

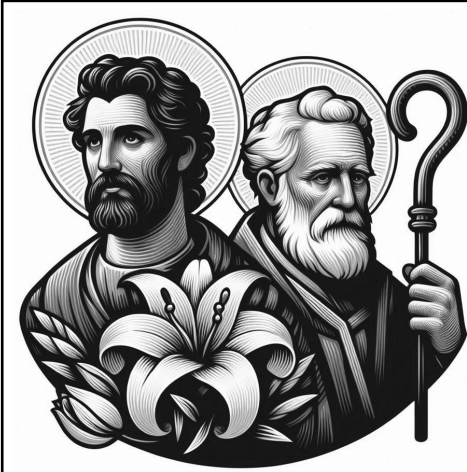
MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS  
16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
<b>Monday</b>	St Hilda of Whitby, Abbess ( <i>M</i> )	<b>Monday</b>	Journey in Faith ( <i>Stanley</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	Feria	<b>Thursday</b>	Coffee after Mass ( <i>Stanley</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	Feria	<b>Saturday</b>	Christmas Craft Fair ( <i>Dipton</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	Feria		
<b>Friday</b>	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ( <i>M</i> )		
<b>Saturday</b>	St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr ( <i>M</i> )		
<i>M</i> = Memorial <i>F</i> = Feast <i>S</i> = Solemnity			

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
<b>Future Collections:</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> November - Catholic Youth 7 <sup>th</sup> December - Advent Alms 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Offering ♥ St Joseph’s October coffee mornings (Thursday) raised £103 for church funds ♥			

<p><b>Prayer for the Jubilee Year</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Franciscus</p>	<p><b>PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES...</b></p> <p>Margaret Convey, Maureen Dixon, Doreen Bailes, Norman King</p> <p><b>GETTING YOUR CHILD BAPTISED</b></p> <p>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 <i>in person</i> to your parish priest at the end of Mass.</p> <p><b>A GENTLE REMINDER...</b></p> <p>Please remember to switch off your mobile phone (<i>or put it on silent</i>) when coming into Church.</p> <p>We show reverence to Jesus present in the Tabernacle.</p> <p><i>Please talk to God before Mass and one another afterwards.</i></p> <p>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.</p>
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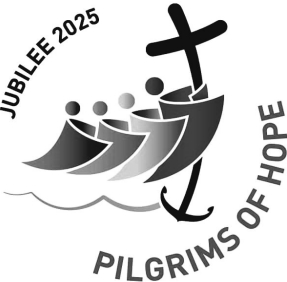
9.30am - 3.30pm



Everyone in the Church has a responsibility  
to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of  
those who worship in our Church or who  
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LISTEN TO THE WORD  
16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 - 33<sup>RD</sup> 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.

