him "the Giver of Life", the psalmist tells us "You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth". The passage from Romans reminds us that our transformation is a spiritual experience. Paul tells us that, through the Spirit we become "children of God". We can overcome the flesh, which causes us to sin, by building spiritual lives that inspire us to cry "Abba!, Father!".

John's Gospel reminds us of the words of Our Lord – If you love me. you will keep my commandments. This passage speaks of the promise of Jesus to all those who love Him and keep His word. Our Lord assures us that His word will not fail for the Holy Spirit, the helper sent by the Lord, will teach us and help us to remain true to Him. Today is special, both for those who have been faithful all their lives but also for new members of our church who have experienced a real transformation through the blessing of the Easter Vigil. This day was made by the Lord, may we allow the Spirit to enter our lives and transform us.

A prayer based on John 14: 16

"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him"

Lord,

Help me to remain faithful to you.

My life is filled with so many problems, distractions that cause me sometimes to forget you.

Yet I know you do not forget me and that knowledge keeps me true to you through the joys and storms of life.

I love you Lord.

Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

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

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67(66):2-3. 5. 6, 8. R4

Response: **Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your creatures.

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We remain seated to sing the Sequence - Number 261

Gospel Verse

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ Who is the most Christ-like figure for you in the present or recent past?
- ✠ 'Forgiveness is the only sure path to peace.' Does this cause any difficulties?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.



Come Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people.
Let your wisdom and right judgement
guide our decisions and temper our impulses.
Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity
for empathy and compassion.
Let reverence and awe fill us with
gratitude and respect for all of creation.
Give us the courage to witness boldly
to our faith in word and deed.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas (Tom) Hovvels and Daniel (Danny) Callaghan.

Tom's Requiem Mass will take place at St Joseph's on Tuesday 10th June at 9.45am followed by committal at Mountsett Crematorium.

Danny's Funeral Liturgy will take place at St Joseph's on Friday 27th June at 11.30am followed by committal at Mountsett 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.ticketsonline.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>

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

COFFEE MORNING

This Sunday there will be the Monthly Coffee Morning after Mass at St Joseph's. Proceeds will be going to support our Young Adults going to Lourdes.

Do stay for a cuppa, something to eat and a chat. It's a good way of getting to know members of our family of parishes.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

This Saturday is the celebration of First Holy Communion for some of our Young people of our Family of Parishes. Mass this Saturday will be at 11.00am in St Patrick's. All parishioners are invited to celebrate with the families in this great Sacrament Christ left to the Church.

The rehearsal for those making their First Holy Communion this Saturday will be at 5.00pm this Friday.

MASS AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL

On Monday we celebrate Mary, Mother of the Church. St Mary's School have adopted this as their feast day. Mass on Monday will be in St Mary's School, South Moor. The school extend a warm welcome to all parishioners to attend Mass with them. Please come along.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

On Saturday 21st June at 12noon, there will be a Mass with the anointing of 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.

DIOCESE VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancy:

Parish Secretary, St Bede & Ss Peter & Paul, South Shields – 12 hours per week, permanent contract. Closing date: 12th June
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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

GODFELLAS

The next meeting of Godfellas will be on **Tuesday** at 7.00pm in St Joseph's. This will be a barbecue (*weather permitting*). We ask those who are attending to bring a contribution to go on the Barbie. If you've not been before, why not come along? It's a very relaxed and welcoming group.

AMICI GROUP MEETING

The Amici (ladies) group meeting will be held on Thursday 12th June at 7pm at St Patrick's Dipton. This month we will be joined by local author Susan Grey, talking to us about her books. All ladies are welcome to attend.

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.