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Summer Edition Newsletter

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24TH - 31ST AUGUST 2025

21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton</i>	9.00am	Barbara Guthrie
	<i>Stanley</i>	11.00am	People of the Partnership

Monday <i>25th August</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	10.00am	Kathleen Armstrong
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Tuesday <i>26th August</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Intentions of Melania
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NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY

Thursday <i>28th August</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Lucy & Jack Kelly
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St Augustine of Hippo (Memorial)

Friday <i>29th August</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	10.00am	For a sick person (SVP)
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The Passion of St John the Baptist (Memorial)

Saturday <i>30th August</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Bill Mulhearn
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Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward (op Memorial)

22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton</i>	9.00am	People of the Partnership
	<i>Stanley</i>	11.00am	Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Anne & John Mosley

LISTEN TO THE WORD

Isaiah 66: 18-21 | Psalm 16 | Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 | Luke 13: 22-30

"The Kingdom of God begins in those who allow themselves to be transformed by God's love."
Catechism of the Catholic Church

There is a big question behind today's readings; one that we all want to ask but are afraid we will not like the answer. It is posed, in a way, in the Gospel reading when a man asks Jesus: "Lord, will those who are saved be few?". It is the sort of question, I suspect, that we would all like to ask and we would all want to be included in the answer, but there is no answer that we could receive in this world. We will only know the answer in the next.

So, as usual, we follow the clues and try to build our faith in everlasting life by clinging to whatever we discover. Isaiah is very reassuring: "Thus says the Lord for I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues". The Jews believed that their God was only for them and for no others. Time and again the prophets spoke of other people who would come to know the one true God but still the Jews insisted that salvation was for them alone. In today's first reading Isaiah again warns them, and reassures us, that others will come to share in the Kingdom.

Then there is a message from the writer of Hebrews. He reminds us that we are sons and daughters of God; however, with this gift comes responsibilities. It is not enough to be sons and daughters; we must act as such and be faithful to the Father. Each family is taught how to behave by their parents; if we want to be sons and daughters of God then we must listen to the Father and turn away from sin. If we do not, then how can we enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

We can only come to God if we know Him and He knows us. How do we do this? By keeping His commandments and following His ways. Through prayer and worship, we come close to God; if we do not pray to Him and receive the sacraments then how can we come to know Him? So, stay true to the Gospel and do not allow yourself to be in the position where Jesus may say to you "I do not know where you come from".

David Frank.

Finance - 17 August 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£561.23	£197.25
DIPTON	£98.50	£172.85

LITURGY OF THE WORD

21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD:

‘For I know their works and their thoughts,
and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues.
And they shall come and shall see my glory,
and I will set a sign among them.

And from them I will send survivors to the nations,
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow,
to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away,
that have not heard my fame or seen my glory.
And they shall declare my glory among the nations.
And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations
as an offering to the LORD,
on horses and in chariots and in litters
and on mules and on dromedaries,
to my holy mountain Jerusalem,’ says the LORD,
‘just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel
to the house of the LORD.

And some of them also
I will take for priests and for Levites,’ says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15

**Response: Go into all the world
and proclaim the good news.**

O praise the LORD, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!

For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? ‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.’ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

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 went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, ‘Lord, will those who are saved be few?’ And he said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell

you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, “Lord, open to us”, then he will answer you, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will begin to say, “We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.” But he will say, “I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!” In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.’

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.

GROUNDFORCE DAY

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

To tidy church grounds/gardens. A sign up sheet is at the 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.

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.

OUTREACH AFTERNOON TEA

The Outreach Afternoon Tea will take place **THIS WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST**. It will be in St Joseph’s meeting room. If you would like to come along or for more information, please contact the parish office.

CRAFT DE-STASH

If you have any unwanted crafting materials, e.g. wool, knitting needles, embroidery cottons, craft kits, beads, material, craft paints, brushes etc. for volunteers to sell in aid of parish funds at the craft de-stash sale at Dipton jubilee centre 11am-1pm on 6th September. Please leave any items in the boxes at the back of our churches.

RECIPE BOOK

Please leave any recipes you enjoy (*from simple salads to your favourite bakes, savoury, sweet, air fryer & slow cooker concoctions*) and if they have an interesting story behind them please include that to make our book a more interesting read. If you have a handwritten recipe these can be copied into the book. Boxes at back of churches.