

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
6th - 13th July 2025

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Curtiss & Keilty Family
Monday <i>7th July</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	6.00pm	Joint Leavers' Mass For the intentions of our schools and the families they serve
Tuesday <i>8th July</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am 10.00am</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession until 9.55am Lesley Eagle</i>
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>10th July</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Bill and Ivy Mulhearn
Friday <i>11th July</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday <i>12th July</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am 10.00am</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession until 9.55am Norma Quigley and the Quigley Family</i>
15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Fr Joe Park

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria	This Sunday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Dipton</i>)
Tuesday	Feria	Thursday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Wednesday	Feria	Saturday	Summer Craft Fair 12.30pm - 3.30pm (<i>Dipton</i>)
Thursday	Feria	Next Sunday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Friday	St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (<i>F</i>)		
Saturday	Saturday Mass of our Lady		
<i>M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity</i>			

Finance - 29 June 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Peter's Pence
STANLEY	£348.74	£197.25	£94.61
DIPTON	£97.70	£172.85	£32.25

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.

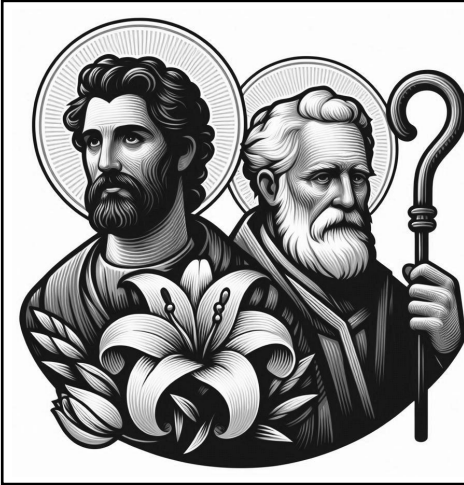
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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



LISTEN TO THE WORD
6TH JULY 2025 - 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 66: 10-14 | Psalm 66 | Galatians 6: 14-18 | Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

We are called today to be messengers of peace: the peace of Christ has left a mark upon us, and we have a duty to be the heralds of peace to our families and communities in this time, and in this place.

Isaiah speaks to us of a great river of peace flowing from God into our lives. He compares this river of peace with the peace of a baby at her mother's breast. We are called to rejoice in this peace and to be comforted as a child is comforted by his mother. The psalm continues this theme: it is a song of thanksgiving for the glorious works of God. The psalmist calls us to come and listen, for the Lord has listened to his prayer and has not withheld His love from him. These two passages remind us that, in the midst of turmoil, we need to turn to God and pray for peace. War will not bring peace; when all the swords of war are broken only words can establish a true peace, among ourselves, and among the nations of our world.

There were many arguments in the early church about the need for circumcision. Circumcision was a mark that set the Jews apart from all others. Paul was at the centre of this argument, and it caused him many problems as the Gentiles could not see the need for this visible mark of one's religion. After a council in Jerusalem the need for Gentiles to be circumcised was found unnecessary as they were marked with the cross of Jesus. We do not need outward signs of our love for Jesus; it is what is within that is important and if we live as Jesus taught us that is sufficient.

When Jesus sent out the seventy-two he sent them to take his peace to the people of Israel. He gave them instructions about how to behave: they were to take nothing for the journey. His peace was sufficient for them. When they found a home blessed with peace, they were to stay there. If they were not welcomed, then they should pass by and wipe off the very dust of that place. We too are called to go out to our neighbourhoods and act as peacemakers in our communities. This is a sign of our faith. We are to act, as our catechism reminds us, in justice and love. There are many needs in our world which call out for our care and attention. The seventy-two came back rejoicing; that joy is yours also when you act as a messenger of peace.

A Prayer based on Luke 10: 2

“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few”

Lord,
There is a great need for dedicated men and women to go out into the world and work for justice and peace.
Our communities are crying out for help.
Inspire your people Lord to consider how they can help.
Create in them a spirit of love and compassion which leads them to do great things in your name.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14c

Thus says the LORD:
‘Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious abundance.’

For thus says the LORD:
‘Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,
and bounced upon her knees.
As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bones shall flourish like the grass;
and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R1*

Response: **Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, ‘How wondrous your deeds!’

‘Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!’
Come and see the works of God:
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam.

He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

Brothers and Sisters: Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Gospel

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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: The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money bag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace be to this house!” And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.” I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.’

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!’ And he said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

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



QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ What are the implications in prayer of the imagery in Isaiah as God as mother? What is scripture teaching us by the imagery of God as Father?
- ✠ How far does my new life in Christ express a new scale of values?
- ✠ What sort of healing can I bring? Is this the most important aspect of the kingdom?

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 **Monica Heaton** and **Molly Smith**.

Molly is the mother of Father David Smith, who was assistant priest here with Fr Joe Park. Molly’s Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 17th July at 12.05pm in St Joseph’s Church, Gateshead.

PARISH EVENTS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

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.

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 go to St Joseph’s and St Patrick’s parish funds. Author **Susan Gray** has kindly agreed to open the fair and will be doing book signings on the day. Local crafters will be selling their goods; there will be 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 now be **£45.00.** *(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 **NEXT SUNDAY** If not everyone requires the coach, the cost will have to be altered.

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.*

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.

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.

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>

JOINT SCHOOL LEAVERS MASS

On Monday evening at 6.00pm in St Joseph’s Stanley, we have the Leavers Mass for our three Primary Schools in the Family of Parishes. This is an opportunity for the Family of Parishes and our Schools to come together and pray for those who are moving to pastures new. Please do come along and support our Young People in the next stage of their journey in education.

SENDING FORTH MASS

Today our First Holy Communion Children have the rite of sending forth at both Masses. The children will receive their certificates and gift from the Family of Parishes. The sending forth is not a never to return, but to be part of the community who has supported our Young People over the last 10 months. Sending forth implies a mission that we will become full and active members of our parish communities, joining in fully in the life of our family of parishes. We look forward to continuing the journey and seeing our families at Mass each Sunday, helping to build up the Family of parishes for future generations.