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STANLEY FAMILY OF CATHOLIC PARISHES

- Saint Joseph's, Stanley and Saint Patrick's Dipton -

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS - 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Sunday 19th July <i>16th Sunday of the Year</i>	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership and Imelda Christon People of the Partnership and Father Tony Hogarth
Monday 20th July <i>Feria</i>	Dipton Stanley	9.30am 10.00am 4.00pm	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Jenny Heslop (SVP) Reception of the Mortal Remains of Jenny Heslop
Tuesday 21st July <i>Feria</i>	Stanley	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Jenny Heslop
Thursday 23rd July <i>St Bridget of Sweden (Feast)</i>	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Charlie & Renee Bradley (Coffee after Mass)
Friday 24th July <i>The Martyrs of the Diocese (Feast)</i>	Dipton	9.30am 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Thomas Lynch (SVP)
Saturday 25th July <i>St James, Apostle (Feast)</i>	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Billy & Ivy Mulhearn
Sunday 26th July <i>17th Sunday of the Year</i>	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership and John McGuinness People of the Partnership and Barry Myers

First reading - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 86(85):5-6. 9-10. 15-16a. R5a

Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication.

All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me.

Second reading - Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel Acclamation

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Gospel - Matthew 13:24-30 (short form)

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

FAMILY OF PARISHES FINANCES – 12TH JULY 2026

ST JOSEPH'S

Offertory Total - Standing Order - £409.41

ST PATRICK'S

Offertory Total - Standing Order - £97.50

Thank you for your generosity

LISTEN TO THE WORD

The Book of Wisdom was written in the last century before the birth of Christ and it shows that, at this time, there was a debate among educated Jews about the nature of God and his relationship with humankind. We tend to believe that there was a great gap between the Old and the New Testaments, but this does not appear to be so. The people of the Old Testament were very like us in the way that they were seeking to know and love God and this book is part of that "seeking after God" that we continue today.

The reading itself is a very powerful examination of the forgiving nature of God and how that nature should affect our relationships with each other. If God is powerful and forgiving then we in our turn, even with our lack of power, have no real excuse when we fail to love and forgive each other. We are reminded that the compassion of God is there for us, for, "you have filled your sons with good hope because you give repentance for sins"

There are many ways to pray but often we cannot find the words. Familiar prayers cannot cover the great need that we feel and cannot always express these needs in our prayer to God. There is great consolation, therefore, in this passage from Paul's letter to the Romans. God knows what we need, He is all powerful, all seeing; all we need to do is to look for Him and He will listen. Paul sees in these intercessory prayers the hand of the Holy Spirit; there is a need in our prayer life for an open, honest expression of our needs and it is to the Holy Spirit that we look to guide us in our petitions.

The parables from Mathew's gospel continue and this week we hear three parables concerning the Kingdom of Heaven. Each one is different; there is teaching about the good and evil that live side by side in our world, another about how the kingdom can grow from a tiny seed into a mighty tree and a third about how different things come together to make something new. Each parable would have been explained by Jesus to his disciples; we need to accept that the good seed and the darnel grow side by side and come to understand that this world is not perfect but, in the end, good will triumph over evil.

David Frank

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of: Jenny Heslop, James (*Jimmy*) Russell Gregg and Father Leo Pyle who have died. Jenny's reception of Mortal Remains will take place on Monday at 4.00pm in St Joseph's, her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on Tuesday. Jimmy's Funeral Liturgy will take place on Thursday 30th July at 12.15pm in St Joseph's and Father Leo's Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 29th July at 12noon in St Mary's, Hexham.

LOURDES PETITIONS & FAMILY OF PARISHES CANDLE

Boxes are available at the Lady Altars in both St Joseph's and St Patrick's for anyone who would like petitions taken to the Grotto in Lourdes. The boxes will remain until Sunday 26th June. Please remember not to put any money in the envelopes as they get burned.

As we have done in previous years, a family of parishes candle will be lit at the chapel of light. Anyone who wishes to contribute to this can pass on their donations to Father Shaun.

BLESSING OF HANDS

A Mass with Blessing of hands will take place this Tuesday at 6.30pm in the Cathedral. This Mass is open to everyone, not just those going to Lourdes.

GODFELLAS

The next meeting of the Godfellas will take place on **Tuesday 28th July**. We will be meeting at the Harry Clasper in Whickham at 7.00pm for drinks (*and food for those who wish*).

We offer a word of welcome to all those visiting the Churches within our Family of Parishes this summer.

We hope you are made to feel welcome among us.

NEW HORIZON CHOIR PRESENTS: SHOWTIME!

The world of musical theatre brought to life! Come and see classic songs and under-appreciated gems given a new twist at Northern Stage, Barras Bridge, Newcastle NE1 7RH, 25th July 2026 at 7.30pm. For more info and tickets, visit newhorizonchoir.co.uk/showtime

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Newcastle and District Society of Organists, in collaboration with St Dominic's, Newcastle, present this year's summer recital series. The next recital will be given by Charles Wooler from Newcastle on 21st August. The recital begins at 7.30pm and lasts for 70 minutes. Admission, including refreshments, is £10.

AMICI LADIES GROUP UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 22nd July - Cheese and Wine at St Patrick's Dipton, 7pm

Thursday 20th August - Summer Celebrations at St Patrick's Dipton, 7pm

Thursday 24th September - TBC

October TBC, November TBC. Please keep a lookout for dates.

OUTREACH AFTERNOON TEA

The Outreach Afternoon Tea will take place on Wednesday 30th July. 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. 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.

THANK YOU FROM JILL BURGESS

I would like to say a huge thank you for the very kind messages, cards and the incredibly generous gift I received from the parish communities of St Joseph's and St Patrick's.

I will certainly think of you all when I enjoy my first trip in retirement, thanks to the wonderful holiday voucher. My sincere thanks to Father Shaun and to everyone who was able to attend the lovely celebrations marking my retirement. Every event has been perfect, and I feel truly blessed by the kindness and generosity shown to me.

It has been an absolute privilege to work alongside you and to get to know so many families and parishioners over the years. I will always cherish the friendships, support and memories we have shared.

Thank you once again for making this such a special and memorable occasion. You will all remain in my thoughts and prayers as I begin this new chapter.

I wish you all the very best!

Many thanks

Jill Burgess

THANK YOU

St Joseph's June coffee mornings raised £127.60 for St Cuthbert's Care. The Summer Craft Fair at Dipton raised £2000 for our family of parishes. Thank you to all involved in the organisation and to all who attended on the day!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We hope all the staff and pupils from St Joseph's, St Mary's and St Patrick's have a wonderful six weeks' holiday. We pray it is a safe, relaxing and enjoyable time and that you come back ready and raring to go in September!

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.