

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

19<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025

<b>30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>People of the Partnership; Deceased Members of the Poole Family</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>People of the Partnership; For a Special Occasion</b>
<b>Monday</b> <i>27<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am</i>
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>For a sick person (SVP)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>28<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am</i>
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Ivy Mulhearn</b>
<b>NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY</b>			
<b>Thursday</b> <i>30<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Don Fitzgerald</b>
<b>Friday</b> <i>31<sup>st</sup> October</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am</i>
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Renney &amp; Blaney families</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> November</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am</i>
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mel Ayton</b>
<b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>People of the Partnership; Tommy &amp; Vera Roddy</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>People of the Partnership; Billy Hurry &amp; David Johnson</b>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
<b>Monday</b>	Feria
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles (F)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Feria
<b>Thursday</b>	The Martyrs of Douai College (M)
<b>Friday</b>	Feria
<b>Saturday</b>	Saturday Memorial of our Lady
<i>M = Memorial    F = Feast    S = Solemnity</i>	

PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
<b>Thursday</b>	Coffee after Mass ( <i>Stanley</i> )
<b>Friday</b>	Free Film Night ( <i>Stanley</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	Pilgrimage to the Holy Door ( <i>Hartlepool</i> )
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Coffee Morning after Mass ( <i>Dipton</i> )

Finance - 19th October 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	World Mission Sunday
<b>STANLEY</b>	£370.10	£197.25	£83.10
<b>DIPTON</b>	£132.02	£172.85	£40.00
<b>Future Collections: 26th October - 23rd November - Clergy Training Fund</b>			

**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

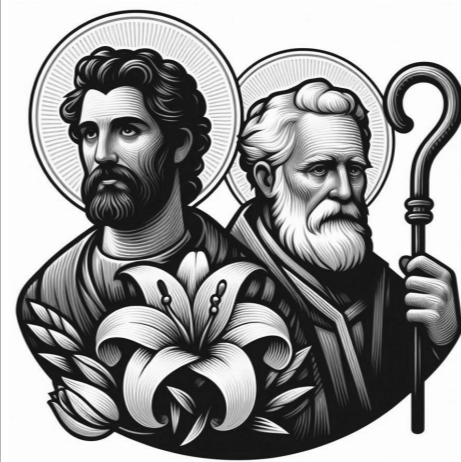
**GETTING YOUR CHILD BAPTISED**

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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**Office Hours**

Tuesday - Friday

9.30am - 3.30pm



*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.*



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



## LISTEN TO THE WORD

**26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 - 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sirach 35: 12-19 | Psalm 33 | 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 | Luke 18: 9-14

Have you ever wondered where God is? We seek Him in so many ways that we can get lost in a world of scripture, prayer, celebration, nature, music, art, literature... Perhaps we spend too much time searching and not enough time just sitting and waiting for Him to reveal Himself.

The author of Ecclesiasticus gives us an insight into his idea of where God is to be found. The passage speaks to me of the prayers of petition in which we call to God for his help. We are told that God is a judge who does not consider our human ideas of place or station in life, but looks deep into the heart of the petitioner and answers our prayer in a way that brings an outcome we have the strength to accept. There is no one who calls to Him who will not be answered. The wait may be long, but the answer is given with love.

Today's psalm and the Letter to Timothy should be read together, for they appear to be in harmony: in the psalm the petitioner is confident that his prayer will be heard and that God will save Him from all that surrounds him. Paul echoes the beautiful message of the psalm as he faces some great difficulty in his life. Paul too is confident that his prayer will be answered.

One phrase stands out in the Gospel - the Pharisee, full of pride: "standing by himself prayed thus "God. I thank you that I am not like other men". Contrast this with the tax collector who calls out in his pain: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner". Now judge whose petition will be heard. Jesus, through the language and tone of the passage leaves us in no doubt. God is to be found everywhere, but we need to be prepared to discern his presence even in those places where he seems so far away. When you pray, give yourself time to just sit and listen; then speak your petition with a pure heart and wait on God's time for His answer.

### A Prayer based on Luke 18: 14

*"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted"*

Lord,  
Teach me to pray with a heart open to you.  
Give me the patience to wait on your answer.  
Help me to accept what you will for me  
For I know your answer is filled with your love.  
Amen.

*David Frank.*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

### First Reading

*Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b*

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 34(33):2-3, 17-18, 19, 23. R7a*

**Response: The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.**

I will bless the LORD at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad.

The LORD turns his face against the wicked  
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.  
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,  
and rescues him in all his distress.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.  
All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

### Second Reading

*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Verse

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,  
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

### Gospel

*Luke 18:9-14*

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 told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

### QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ What is the best short prayer you know?
- ✠ Can you make any of Paul's self-defence your own?
- ✠ Reflection: God be merciful to me. I am a sinner.

*Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.*



### MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gerald (Gerry) Nichol** who died on Tuesday 21st October. Gerry is the husband of Anne and father of Deacon Paul. Details of funeral arrangements will be announced soon.

### PARISH EVENTS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 12.30pm –3.30pm** - Christmas Craft Fair at St Patrick's in aid of family of parishes funds.  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1pm - 4pm** - Christmas Tree Festival at St Patrick's in aid of family of parishes funds.  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Carol Service at St Patrick's Church at conclusion of Christmas Tree Festival.  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 **20<sup>th</sup> December**. Please put your envelopes in the offertory basket when it comes around on Sunday.

### JOURNEY IN FAITH

Our Journey in Faith is taking a break for two weeks. 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 again on Monday 10th November at 7.00pm.

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR IN HARTLEPOOL

This coming Saturday we have our Pilgrimage to the Holy Door in St Joseph's, Hartlepool. Can those who are coming, please meet in the carpark at Stanley for **12.30pm** where we will begin with prayers before setting off on our journey. We aim to be at the Holy Door in Hartlepool for **1.30pm**. Once in the Church there is the opportunity to pray the prayer stations. This will be followed by tea and coffee in the Hall. Adoration will be at 3.00pm and this will finish with Mass at 4.00pm. The postcode is **TS26 9EY**. The Church carpark is in Hutton Avenue.

### PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday December 9th 12 noon to be held at the Jolly Drovers, Leadgate. £5 deposit per person on booking. 2 Courses £24.95 or 3 Courses £29.95. Menus are available (starter to be chosen when paying a deposit) at the back of church along with envelopes which can be handed into the Parish Office at St Patrick's Consett, St Mary's Blackhill, All Saints Lanchester and St Joseph's Stanley. Please Book Early Number of Places are Limited.

### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th November from 12-3pm at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. There will be lots of stalls, raffle, home baking and refreshments. All welcome.

### AMICI GROUP

The next Amici group meeting is at 7pm on Thursday 6th November at St Patrick's Church, Dipton. All ladies from our parishes are welcome.

### FREE FILM NIGHT

This Friday we will have our free film night watching The Duke, starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. It is based on the true story of the 1961 theft of the Portrait of the Duke of Wellington by Kempton Bunton. We begin at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Meeting Room.

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

November is set aside as a month of prayer for those who have died. We remember all our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

In the month of November, our parish communities like to unite themselves to those who have lost loved ones in the last year. We commit ourselves to praying for those who have died and for their families and friends.

A Mass of remembrance for those who have died in the last year and whose funerals have been conducted by our family of parishes will take place on **Monday 3rd November at 6.30pm** in **St Patrick's Church, Dipton**. During this Mass the names of those who have died will be read out, and a candle will burn on the Sanctuary steps in their memory. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

### YOUTH 2000

You are warmly invited to Youth 2000's Holy Hour in Durham. This is an opportunity for young adults aged 18 - 35 to come together before the Blessed Sacrament to join in Worship. The next Holy Hour will be on Saturday 1st November 2025, 2-3pm with praise and worship followed by social time and snacks. It will be held at: Durham University Catholic Chaplaincy, St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HL.

### FIRE SAFETY

Every year we are required to have a fire evacuation drill in our churches. This is to ensure that in the actual event of a fire we are confident in how we evacuate our buildings and in the process keep people safe.

We need volunteers to help be Fire Marshals at Sunday Masses. This means that there will be a team of people at Mass, who in the event of a fire can assist to evacuate the Church.

If you think this is something you are able to offer your services in, please speak to Gary Potts at St Patrick's or Dominic Murray at St Joseph's. In a couple of weeks time Simon McGee our Health and Safety representative for both Churches will be holding a short meeting after Masses in both Churches to go through the evacuation procedure for those who volunteer to help.

**In the near future there will be a fire evacuation drill. It is important that whilst this is only a drill, we treat it very seriously so that we know in the event of an actual fire, we can evacuate the building and get people out safely.**

### SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW

Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly, supports the work of YMT and the Emmaus Village and also awards grants to fund opportunities for young people. Thank you to all who have supported the Draw which closes on Friday 14th November. Ticket stubs and payment should be returned to Significance, Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Allensford, Consett DH8 9BA. Cheques payable to Significance. Payment can also be made by bank transfer: Significance Sort Code: 52-30-44 Account Number: 46107363. Please put your name as reference. The Draw, which will be live streamed, takes place on Youth Sunday 23rd November at St Mary's Hexham. Please email significance316@gmail.com for further information or to buy tickets.

### OUTREACH AFTERNOON TEA

The Outreach Afternoon Tea will take place **THIS WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**. If you would like some company and a natter with refreshments, then this is for you! Takes place in St Joseph's meeting room and promises to be a good time. 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.

We also need some volunteers to help. If you can help with baking and serving, please contact the office.

**The Outreach is a vital asset to the people of our community, so please help it continue to serve the community and be a place of welcome for many years to come.**