

# MASSTIMES AND INTENTIONS

21<sup>st</sup> June - 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

<b>12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	Dipton	9.00am	People of the Partnership; Bob Fullerton
	Stanley	11.00am	People of the Partnership; John & Ettie Boyd

<b>Monday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Dipton	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Maureen Hughes
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<b>Tuesday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stanley	9.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.00am	Deceased Members of the Townley Family

**NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY**

<b>Thursday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Stanley	9.00am	Maureen Hughes (SVP)
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<b>Friday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Dipton	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		6.30pm	For two sick people

<b>Saturday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Stanley	9.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.00am	Ann Thomason

<b>SS. PETER AND PAUL</b>	Dipton	9.00am	People of the Partnership; Wilma Ryan (SVP)
	Stanley	11.00am	People of the Partnership; Rose Taggart

<b>Monday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Dipton	6.30pm	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
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<b>Tuesday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Stanley	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
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**NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY**

<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Stanley	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
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**NO MASS ON FRIDAY**

**NO MASS ON SATURDAY**

*Ordination of Ted Patulan to the Permanent Diaconate at St Mary's Cathedral*

<b>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	Dipton	9.00am	People of the Partnership; Gerry Nichol
	Stanley	11.00am	People of the Partnership; Michael Thomason

LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs (F)
<b>Tuesday</b>	St Etheldreda, Abbess (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	The Nativity of St John the Baptist (S)
<b>Thursday</b>	Feria
<b>Friday</b>	Feria
<b>Saturday</b>	Saturday Mass of Our Lady
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Feria
<b>Tuesday</b>	Feria
<b>Wednesday</b>	Feria
<b>Thursday</b>	Feria
<b>Friday</b>	St Thomas, Apostle (F)
<b>Saturday</b>	Feria
<i>M = Memorial      F = Feast      S = Solemnity</i>	

PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Coffee Morning after Mass (Dipton)

**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.

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

Margaret Convey, Maureen Dixon, Jenny Heslop

**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.

Finance - 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Offertory Total	Standing Order
<b>STANLEY</b>	£493.84	£197.25
<b>DIPTON</b>	£133.10	£172.85

**Future Collections:** 21<sup>st</sup> June - Day for Human Life  
28<sup>th</sup> June - Peter's Pence  
♥ The St Patrick's June coffee morning raised £94.21 for parish funds ♥



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## SAINT JOSEPH, STANLEY



## SAINT PATRICK, DIPTON

### 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jeremiah 20: 10-13 | Psalm 68 | Romans 5: 12-15 |  
Matthew 10: 26-33

At times, it can be very hard to be a Christian. People today try to ignore those who have faith until something tragic happens. Then something awakens them to a deeper sense within; they turn to their neighbours, their community and to those who want to help. They realise they are not alone and a spirit of unity begins to emerge. We have seen this in the tragic events of recent times. We need always to be prepared to listen to and walk with those who are suffering; our faith comes from God and the path we walk is in the footsteps of Christ.

Our readings today remind us of the problems we will face when living our lives of faith. Jeremiah lived at a time when the people had turned away from God, and he faced many hardships when he spoke out against those in power. He realised that he served a greater power than that of kings and religious leaders. He continued to speak out, for he knew that the Lord would justify him and "deliver the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers".

It is difficult for us to see and understand the attitude and importance that the early church gave to Adam, as the man who brought sin into the world. We accept sin as the evil that is done in our world by ourselves and others. We do not blame Adam; we blame ourselves and each other. The importance that Paul places on the saving action of Christ when he died for all sin is emphasised by his recalling to us of the fall of Adam who represents all humanity. Paul reminds us that the divine grace given to us through the sacrifice of Jesus, the "free gift", is far greater than the damage of the fall.

Jesus is sending out his disciples into the world to continue the work of His Heavenly Father. He knows they will face many obstacles, encounter many dissenting voices and even hostility and danger in their mission. He assures them, as he assures us in our day: "Have no fear of them". Our role in this world is to be the voice of Christ: bringing truth to the fore, bringing compassion to those who grieve, hope to those who are distressed, seeing the face of Christ in friend and stranger. We live in dangerous times; our sure hope is that we are loved by God and we are worth "more than many sparrows".

David Frank.

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**The Parish office is closed this week due to annual leave.**



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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.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

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

### First Reading

*Jeremiah 20:10-13*

Jeremiah said:  
I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!  
'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.  
'Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him.'  
But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonour  
will never be forgotten.  
O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 69(68):8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R14c*

**Response: In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame has covered my face.  
To my own kin I have become an outcast,  
a stranger to the children of my mother.  
Zeal for your house consumes me,  
and taunts against you fall on me.

But I pray to you, O LORD,  
at an acceptable time.  
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,  
with your faithful salvation.  
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad,  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the LORD attends to the needy,  
and does not spurn his own in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the seas and everything that moves in them.

### Second Reading

*Romans 5:12-15*

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man,  
and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all  
sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but  
sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam  
to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression  
of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one  
man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by  
the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

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

### Gospel Verse

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord,  
and you also will bear witness.

### Gospel

*Matthew 10:26-33*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for  
nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be  
known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear  
whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill  
the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both  
soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not  
one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But  
even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you  
are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges  
me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in  
heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my  
Father who is in heaven.'

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



*We remember today all Fathers living and deceased on this Father's Day.*

### A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience.  
Support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.  
Amen

### DATES FOR THE DIARY - NEW DATES ADDED!

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Dipton Club with the Whistle Testers  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Indoor 'car boot' sale  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026** - Summer Craft Fair  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026** - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026** - The last afternoon of the Proms  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2026** - First Sunday of Advent  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2026** - Christmas Craft Fair  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2026** - Christmas Tree Festival  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2026** - Christmas Tree Festival  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2026** - Nine Lessons and Carols  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2026** - Christmas Brass Concert

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We commend to your prayers, the repose of the soul of **Maureen Hughes** and Maureen's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 11.00am in St Patrick's, followed by burial in the Parish Cemetery.

### LOURDES MUSIC GROUP

Are you going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage? Would you like to join the choir or come along and learn the music before you travel? There are rehearsals before we go on:

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	St Michael's Houghton le Spring	4.00pm
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	St Joseph's, Stanley	5.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle	5.00pm

*You're welcome to come to all, or just one or two.*

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> August - 8<sup>th</sup> August
- Week 5 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> August - 22<sup>nd</sup> August
- Week 6 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:barbarat@svp.org.uk)  
All helpers receive training and will need to be DBS checked.

### ST BEDE'S OPEN DAY

To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> June 10:00am – 2:00pm at the school site.

### RETIREMENT MASS

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 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Church, followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 are on sale for our next social in Dipton Club on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.00pm. 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.

### WEEKDAY MASS AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each week we have the opportunity to meet the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and in Holy Mass. As we receive the Lord, the Lord too receives us. Please consider coming along to a weekday Mass and to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, that there may be a revival of the love of the Eucharist within our family of parishes.

### SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL

Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite you to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:evie.rea@ymt.org) or Tel. 01207 592244.

### NEW HORIZON CHOIR PRESENTS: SHOWTIME!

The word of musical theatre brought to life! Come and see classic songs and under-appreciated gems given a new twist by a large contemporary choir at Northern Stage, Barras Bridge, Newcastle NE1 7RH, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7.30pm. For more info and tickets, visit [www.newhorizonchoir.co.uk/showtime](http://www.newhorizonchoir.co.uk/showtime).

### DIOCESAN PROPERTY TRUSTEE VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Trustee with property skills and experience. Chaired by the Bishop, The Board of Trustees provides leadership and determines the overall strategic direction of the organisation. Individuals with significant property, estates management and acquisitions experience and knowledge of charity law relating to land are encouraged to visit the Diocesan Website to download the role descriptor and application form. Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/diocesan-trustee/> to apply. The closing date is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

### SUMMER CRAFT FAIR DONATIONS

As our summer craft fair is approaching, any donations would be gratefully received for our tombola and raffle. Bottles, including alcohol, toiletries, sauces, non alcoholic drinks, cans, grocery items, chocolates, sweets and biscuits are ideal. For the bakers in our parishes, once again, if you could please bring your baked goods for our tea room and bake sale to St Patrick's church anytime after 10.30 on 11th July that would assist. If you want your baked goods to be collected on the evening of 10th July or on the morning of the fair, please put your details on the sheet provided at the back of church and arrangements will be made to collect from your home. We hope to see you at the fair.

### A RELAXED PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2027

There are still some places available on our pilgrimage from 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> June 2027, staying at Villa Palazzola. The cost is £1,395 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half-board basis. A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of £100. Price includes return airfare including **15kg hold Luggage**, accommodation as detailed in the itinerary, all transport whilst in Italy, services of a guide, gratuities and all entrance fees. Please note that this itinerary is not suitable for less able. You can book by visiting [pilgrimagepeople.org](http://pilgrimagepeople.org) and clicking on book, then on Italy and you will then find in the list 'Pilgrimage to Rome with Father Shaun Purdy'

### NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Dr Tom O'Loughlin speak on Luke 5:27-32 as a discipleship text: Christian hospitality and the contemporary rejection of liturgy, in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026, at 7.30pm.

What can reading the story of the call of Levi (Lk 5:27-32) say to us about how we imagine discipleship? And can it speak to us about the place of meals and Christian hospitality? If so, might it show us a way out of the current dead-end where so many Christians do not give any value or importance to liturgy?

### OUTREACH AFTERNOON TEA

The Outreach Afternoon Tea will take place **THIS WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> June**. If you would like some company and a bit of a natter with refreshments, 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. Due to illness some volunteers are unable to commit at this time. If you can help with baking and serving, please contact the office.