

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

16th - 23rd November 2025

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| 33 RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | Dipton Stanley | 9.00am 11.00am | People of the Partnership; Gerry Nichol (SVP) People of the Partnership; Leo & Theresa Grimes |
| Monday 17 th November | Dipton | 9.30am 10.00am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am NBF |
| Tuesday 18 th November | Stanley | 9.30am 10.00am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am Stephen Kelly |
| NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY | | | |
| Thursday 20 th November | Stanley | 10.00am | Docherty and McVeigh Families |
| Friday 21 st November | Dipton | 6.00pm 6.30pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 6.25pm Gerry Nichol |
| Saturday 22 nd November | Stanley | 9.30am 10.00am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am Monica Heaton |
| OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING | Dipton Stanley | 9.00am 11.00am | People of the Partnership; Marie Rostron People of the Partnership; Harry Pendleton |

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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| Monday | St Hilda of Whitby, Abbess (M) |
| Tuesday | Feria |
| Wednesday | Feria |
| Thursday | Feria |
| Friday | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M) |
| Saturday | St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr (M) |

M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity

PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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| Monday | Journey in Faith (Stanley) |
| Thursday | Coffee after Mass (Stanley) |
| Saturday | Christmas Craft Fair (Dipton) |

Finance - 9th November 2025

| | Offertory Total | Standing Order | Clergy Training Fund |
|---------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| STANLEY | £434.45 | £197.25 | £32.50 |
| DIPTON | £110.62 | £172.85 | £38.75 |

Future Collections: 23rd November - Catholic Youth

7th December - Advent Alms

24th/25th December - Christmas Offering

♥ St Joseph's October coffee mornings (Thursday) raised £103 for church funds ♥

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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SAINT JOSEPH, STANLEY



SAINT PATRICK, DIPTON

LISTEN TO THE WORD

16TH NOVEMBER 2025 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Malachi 4: 1-2 | Psalm 98 | 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 | Luke 21: 5-19

Today's first reading begins: "Behold, the day is coming". The words are from the prophet Malachi, and they convey a message of destruction for evil doers and celebration for the righteous. Malachi is the last book of the prophets and is a message of hope to a people surrounded by a faithless society. What emerges is the triumph of those who are faithful to the Lord. Today's Psalm echoes this idea of the Triumph of God through the reactions of the people, the sea, the rivers, and the hills, all rejoicing "at the presence of the Lord".

The passage from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians reminds us that we cannot take for granted the idea that we are saved just because we are part of the Church. In Saint Paul's time there was an expectation that the return of Jesus was imminent and at that time his followers would be justified and emerge triumphant. This led to idleness among the communities and Paul is urging Christians not to act in this way. We need to be careful that we do not see our service to the church as a passive act; that we do not suppose that by merely coming to Mass we are doing our duty to God. In Paul's time those sorts of people were looked on as the idle; we need each member of the church community to work for the church. We complain that the attendance at Mass is falling away but if our attitude to serving God is not seen then how can His voice be heard, and what example are we giving to those around us?

At the time the Gospel of Luke was written the Jewish world had been split apart by the revolts in Israel against the Romans and their destruction of Jerusalem. Jesus is warning his listeners that there will be many voices claiming to come in his name. We need to keep only to his teaching, not to the words of these false prophets. He reminds us that being a Christian is not an easy choice, but that the reward for our faithfulness is that "Your endurance will gain you your lives". When we consider the themes of resurrection and the life of the world to come it is precisely this new life that we believe in. Not a continuation of our present lives, but something greater and perhaps very different.

A Prayer based on Luke 21-28, today's Gospel Acclamation

"Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near"

Lord,

Help me to remember
That through all the trials of life
You are the constant presence
And your love is all we need
To face tomorrow
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 98(97):5-6. 7-8a. 8b-9b. 9cd. R cf. 9*

Response: The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world, and those who dwell in it. Let the rivers clap their hands.

The hills ring out their joy at the presence of the LORD, for he comes. He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with justice, and the peoples with fairness.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Gospel

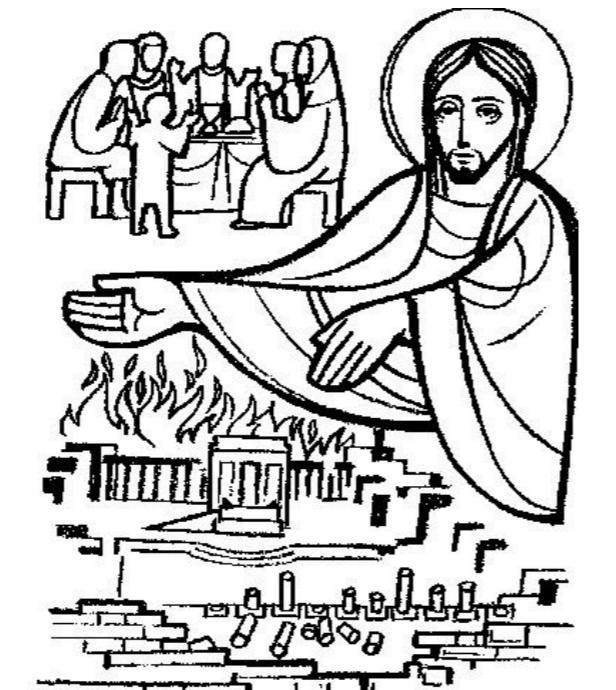
Luke 21:5-19

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: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?'

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MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month of the Holy Souls. As is tradition, a book of the dead is available in both Churches to write the names of your loved ones in. This will be brought up with the offertory at Sunday Mass.

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 13th & Sunday 14th December 1pm - 4pm - Christmas Tree Festival at St Patrick's in aid of family of parishes funds.

Sunday 14th December - Carol Service at St Patrick's Church at conclusion of Christmas Tree Festival.

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 continues this week. 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 7.00pm.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place each year, departing on the last Friday of July for a full week's pilgrimage in Lourdes. Being the Centenary year since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Joseph Thorman, we have had increased interest in people wanting to go to Lourdes in 2026. It would help our Tour Operator (*Tangney Tours*) greatly if you could fill in the pre-registration form on their website if you are contemplating travelling with them. This will assist in helping with travel arrangements and hotels. Please note, this is pre-registration, it does not mean you have booked your place. Please follow the link: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-newcastle-2/> or alternatively you can phone 01732 886 66

Like last year, if any parishioners sign up, you may wish to book the Stella where we can be together as a parish group.

YOUTH SECTION The Youth Section is a vital part of our Pilgrimage; the assisted pilgrims and hotel pilgrims rely on your generosity in saying 'yes' to assist them throughout the week. The Youth Section is organised through the Youth Ministry Team (YMT). If you are aged 16 (on the day of travel) – 21. Please follow the link below for more information. <https://ymt.org/be-a-youth-helper-at-diocesan-lourdes-pilgrimage-2025/>

ASSISTED PILGRIMS The pilgrimage offers a special section for Assisted Pilgrims who need Nursing Care or some other form of specialised care during the week in Lourdes. We have a team of doctors and nurses who provide for the medical care needed and a large team of young and adult helpers who assist. If you would like to know more about being an assisted pilgrim, please contact the Lead Nurse through the email address lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk

Please include in the email your name and a contact number for the Lead Nurse to contact you directly with more information.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2025

The Christmas Masses are at the following times this year:

Christmas Vigil 4.00pm St Joseph's

Christmas Vigil 6.30pm St Patrick's

Christmas Morning 9.30am St Joseph's

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela (Angie) Nichol who died on Monday 10th November. You will remember that Angie married John only a few weeks ago in St Joseph's Church. Please keep Angie, and her family in your prayers, especially John her husband and Angie's parents.

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INSPECTION

We congratulate the staff and pupils of St Patrick's on their recent Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI). St Patrick's has been judged as **OUTSTANDING**. The report which is a very positive read is available at: <https://stpatricksdipton.bwcet.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/St-Patricks-Catholic-Primary-School-Dipton-Catholic-Inspection-Report.pdf>

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK

25th May - 29th May 2026 with Gillingham's Coaches. 5 days/4 nights (Belfast, Bundoran, Knock and Belfast). £640pp sharing double room; £790 single occupancy. Full day at the Shrine with Mass, guided tour and prayer opportunities. 2 half day visits included: Belfast Titanic Museum and Cong 'Quiet Man' village, Mayo. Optional evening Mass at Clonard Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Contact: Michael: 07787 726 306; Lestrine: 07778 656 662.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Many thanks for all the generous donations received so far through our parish fundraising events. If anyone would like to donate sweet or savoury home baked goods for our Christmas Craft Fair tea room or bake sale, these can be brought along on the day. If you would like your baked goods to be collected on the morning of the Christmas Fair, please contact Lorraine Murray (St Joseph's) on 07786117710 or Sharon Walker (St Patrick's) on 07969212778.

ADMINISTRATOR

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Salary Scale £30,000 to £31,855 FTE
Supporting Father Shaun Purdy, our Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, we are looking for our first permanent Lourdes Administrator and as such the successful applicant will play a pivotal role in setting the standard and enabling us to support the delivery of a high-quality pilgrimage. For further information see: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/>

For an Applicant Pack please email Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources, at annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

Could members please collect books from the back of church and leave any boxes or money at the piety stall (please ensure all names are on donations). Thank you.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next weekend we will celebrate World Youth Sunday, when the Church gives thanks for the life and faith of our young people. The retiring collection will support the work of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT), our Diocesan Youth Service.

Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church. Please consider taking one home this week and bringing it back for next Sunday's collection. Your generosity helps young people encounter Christ and grow in faith.

GODFELLAS

The Godfellow will meet this Tuesday, 18th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Meeting Room. We will be joined by Lorraine Weightman and Father John Bagnall who are going to talk to us about their poetry and artwork.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Patrick Dipton's annual Christmas Tree Festival is Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th December 1pm - 4pm. Anyone wishing to display a tree can contact Aileen on 07745 943 455 or Anne on 07944 094 157. There is a donation of £10 per tree.