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Summer Edition Newsletter

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10TH - 17TH AUGUST 2025

19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Anniversary of Helen Davidson	
Monday <i>11th August</i>	<i>Mountsett</i> <i>Dipton</i>	10.15am 6.30pm	Funeral Liturgy for Winifred (Winnie) Caulfield Atherley Heslop	<i>St Clare of Assisi, Virgin</i>
Tuesday <i>12th August</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Danny Fagan (First Anniversary)	
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY				
Thursday <i>14th August</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	William & Margaret Bradley & Family	<i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr</i>
Friday <i>15th August</i>	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	10.00am 6.30pm	John Cryer People of the Partnership	<i>Solemnity of the Assumption (Holyday of Obligation)</i>
Saturday <i>16th August</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	10.00am	For a sick person (SVP)	<i>Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	Richard Christon People of the Partnership	

LISTEN TO THE WORD

Wisdom 18: 6-9 | Psalm 33 | Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 | Luke 12: 32-48

Has it ever occurred to you that life without faith is no life at all? I have often suffered from doubt. Is there a God? Is this time on earth the only time we have? Do we just die and that's it? I believe because I have faith in one man, Jesus Christ, and that belief gives me hope and makes me the person I am. I cannot really imagine a life without that belief because that would destroy my hope and it is hope that drives me onwards.

The story of the Old Testament is a story of Faith and Hope. Abraham and Sarah were old people who never gave up hoping for children. Because of their faith in God, they left their native land and wandered the deserts of the Middle East searching for something they could not see, hoping for something, a child, which they could not conceive. God gave them the blessing of a child in old age and that proved to them that faith and hope are never in vain. We share that hope that someday, somehow, God's promises will be made manifest in each one of us.

But with faith comes responsibility; we cannot believe and keep that belief to ourselves. The gift is for all, and it is our task to show that faith in God can make a difference in the lives of everyone we meet. This is the faith that drives evangelisation: by telling our story we inspire others to want to know more about this God of ours. The Gospel passage reminds us of another aspect of this responsibility. Jesus tells the disciples a parable about the kingdom of heaven. He speaks of a welcoming God who has prepared a place for those who believe in Him. With this gift there is also a warning; we cannot expect to claim our place in heaven if our time on earth is wasted on things that cannot last. If we set our hearts on heaven, then we must live a life that will achieve our heart's desire.

David Frank.

Finance - 3 August 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£503.77	£197.25
DIPTON	£97.00	£172.85

LITURGY OF THE WORD

19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6-7b, 7c-8, R3a*

Response: Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.

Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Second Reading (*Short Version*)

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Gospel (*Short Version*)

Luke 12:35-40

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 said to his disciples, 'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they

may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ The Christian Passover of the Lord is the Eucharist. How can we make it a moment of commitment to Christ's covenant?
- ✠ What is it in the Church that nourishes our faith and sustains us?
- ✠ How do you imagine your final judgement? What is its most awesome element?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Winnie Caulfield**. Winnie's Funeral Liturgy will take place on at Mountsett Crematorium on Monday 11th August at 10.15am . Following the funeral, you are invited to join the family at Consett Football Club.

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.

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

On Saturday 13th September at 3.00pm in St Joseph's, there will be an afternoon of music with Craghead Colliery Band. Tickets are £5.00, and are available after Mass today.

TESCO BLUE TOKENS

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Tesco Blue Token voting! St Teresa's Community Allotment project won 1st prize of £1500! If you enjoy gardening & would like to be involved in a big or small way with the community allotments contact Thomas on 07540737121.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed until Tuesday 19th August due to annual leave. If your query is urgent, please leave a voice message on 01207 299 012 and Fr Shaun will pick it up when he is able. Thank you for your patience.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Our Journey in Faith sessions will begin in September. Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic, or want to know more about your faith? Then this is for you! For more details please speak to Father Shaun or Deacon Paul.