

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
22nd - 29th June 2025

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Rose Taggart
Monday <i>30th June</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday <i>1st July</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>3rd July</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Bill Mulhearn (SVP)
Friday <i>4th July</i>	NO MASS TODAY		
Saturday <i>5th July</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession until 9.55am</i> Floro, Leonardo, Bernardina, Jovie & Geronimo
14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Curtiss & Keilty Family

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK
Monday	Feria	
Tuesday	Feria	Thursday Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>) Next Sunday Coffee after Mass (<i>Dipton</i>)
Wednesday	St Thomas, Apostle (<i>F</i>)	
Thursday	Feria	
Friday	Feria	
Saturday	Saturday Mass of our Lady	
<i>M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity</i>		

Finance - 22 June 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£568.94	£197.25
DIPTON	£80.20	£172.85
Future Collections: 29th June - Peter’s Pence & Support for the Holy See 13th July - Sea Sunday (Stella Maris)		
St Joseph’s Thursday coffee mornings in June raised a total of £123.00 for St Cuthbert’s Care. Thank you!		

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.

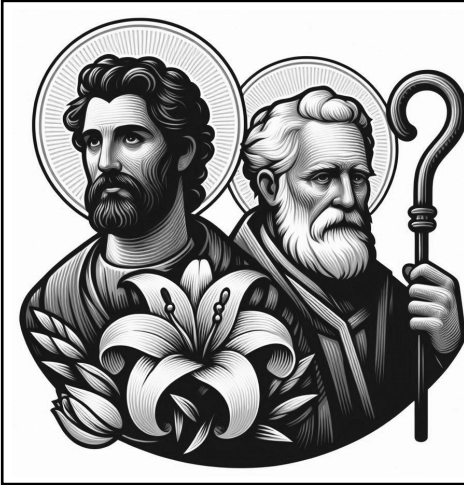
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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

29TH JUNE 2025 - THE SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL
Acts 12: 1-11 | Psalm 34 | 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 | Matthew 16: 13-19

Peter and Paul may never have been close friends, but the combination of the sincerity of Peter’s faith and the eloquence of Paul’s words, through the power of God’s love, set in motion the greatest movement our world has ever known. We cannot imagine the experiences of the humble fisherman, Peter, during those three years of travelling with Jesus. What we read in the Gospels can only give us a flavour of those days and nights spent in the company of our Blessed Lord. Paul was the learned one, steeped in the faith of the Jewish people, practiced in the Law and the Commandments; Saul stood as a beacon for the people of Israel, yet he was utterly changed on the road to Damascus and became Paul, the missionary, the scribe of the letters and a light for the pagans.

They both suffered. Thrown into prisons, flogged, beaten almost to death, chased and harried by those who refused to believe. Yet they held to their faith in the Risen Lord, even as their Jewish Faith became more and more compromised by their faith in Christ. We cannot imagine their mental turmoil as they began to understand that to be a Christian meant that their old world, the faith of their childhood, was changing into a new world, a world lit anew by the glory of God.

Each week we take from the readings various phrases that resonate with our own experience. Today we have an image from Acts of Peter thrown into prison while “earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church”. How many times have we besieged heaven with our prayers, and they have been answered? Jesus asks, “Who do people say I am?” This is the question that each of us must answer in our hearts as we try to make sense of our faith in Him. Paul tells us “The Lord stood by me and strengthened me”; we can each recall times when things have been difficult and our faith, and the love of those around us, have seen us to a brighter dawn. This is the power of the Word: it creates graces for us that help us to understand our world of chaos. Each time we listen to the Word it speaks to us. Listen carefully then, so that you may hear and believe in the love of God.

A Prayer based on Matthew 16: 15

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”

Lord,

*Grant that I may have the faith of Peter and believe in you.
You are the rock that I cling to through the storms of life.
It is your face I seek when I am in despair and need your help.
Teach me to follow you always
Amen.*

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (C)

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

First Reading

Acts 12:1-11

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, ‘Dress yourself and put on your sandals.’ And he did so. And he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5

Response: From all my terrors the Lord set me free

I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might

hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

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

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ Would the Church have collapsed had Peter never been executed?
- ✠ Can you make any of Paul’s self-defence your own?
- ✠ Why did Jesus choose such an impetuous and unreliable character as Rock?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.



WELCOME

This Sunday we welcome the Capuchin Friars who will be celebrating the Sunday Masses.

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.

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.webelievefestival.com

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who attended the Mass for the Sick last Saturday and for all who helped in any way with the tea afterwards. Those who came along said how moving it was, and how good the tea was afterwards. None of this can take place without the help and support of our parishioners who give of their time freely to support the members of our Family of Parishes.

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR

12th July 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 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.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

Invites you to come and hear Gerald Williams speak about Jubilee: Redemption - a Hebrew Contract, a Christian Reconciliation, in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Tuesday 8th July, at 2.30pm.

TRANSPORT TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT FOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The cost of the return coach fare to Newcastle Airport will be £35.00pp. (*the cost of the coach, plus driver tip has been shared between those who showed interest*) If you would like to make use of the coach, please make your payment to office by **Sunday 13th July**. If not everyone requires the coach, the cost will have to be altered.

VACANCY - PARISH SECRETARY

A Parish Secretary is required for Newcastle parishes for 17 hours per week. The hours are split as follows:

- English Martyrs, Newcastle and St Cuthbert’s, Newcastle: 6 hours per week
- St Robert’s, Newcastle and All Saints, Newcastle: 11 hours per week.

This change reflects the growing administrative needs of the parish, including support with parish finances and planning. The closing date for applications is 11th July 2025. If you have any questions or require further information please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/> or contact human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 243 3301.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS

School Directors and Governors are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for their dedication and service to Catholic education. The Mass will be at 6.30pm on Thursday 10th July at St Mary’s Cathedral, Newcastle and will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen. RSVP: education@diocesehn.org.uk by 4th July. *It would be good to see a great representation of Governors from across our three Parish Family Primary Schools at the Mass.*

THANK YOU

A further £105 has been raised for parish funds from the sale of pre-loved adult clothing via Vinted, after £92.50 was raised at the Jubilee Centre’s Guys & Dolls event.

WANTED

St Bede’s School, Youth SVP are appealing for China cups and saucers for a craft project they are currently undertaking to raise money for charity. If you have any unwanted China cups and saucers, please bring them along to Church and we will pass them on to the Youth SVP.

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.