

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
20th - 27th July 2025

16 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership John McGuinness
Monday 21 st July	Dipton	10.00am	Jim Walker
Tuesday 22 nd July	Stanley	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Monica Heaton
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 24 th July	Stanley	9.00am	Remembering our God-daughter
Friday 25 th July	Dipton	9.00am	Jim Walker
NO MASS ON SATURDAY			
16 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	Mark Brown People of the Partnership

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK ThursdayCoffee after Mass (Stanley)
Monday	Feria	
Tuesday	St Mary Magdalene (F)	
Wednesday	St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe (M)	
Thursday	The Martyrs of the Diocese (M)	
Friday	St James, Apostle (F)	
Saturday	Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary (M)	
M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity		

Finance - 13 July 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Stella Maris
STANLEY	£459.97	£197.25	£123.70
DIPTON	£92.65	£172.85	£114.20
Future Collections: 27th July - Diocesan Levy			

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

Francis

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.

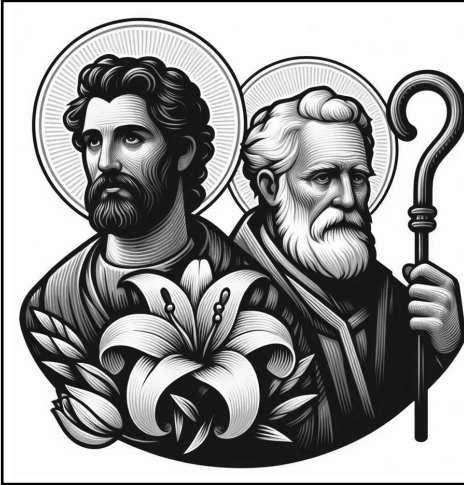
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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

20TH JULY 2025 - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Genesis 18: 1-10 | Psalm 14 | Colossians 1: 24-28 | Luke 10: 38-42

Today Saint Paul offers us a mystery: “The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory.” Just pause to think about this for a moment. Paul is not speaking about some remote God up on a cloud; he is speaking about a God who is here, beside us, helping us to grow in wisdom and grace; a God who is changing us and instructing us, making us perfect. How do we find this God? Are we like Thomas, wanting to touch, or are we content just to know He is with us? If we could accept that Jesus is with us, then nothing can keep us from His love or from his promise of hope and glory.

Our first reading is about two old people, Abraham and Sarah. Childless, they have wandered across the desert of life following a dream that seems to have no reward. Today they encounter three strangers and, as is the custom among desert people, they make them welcome. Is it because of this display of love and care that they are chosen? I do not know, but I do know they are chosen and, just like Elizabeth in the New Testament, they are promised a son in their old age. Perhaps this is a message for our parishes, our communities. We hope that our parish is welcoming, that we care for strangers who may enter - perhaps once, perhaps to stay. Who knows what miracles our welcome may create?

Jesus always welcomed friendship. He built His band of apostles and disciples not only on their talents but on their love. Mary and Martha seem to be at odds with each other about who should be Abraham, who sits and listens to God, or Sarah, who bakes the bread and provides the drink. Like Abraham and Sarah, the two sisters are blessed in having Jesus in their home. Do we feel blessed, for without doubt, wherever we are - at home, at table - Jesus is with us, teaching us, inspiring us to live in the mystery of His presence.

A Prayer based on Luke 10: 38
“And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house”

Lord,
Teach me to understand
That you are always close to me
And that when I make you welcome,
And sit with you,
And pass precious time in your presence
That pleases you
And leads me to new life in you.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, ‘O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, ‘Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.’ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, ‘Where is Sarah your wife?’ And he said, ‘She is in the tent.’ The LORD said, ‘I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15(14):2-3a. 3b-4b. 5. R1b

Response: O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

Whoever walks without fault;
who does what is righteous,
and speaks the truth from his heart;
whoever does not slander with his tongue.

Who does no wrong to a neighbour,
who casts no slur on a friend,
who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God
in an honest and good heart,
and bear fruit with patience.

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

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 entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ How has God tested your faith?
- ✠ Is suffering part of our mission as members of the Church? Why? How is this fulfilled?
- ✠ How important a part does listening to the Lord play in my life as a Christian?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.



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**.

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.

PARISH EVENTS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

GROUNDFORCE DAYS

St Patrick’s - Saturday 16th August 10.30am - 2pm

St Joseph’s - Saturday 30th August 10.30am - 2pm

To tidy church grounds/gardens. Sign up sheet will be at back of church. Volunteers will need to bring gardening equipment with them if possible. 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 12.30pm –3.30pm - 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.

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES AND CANDLE

Today is your last opportunity to leave petitions for Lourdes in the boxes at the Lady Altars in our Churches.

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.

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>

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.

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR

Thank you to all those who supported the Summer Craft Fair last Saturday at St Patrick’s; a great day was had by all. We raised the grand sum of £1270 which goes towards our family of parishes funds.

Congratulations to all those who won on the raffle, your prizes are available at the back of the Church you attend Mass. Congratulations too, to our children who were the finalists in the Parish cookery book competition. The results of the overall competition are:

1st - Indiana (*St Patrick’s School*)

2nd - Grace (*St Joseph’s School*)

3rd - Georgia (*St Mary’s School*)

MASS INTENTIONS

Many people have been asking about when their Mass intention will be offered. We currently have a lot of Masses to be celebrated. When someone wants it said in a particular Church, this can also slow the process too. On the Mass intention envelope there are three options: “St Joseph’s”, “St Patrick’s” or “Any”. If you’re happy to have your Mass celebrated in any Church, please tick the “any” option on the envelope. It helps immensely if you use the envelopes provided in our Churches.

Sunday Masses are also very popular, and depending on when the Mass intention goes in, depends where the Mass will be said. So often one Church might have more People of the partnership than others.

In September, in keeping with the current teachings on Mass intentions, both Sunday Masses will be celebrated for the People of the Partnership ***and*** one other intention in both churches. This should help in relieving the backlog of Sunday Masses moving forward.

Please remember, offerings for Mass intentions **must never be treated as commercial transactions**. You don’t pay for or buy a mass, but simply make an offering.

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

THANK YOU

The St Patrick’s July coffee morning raised £90.08 for parish funds.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY

The Education Department at St Cuthbert’s House are looking for an Education Operations Manager to support the Director and Deputy Director of Education in current and future educational needs through the development, engagement, and preserving of our Catholic education. The successful candidate will be the interface to ensure our Education Department is proficient and productive and that resources are allocated effectively to enable us to support the delivery of a high-quality Catholic education.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk for an Applicant Pack.