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Summer Edition Newsletter

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27TH JULY - 3RD AUGUST 2025

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	Mark Brown People of the Partnership	
Monday 28th July	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Celebration of Word and Holy Communion	<i>Feria</i>
Tuesday 29th July	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of Word and Holy Communion	<i>Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Memorial)</i>
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY				
Thursday 31st July	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of Word and Holy Communion	<i>St Ignatius of Loyola (Memorial)</i>
Friday 1st August	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Celebration of Word and Holy Communion	<i>St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, Bishop and Doctor (Memorial)</i>
NO MASS ON SATURDAY				
18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership Les March & the Spinks Family	

LISTEN TO THE WORD

Genesis 18: 20-32 | Psalm 138 | Colossians 2: 12-14 | Luke 11: 1-13

There are many wonderful prayers which we can use to convey our feelings, hopes and sorrows to our Father in heaven but the greatest and the simplest is the "Our Father" which we come to today in the Gospel passage from Saint Luke. The most wonderful aspect of this prayer is the way that Jesus prays not to an "Almighty God" but simple to "Father". The intimacy of the relationship between father and son establishes our relationship with God and gives us an opportunity to cry out to him in our need "Abba, Father"

Many words have been written about this prayer. It has been prayed countless times, even in our own lifetime it would be impossible to say how many times we have stood, sat, knelt or even laid down and said these familiar words. They are as close to us as the breath in our bodies and as important to us as the blood in our veins.

We begin by giving God the dignity to which his name is held in our hearts. We ask Him for the grace to become his children and the courage to bring His kingdom to life in our world. We know that we are not capable of doing anything without his help and so we pray for the gift of His power, His bread, which fills our days with His presence. And we ask for forgiveness. Forgiveness is a simple act; it is what Abraham asks for the good people in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. It is a gift within our giving but Oh! so hard to give to others. If we can be forgiven, how can we deny forgiveness to those who hurt us? We are frail human beings, we do not have the capacity to stay true to our God and so we ask finally for His help to resist the temptations of this world.

Jesus knows our human nature; how we tend to give up too readily if we do not find what we are looking for. So, He urges us, be persistent, do not let go so easily, besiege heaven with your prayers and listen, listen carefully for often the answer comes in the form of a gift of the Holy Spirit. It is He who pours into our lives the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

David Frank.

Finance - 20 July 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£504.31	£197.25
DIPTON	£62.70	£172.85

LITURGY OF THE WORD

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

In those days: The LORD said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Response: **On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
You give me life though I walk amid affliction;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.

With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ Can I bargain with God?
- ✠ What are the implications for Christian behaviour of sharing Christ's life?
- ✠ Have there been occasions when God has answered your prayers in a way you did not expect?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of **Terry Fenwick** and **Winnie Caulfield**. **Terry's** Funeral Liturgy will take place at Mountsett Crematorium on Tuesday 5th August at 2.00pm. **Winnie's** Funeral Liturgy will take place on at Mountsett Crematorium on Monday 11th August at 10.15am.

OUTREACH AFTERNOON TEA

The Outreach Afternoon Tea will take place **THIS WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY**. 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. Transport may be able to be arranged for those who need it.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE GROTTO MASS

The Grotto Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube search for 'Lourdes Live' at 9.00am (BST) on Tuesday.