

MASSTIMES AND INTENTIONS

24th - 31st May 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Mary McDermott People of the Partnership; John Dodds
Monday 25 th May	Dipton	9.30am	NBF
Tuesday 26 th May	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Margaret Pendleton
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 28 th May	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Intention for a successful operation
Friday 29 th May	Dipton	6.30pm	Celebration of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 30 th May	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am C.A. McKeaver
MOST HOLY TRINITY	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; The Chirnside Family People of the Partnership; Francis & Wallace Ormston



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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.



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



LISTEN TO THE WORD

24TH MAY 2026 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2: 1-11 | Psalm 103 | 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 | John 20: 19-23

Throughout the Easter readings we have been waiting in great expectation for the appearance of the Holy Spirit. Today we have three readings, all written many years after the events of Pentecost, and they each give us ways in which the Holy Spirit enters our lives.

The first reading is from Acts, a book believed to have been written by Luke, a companion of Paul, which tells us, in great detail, about the foundation of the early church. The descent of the Spirit is written in a very dramatic form reflecting, perhaps, the effect of the event on those gathered in the upper room. When the Apostles, filled with the gifts of the Spirit, went out to the people they spoke with renewed confidence of the mighty works of God. These were Galileans speaking in Aramaic, yet the listeners heard their voices in their own tongue, and they were amazed and delighted at what they heard. The people heard and understood for the Holy Spirit was speaking through these men.

Paul would be writing in early sixties, thirty years after the resurrection and the day of Pentecost. Paul had seen the effects of the Spirit in many different ways. He understood that the gifts were given to different people for the various needs of their communities. The Spirit had passed from the Apostles and found a home in the hearts of all believers.

John was writing many years later, towards the end of his long life, and his Gospel is a reflection on the words and works of Jesus during His life on earth. The Apostles are given the gift of the Holy Spirit from His hands. He speaks of two commandments that He authorises the Apostles to do in His name. They are to go out, to preach His Gospel of Love to the world. He tells them, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you". He then gives them authority over sin and breathes the Holy Spirit into their hearts. "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them, if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

David Frank.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday	St Bede the Venerable (F)
Tuesday	St Philip Neri (M)
Wednesday	St Augustine of Canterbury (F)
Thursday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (F)
Friday	St Paul VI (op M)
Saturday	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity

PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Thursday Coffee after Mass (Stanley)

Finance - 17 May 2026	Offertory Total	Standing Order	World Communication Day
STANLEY	£428.75	£197.25	£177.85
DIPTON	£91.87	£172.85	£44.85
Future Collections: 25 th May - Lay Training Fund 7 th June - Quarterly Diocesan Levy 21 st June - Day for Human Life			

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty and ever-living God,
I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son
Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life,
unclean to the fountain of mercy,
blind to the radiance of eternal light,
and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness,
wash away my defilement,
enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty,
and clothe my nakedness.
May I receive the bread of angels,
the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence,
with the purity and faith, the repentance and love,
and the determined purpose
that will help to bring me to salvation.
May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood,
and its reality and power.

Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary,
and so be received into His mystical body
and numbered among His members.
Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage
I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament,
may I one day see him face to face in glory,
who lives and reigns with You for ever.
Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES...

Margaret Convey, Maureen Dixon

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

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

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R cf. 30

Response: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will ;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

(Tune Stabat Mater)

Gospel Verse

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
Glorify to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

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



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DATES FOR THE DIARY - NEW DATES ADDED!

Saturday 6th June - Stella Maris Pilgrimage to Holy Island
Friday 3rd July - Dipton Club with the Whistle Testers
Saturday 4th July - Indoor 'car boot' sale
Saturday 11th July 2026 - Summer Craft Fair
Friday 31st July 2026 - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
Saturday 12th September 2026 - The last afternoon of the Proms
Sunday 29th November 2026 - First Sunday of Advent
Saturday 14th November 2026 - Christmas Craft Fair
Sunday 20th December 2026 - Christmas Brass Concert

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

Are you a First timer or Solo Pilgrim? You are invited to a get together on **Sunday 5th July** at St Michael's Church Hall, Houghton le Spring, DH5 8NF. The afternoon begins at 2.00pm and finish at 4.00pm. It will give you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have and to meet fellow pilgrims.

STELLA MARIS - ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND

***A FEW SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE ***

The annual Stella Maris Pilgrimage to Holy Island is taking place on Saturday 6th June 2026. A coach has been booked for those who wish to go, with pick-ups from Stanley and Dipton. Following the Pilgrimage to Holy Island, we will stop off at Seahouses for Fish and Chips. The cost of the trip is £15.00 for adults and £5.00 for Children (up to 16). If you would like to go, please contact the office on 01207 299 012.

All Monies for the trip need to be paid by next Sunday.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 3pm on Sunday 7th June in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's beautiful gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Last year, more than 300 people attended this event, so arrangements are in place to help Ushaw to estimate numbers and plan accordingly. You do not need a ticket for this event, but there is a sign-up sheet available at the back of our churches, so that we can let Ushaw know in advance how many people intend to come.

BISHOP SÉAMUS CUNNINGHAM - 60 YEARS A PRIEST

On Saturday 20th June, Bishop Séamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Sunderland, for his Diamond Jubilee. The Mass begins at 11.00am followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

Sharon Walker is the Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) both Stanley and Dipton. Part of their role is to make sure all parishioners have access to the relevant Safeguarding policies:

CSSA / Diocesan Safeguarding Policy – is available on request
Caring Safely for others – is available on request.

But both policies can be found on the Diocese website – <https://diocesehn.org.uk/services/safeguarding/promoting-a-culture-of-safeguarding/>. Our Website has a link to the relevant information. Please also note there are now updated Safeguarding posters on the noticeboard.

We also draw your attention to the online safeguarding training for all volunteers. Information is available on the noticeboards at both churches on how to access this.

If you have any queries, please speak to Sharon, Sharon's number is on the front of the newsletter.

SVP CAMP – HOLY ISLAND

Calling all young adults 18+. Do you have a week to spare to spend on Lindisfarne this Summer helping out at the Holy Island SVP Camp? Volunteers are needed to work alongside the children who stay in the SVP purpose-built centre on the island. Weeks, 3, 5 and 6 of the Summer have 60 children ready to have a great time rock pooling, walking, arts and crafting and enjoying outdoor activities but we need more helpers to ensure they have the best time!

- Week 3 Sat 1st August - 8th August
- Week 5 Sat 15th August - 22nd August
- Week 6 Sat 22nd - 29th August

If you are interested have a look at the website visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or email Barbara Taws barbarat@svp.org.uk
All helpers receive training and will need to be DBS checked.

ST BEDE'S OPEN DAY

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our school opening, we are delighted to invite pupils, families, former students, and members of the community to our School Open Day on Saturday 27th June 10:00am – 2:00pm at the school site.

FIRE EXITS AROUND ST JOSEPH'S

Please could we remind you not to park in front of the steps by the Sacristy door or in front of the Church doors when using the car park. These areas need to be clear AT ALL TIMES in case we need to evacuate the Church in the event of a fire. Thank you for your understanding.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Just a reminder that if you are fulfilling your ministry at Mass, to please come up to the Sanctuary **as soon as the Lamb of God is being said or sung**. Please do not wait until the end or half way through. Thank you.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

This year, after 18 years as Head Teacher at Dipton (2 of which were as executive Head Teacher at Stanley), we say "farewell" to Mrs Burgess, who is retiring. A special Mass will take place on Monday 13th July at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Church, followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

OUTREACH TEA

The Outreach Afternoon Tea will take place **THIS WEDNESDAY 27th May**. If you would like some company, a bit of a natter, with refreshments, then this is for you! The afternoon 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. Because of illness, some of the volunteers are unable to commit at this time. 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.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL ART WEEK

Come along to our school's art gallery at St Patrick's Church Dipton on Wednesday 3rd June, 2.45pm - 5.30pm. Refreshments will be served. Parents can view and purchase artwork which will be framed and ready to treasure. Your support helps fund resources, activities and opportunities for our children.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC OPEN DAY

Come and join St Joseph's School for their Teddy Bears' Picnic Open Day on Sunday 12th July from 12.15pm - 1.30pm. We're looking forward to welcoming families to our special open event bring your favourite teddy along and enjoy a lovely day of fun, exploration, and community!

Come and discover our wonderful school, meet our team, and see what makes our learning environment so special. We can't wait to see you there!

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT WITH THE WHISTLE TESTERS

Tickets will soon be on sale for our next social in Dipton Club on Friday 3rd July. As always, this promises to be a good night with music, dancing, bingo, raffle and Tombola. Put the date in your diary, and we look forward to seeing you there! Tickets will be the usual price of £5.00, and it is suitable for all the family.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL

Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite you to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on Saturday 27th June. Arrivals from 12.00pm, Guided Walk of the Laudato Si' Environmental Project at 1.15pm, Presentation from Significance and Mass, celebrated by Bishop Stephen, at 3.00pm followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets cost £10. All proceeds and donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To request a booking form and for further information email Evie at evie.rea@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.