

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

2nd - 9th November 2025

ALL SAINTS' DAY	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Tommy & Vera Roddy People of the Partnership; Billy Hurry & David Johnson
Monday <i>3rd November</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	For those who have died in the last year and whose funerals have taken place within our family of parishes.
Tuesday <i>4th November</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	9.30am 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am</i> Lesley Eagle
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>6th November</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Friday <i>7th November</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday <i>8th November</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	9.30am 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am</i> Bill & Ivy Mulhearn
DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Terry Hughes People of the Partnership; Intentions of Raffaello Moscardini

LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
Monday	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
Tuesday	St Charles Borromeo (<i>M</i>)
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	The Martyrs of Douai College (<i>M</i>)
Friday	St Willibrord (<i>M</i>)
Saturday	Saturday Memorial of our Lady
<i>M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity</i>	

PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
This Sunday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Dipton</i>)
Monday	Coffee after mass (<i>Dipton</i>)
Thursday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Saturday	First Holy Communion preparation (<i>Stanley</i>)
Next Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)

Finance - 26th October 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Clergy Training Fund
STANLEY	£502.15	£197.25	£225.25
DIPTON	£105.90	£172.85	£49.52

Future Collections: 26th October - 23rd November - Clergy Training Fund
♥ Donations from Terry Hughes' Requiem Mass totalled £295.01 towards St Patrick's Church funds ♥

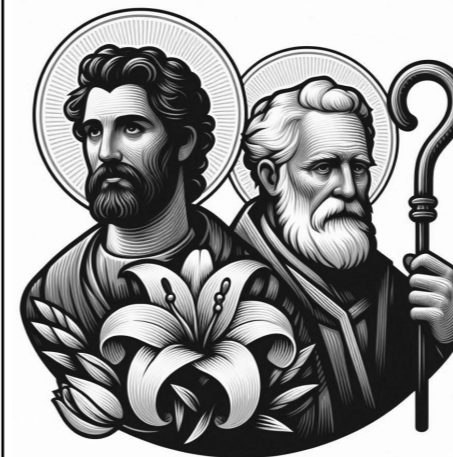
Prayer for the Jubilee Year
Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators 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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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
2ND NOVEMBER 2025 - FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14 | Psalm 24 | 1 John 3: 1-3 | Matthew 5: 1-12

Today we should celebrate, for this is our feast day. We have been called by God to be counted among his saints and if we respond to this call we will become children of God. The late Pope Francis wrote: "The saints are not perfect models, but people through whom God has passed". The sanctity of God has touched our lives and left a mark upon us so that we have the ability to share his love with all we meet and serve as a beacon of light to all peoples.

Our first reading from the Book of the Apocalypse speaks of the gathering of the saints in heaven worshipping God. Our fellow Christians are suffering each day for their faith in many parts of the world. These are our modern martyrs; they follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before. The passage speaks of "a great multitude that no one could number from all tribes and peoples and languages". They stand in worship before the throne of God. Today we remember them as our departed brothers and sisters in Christ.

The psalm speaks of "the people who seek him". Each of us has a place among these people. We are called to be "Clean of hands and pure of heart". Simple as this may seem, we are only asked to act always with humanity and love.

The letters of Saint John give us hope in what is to come. He speaks of the love of the Father coming upon His children. We are His sons and daughters, and we stand against the world that does not know Him. Our Christian duty is to bring hope into this world of despair, to bring peace to this world of conflict and inequality.

The Gospel passage from Matthew reminds us of the great blessings that Jesus brings to those who would listen. It is His manifesto, and unlike the political manifestos that we hear from time to time, this is a promise that can be fulfilled. We have the power to comfort those who mourn, to care for the meek, to help feed the hungry and thirsty. We can do this for those around us in so many ways. All we need is to see and respond. We must work for a fairer and better world and, though we are small, together we can bring change. We will be met with opposition, with disparaging remarks, with barriers, but we are not alone. We have our Saviour, standing among us, leading us to His light.

A Prayer based on Matthew 5: 6

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God"

Lord,

When I pray your Beatitudes, I am filled with a sense of your hope for all your creation.

You make everything so simple and natural.

Who would not say amen to every phrase.

Yet we know your dream is far from reality.

Chase our hearts and let your kingdom come.

Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ALL SAINTS' DAY (C)

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

First Reading

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(23):1-2, 3-4b, 5-6. R cf. 6

Response: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The LORD's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

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

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ What are the criteria for Sanctity?
- ✠ What are the elements you look forward to in heaven?
- ✠ Are the beatitudes an adequate summary of Christian holiness?

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. Gerry's Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday 13th November at 10.00am** in St Patrick's, Dipton, followed by burial in the cemetery.

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 is taking a break 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 again on Monday 10th November at 7.00pm.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Thank you to those who have volunteered their services. **Next Sunday** after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses, Simon McGee our Health and Safety representative for both Churches will be holding a short meeting to go through the evacuation procedure for those who volunteered 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.

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.

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.

MASS COUNT 2025	STANLEY	DIPTON
21st September	121	55
28th September	137	60
5th October	142	70
12th October	139	46
Average	135	58