

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
13th - 20th July 2025

15 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Fr Joe Park
Monday 14 th July	Dipton	9.30am	Deceased Members of the Poole Family <i>School joining parish for Mass</i>
Tuesday 15 th July	St Mary's South Moor	10.00am	Monica Heaton <i>Mass in School Hall - all are welcome.</i>
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 17 th July	Stanley	9.30am	Shirley Conroy (SVP) <i>School joining parish for Mass</i>
Friday 18 th July	Dipton	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession until 9.25am Imelda & Dick Christon
Saturday 19 th July	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession until 9.55am Barbara Anderson
16 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership John McGuinness

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria	This Sunday	Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
Tuesday	St Bonaventure (M)	Thursday	Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
Wednesday	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (optional M)	Friday	Free Film Night 7.00pm (Stanley)
Thursday	Feria		
Friday	Feria		
Saturday	Saturday Mass of our Lady		
M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity			

Finance - 6 July 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£526.61	£197.25
DIPTON	£95.85	£172.85
Future Collections: 13th July - Stella Maris (Seafarers)		

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, 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.

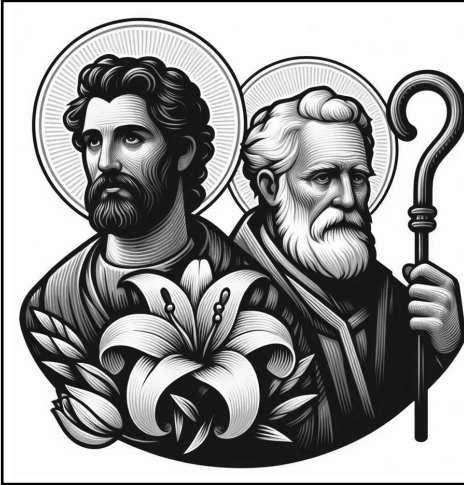
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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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LISTEN TO THE WORD
13TH JULY 2025 - 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Deuteronomy 30: 10-14 | Psalm 69 | Colossians 1: 15-20 | Luke 10: 25-37

In our lives we are surrounded by God’s love for us. If we truly want to follow Him and become His disciples, we must take that love and share it with our neighbour. In today’s Gospel passage a lawyer asks Jesus “Who is my neighbour?”. Each of us may answer this in different ways; we each have our own thoughts and opinions. Notice how Jesus calls the morality of His day, and our day, into question as he describes the man who has fallen among thieves and the attitude of those who come across him in his distress.

In the passage from Deuteronomy, Moses speaks to the people about the Law and the commandments of God. He stresses that these are not beyond humanity’s ability to follow; they do not require superhuman effort, they are the voice of God speaking in human hearts and residing in the depths of the human soul. As scripture says: “The Word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it”.

Paul is our teacher and guide; he leads us to the way of the Lord. Today he writes to us a simple Creed. It comes in two parts: the first is a simple announcement of faith in Christ Jesus as the Son of God; the second part reminds us that we are His body, the Church, and speaks to us of resurrection, reconciliation and sacrifice. Each line of this prayer of faith is given to us that we may believe in Christ Jesus and is worthy of our deep reflection.

Whenever Jesus answers a question, He places His answer deep inside the Old Testament scriptures. In this way, he announces to those who listen, that He is the fulfilment of the Old Testament Covenant between God and His chosen people. He speaks of love for God arising from the very heart, soul and mind of each individual and teaches us that this love is for all we meet. The parable of the Good Samaritan questions us about our attitudes and our commitment to share God’s love with everyone, no matter what their situation in life. At times it is hard to follow His teaching; perhaps if we were to put ourselves in the position of the man who was ill-treated, then we may begin to start to understand that everyone is our neighbour and all deserve our love.

A Prayer based on Luke 10: 37
“And Jesus said to him “You go, and do likewise”

Lord,
Forgive me when I turn away
From the beggar outside the supermarket.
From the letters calling for help for a charity.
From the pictures on the TV screen of people in need.
I do what I can but at times it is overwhelming, the call is constant.
You have given me a compassionate heart but there has to be choices, I cannot do everything.
Give me the wisdom to choose how I need to respond.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*

Moses spoke to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the LORD your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

‘For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?” Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?” But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 69(68):14, 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36ab, 37. R̥ cf. 33*

Response: Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

I pray to you, O LORD,
at an acceptable time.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn toward me.

As for me in my poverty and pain,
let your salvation, O God, raise me up.
Then I will praise God’s name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the LORD attends to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.

For God will bring salvation to Sion,
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The children of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.

Second Reading *Colossians 1:15-20*

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of eternal life.

Gospel *Luke 10:25-37*

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: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read it?’ And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.’

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, “Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.” Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You go, and do likewise.’

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ How can I come to know God’s ways?
- ✠ What is the relationship of image, reflection, mirror to reality? Does this help to an understanding of the divinity of Christ?
- ✠ Is the main point of Jesus’ story to be generous or not to be judgemental?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.



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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of **Molly Smith** (*mother of Father David Smith*), **Monica Heaton** and **Terry Fenwick**.

Molly’s Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 17th July at 12.05pm in St Joseph’s Church, Gateshead.

Monica’s Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 22nd July at 10.00am in St Joseph’s, followed by internment in Stanley Cemetery.

Terry is the husband of Geneveive and stepfather of Sharon Walker. Details of his funeral will be given at a later date.

SEA SUNDAY - TODAY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Today, Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in Church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 16th August 10.30am - 2pm - Groundforce day at St Patrick’s, picnic lunch provided for volunteers.

Saturday 30th August 10.30am - 2pm - Groundforce day at St Joseph’s, picnic lunch provided for volunteers.

Saturday 6th September 11am - 1pm - Craft De-stash event at Dipton Jubilee Centre, table top sale proceeds in aid of family of parishes funds.

Saturday 13th September 3.00pm - Craghead Colliery Band in St Joseph’s. Proceeds to family of parishes funds.

Saturday 22nd November 11am -1pm - Christmas Craft Fair at St Patrick's in aid of family of parishes funds.

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. 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.

WELCOMERS - ST JOSEPH’S

St Joseph’s needs volunteers to help with welcoming at Sunday Mass. The duties involve handing out the Hymn books and Newsletters. If you can help, please speak to someone on the Piety Stall, thank you.

TRANSPORT TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT FOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The coach to Newcastle Airport has been **cancelled** because of the limited number of people who wanted it. All those going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage will need to make their own way to Newcastle Airport.

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES AND CANDLE

Next Sunday, boxes will be available in our churches for those who may want petitions taking to Lourdes. The boxes will be available by the Lady Altars until Sunday 20th July. Please do not put money in the envelope.

Whilst in Lourdes, we will light a Family of Parishes candle to burn for all your intentions. If you would like to contribute the cost of the candle, please give your donation to Father Shaun. Your donation can be made in Sterling or Euros.

COFFEE MORNING - ST JOSEPH’S

Our last coffee morning before the summer break will be after Mass this morning in the meeting room. Do come along and have a drink and something to eat. It’s also a good way to catch up with friends you may not have seen in a while.

ALIVE IN HOPE: A CHURCH FOR MISSION

A Jubilee Day in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
Bishop Stephen invites you to a Jubilee Day on Saturday 27th September, from 10am to 3pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons’ Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians ‘Set A Fire’. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day. For enquiries and parish/group bookings, email Amy at: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3316. For more information or to book, please visit <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25>

ELEMENTAL - NEW HORIZON CHOIR SATURDAY 26TH JULY, 7.30PM - NORTHERN STAGE

Elemental is a concert like no other. Featuring a hundred singers (*including two of St Joseph’s Choir members*), we’ll take on a journey through fire, water, air and earth. Every song connects directly to one of the elements, and they’re woven together with poetry, quotes and dance to create something truly unique. New Horizon Choir has a reputation for high-quality performances, and this will be no exception. Tickets are available from www.newhorizonchoir.co.uk/events

FREE FILM NIGHT

Our next free film night will be this Friday at 7.00pm in the meeting room at St Joseph’s. We will be watching the film ***One Life***, starring Anthony Hopkins. The true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions with little or no shelter and food, and under threat of Nazi invasion. He immediately realized it was a race against time. How many children could he and the team rescue before the borders closed? Fifty years later, it's 1988 and Nicky lives haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England; always blaming himself for not doing more. It's not until a live BBC television show, 'That's Life', surprises him by introducing him to some surviving children - now adults - that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades. The film is suitable for those aged 12 and above.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Our family of parishes schools close this week for the Summer Holidays. We wish all the staff and pupils a very happy and safe holiday. To those moving to pastures new, we wish you well and you go with our thoughts and prayers.

During the summer holidays Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be taking a break, too. We thank our catechists for their hard work in bringing the Good News to our Young People in a way that is accessible to them.

THANK YOU

The sale of pre-loved clothing for children on 5th July raised £118 for parish funds.