

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
12th - 19th October 2025

28 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; John Pinkerton People of the Partnership; Rose Taggart
NO MASS ON MONDAY			
Tuesday 14 th October	Stanley	10.00am	Celebration of Word and Holy Communion
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 16 th October	Stanley	10.00am 1.00pm	Celebration of Word and Holy Communion Funeral Liturgy for John (Jack) Walsh
Friday 17 th October	Dipton	6.30pm	Celebration of Word and Holy Communion
NO MASS ON SATURDAY			
29 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Terry Hughes People of the Partnership; Joe and Kathleen Loftus

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria	This Sunday	Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
Tuesday	Feria	Monday	Journey in Faith 7.00pm (Stanley)
Wednesday	St Teresa of Ávila	Thursday	Coffee after Service (Stanley)
Thursday	Feria		
Friday	St Ignatius of Antioch (M)		
Saturday	St Luke the Evangelist (F)		
M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity			

Finance - 5th October 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	CAFOD Family Fast
STANLEY	£446.58	£197.25	£282.12
DIPTON	£129.57	£172.85	£136.32
Future Collections: 12 th October - September Quarterly Levy 19 th October - World Mission Sunday			

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.

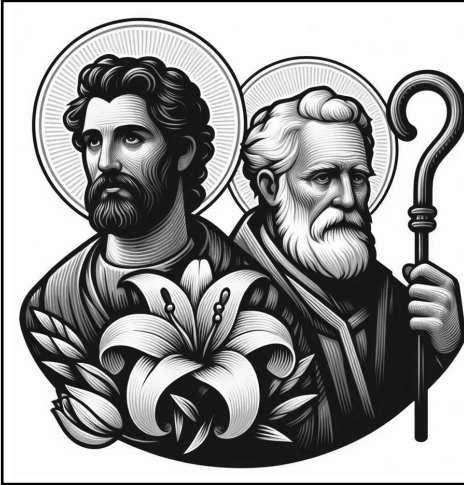
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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

12TH OCTOBER 2025 - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Kings 5: 14-17 | Psalm 97 | 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 | Luke 17: 11-19

The theme for today’s Mass is Thanksgiving: it is an opportunity to thank God for His gifts of Faith and Healing. We begin with an unlikely source. Naaman the leper was not a Jew; in fact, he was the general of a foreign army threatening the very existence of Israel. Illness falls where it may, it is not choosy, it comes to good people as well as bad. Elisha, the prophet, saw the condition of Naaman and realised that God was calling him to do something for this leper. Through the power of God, Naaman was cured and was changed, not only in a physical sense, but in his heart, as he realised that the God of the people of Israel was the one true God and he began to worship him.

In Paul’s letter he speaks of a saying: “If we have died with him, we will also live with him. If we endure, we will also reign with him”. Read this carefully, for it contains a very great statement of faith. It speaks of Baptism, of Confirmation and how the path of faith will lead us to eternal glory. It reminds us that even if we walk away from Him, he will not abandon us. We give thanks for the God who loves each one of us despite our faults and we know that if we turn back to Him his arms are open to receive us.

Are we always grateful for the good news of Christ? Do we say thank you to God every day for his goodness to us? How often do we pray for something, our prayers are answered, but we forget to thank the one who responded to our prayer? We may criticise the nine who were cured but did not give thanks, but would we have acted differently? The Gospel and the first reading passages concern two outsiders, one a pagan and the other an outcast, a Samaritan, who receive the gift of new life from God and give thanks to him. The truth is that we often fail to thank God for his generosity to us. Often his help comes from another’s hand, his voice from another’s mouth, his love from another’s heart but do we give thanks to both the giver and the creator? Faith and gratitude go hand in hand; in this year of hope let us give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

A Prayer based on 1 Thessalonians 5: 18

“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”

Lord,
How often do I receive your gifts and fail to thank you?
Why do I fail to see your hand in the help I receive from another?
Open the eyes of my mind to see the goodness you pour out on me every day
through the love and compassion of those around me.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, ‘Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.’ And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. Ṛ7c, 8a

Response: The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

O sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The LORD has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.’ When he saw them he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, ‘Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ How has your faith deepened or developed in the last years?
- ✠ Reflection - If we are faithless, he remains faithful
- ✠ Is any race superior to any other? Why or why not?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.



HOLIDAY

Father Shaun is on his Summer Holiday until Saturday 18th October. If you need a priest urgently, please contact one of the Partnership Clergy. Anything non-urgent, please contact Melissa in the office.

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome the Capuchin Friars from Durham who will celebrate the Sunday Masses in Father Shaun’s absence. Please give them a warm welcome.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Terence (Terry) Hughes and John (Jack) Walsh. We remember their families in our prayers. Terry’s Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 21st October at 11.00am in St Patrick’s, Dipton, followed by burial in St Patrick’s Cemetery. Jack’s Funeral Liturgy will take place on Thursday 16th October at 1.00pm in St Joseph’s, Stanley followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Maurice Nevins, the brother of a parishioner, who has died.

PARISH EVENTS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 22nd November 12.30pm –3.30pm - Christmas Craft Fair at St Patrick’s in aid of family of parishes funds.
Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th December - Christmas Tree Festival at St Patrick’s in aid of family of parishes funds. More details later.
Sunday 15th December - Carol Service at St Patrick’s Church.
Sunday 21st December 3.00pm - Craghead Colliery Band Christmas Concert in St Joseph’s. Proceeds to family of parishes funds.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

This year we would like to invite parishioners to burn a candle in memory of loved ones. These red Sanctuary Candles will burn continuously around our Churches through the Octave of Christmas for loved ones. If you would like a candle, please pick up an envelope from the back of the Church. The cost of the candles are £7.50 or 2 for £12.00. The closing date for orders is **20th December**. *Please put your envelopes in the offertory basket when it comes around on Sunday.*

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Our Journey in Faith sessions continue this Monday. Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic, or are you a cradle Catholic and want to know more about your faith? Then this is for you! We will be following the Sycamore programme with Father Stephen Wang. It is a series of videos with topics for discussion which helps us to think more about our faith and how we put it into practice. We begin at 6.30pm in St Joseph’s Meeting Room.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR IN HARTLEPOOL

Father Shaun has booked a visit to the Holy Door at St Joseph’s, Hartlepool, on **Saturday 1st November**. The plan would be to arrive in Hartlepool for 1.30pm, gathering outside the Church. We will enter the Church and have prayers, followed by time to do the Pilgrim trail. Tea and Coffee will be provided at 2.30pm, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The afternoon will finish with Mass at 4.00pm.

Sign up sheets are at the back of the Church if you would like to go, but we do need people willing to drive and offer lifts to those who wish to go. If you can help please tick the box ‘willing to offer a lift’ on the sign up sheet.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025

The Masses for Christmas this year will be at the following times in our family of Parishes:

Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Stanley
	6.30pm	Dipton
Christmas Day	9.30am	Stanley

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God’s love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW

The late Fr Dermott Donnelly founded the charity ‘Significance’ to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance supports YMT and the ongoing development of the Emmaus Village and also provides grants for particular projects which provide opportunities to young people. To raise funds, Significance has launched a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a ‘Britain’s Got Talent’ live semi-final in 2026, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 23rd November 2025. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting significance316@gmail.com

THANK YOU

St Patrick’s October coffee morning for parish funds raised £160.05. Thank you for your generosity.

MAKE YOUR GIVING GO FURTHER WITH GIFT AID

Did you know that if you’re a UK taxpayer, your donations to the parish can go even further at no extra cost to you? With Gift Aid, the government adds 25% to your gift, helping us support our church, ministries, and community projects even more!

It’s simple to sign up and makes a huge difference:

- Your regular donations go further.
- You help the parish care for our community and facilities.
- It costs you nothing extra!

Sign up today by contacting your local parish Gift Aid Organiser or visit <https://forms.office.com/e/BrxQTPnn3a?origin=lprLink>
Together, we can strengthen our parish and continue our mission to serve God and our community. Thank you for your generosity!