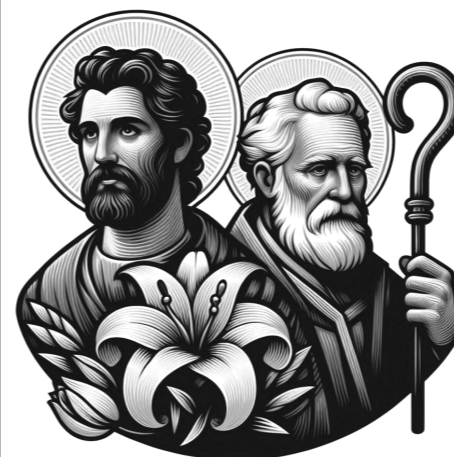


MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

5th - 12th July 2026

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Gerry Nichol People of the Partnership; Michael Thomason
Monday 6 th July	Dipton	6.00pm	St Joseph's, St Mary's and St Patrick's Schools joint Leavers' Mass For the intentions of the children and their families. ALL ARE WELCOME!
Tuesday 7 th July	South Moor	2.15pm	Eleanor Thomason Mass in St Mary's School, South Moor - all are welcome!
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 9 th July	Stanley	10.00am	The Ryans, Walker, Hillas, Mulhearn and Lovell families <i>School joining us for Mass today</i>
Friday 10 th July	Dipton	10.00am	Michael Chirnside <i>School joining us for Mass today</i>
NO MASS ON SATURDAY			
15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Maureen Hughes People of the Partnership; Chris White



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SAINT PATRICK, DIPTON

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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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.

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Zechariah 9: 9-10 | Psalm 114 | Romans 8: 9, 11-13 | Matthew 11: 25-30

How do we come to know God the Father? How do we see Him? This week's readings give an insight into the relationship between God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. That insight leads us towards understanding but there is always a sense that we cannot know him until we meet him face to face and that is something that lies in a future time.

The God of the Old Testament always appeared to be distant and unforgiving. An example, perhaps, of a strict father who frightened small children into being good. A fear that is gone now just as an adult leaves childhood fantasies behind when he sees a very different figure emerging in the reality of understanding. Zechariah had a vision of God which was different from that of those around him. While they looked for a God, mighty in battle and prepared to crush those who opposed him, he saw a humble God, one who would bring peace, not at the head of a mighty army, but from the saddle of a donkey. A God not of anger and retribution but of love and forgiveness.

Paul saw God through the light of the sacrifice of Jesus. He recognised him in the Spirit that was flowing through those who believed in him. A God who made his home, not in a palace, but in the hearts of men and women of faith. Paul recognised that those who lived a spiritual life were close to God, that the Spirit of God dwelled within them, and through this closeness they would live forever. He also knew that each of us is capable of this spiritual life if we have the courage to reach out and live it.

How did Jesus see His Father? This passage from Matthew reveals God as a real father figure as Jesus uses very simple language to help us to come to know Him. We do not need to be clever or learned to know the Father. If we come to him as a little child approaches his daddy, then we will find ourselves in tune with the music of his love. We need to trust, we need to take a leap of faith, into his arms and surrender to his love. Then surely our burdens will be lightened, our way clearer and the light that leads us to faith will grow bright and strong.

David Frank.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Feria
Saturday	St Benedict, Abbott, Patron of Europe (F)

M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity

PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK

This Sunday	Coffee after Mass (Dipton)
Thursday	Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
Saturday	Family of Parishes Craft Fair (Dipton)
Next Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (Stanley)

Finance - 28 June 2026	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Peter's Pence
STANLEY	£402.43	£197.25	£146.14
DIPTON	£121.98	£172.85	£94.35

Future Collections: 12th July – Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)

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, Jenny Heslop

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

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

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

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

Thus says the Lord: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. Rcf. 1

Response: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

I will extol you, my God and king,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD supports all who fall,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Second Reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

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

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

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 declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

DATES FOR THE DIARY - NEW DATES ADDED!

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

Saturday 13th December 2026 - Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 14th December 2026 - Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 14th December 2026 - Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 20th December 2026 - Christmas Brass Concert

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR - THIS SATURDAY!

The Summer Craft Fair for our Family of Parishes takes place this coming Saturday between 12.30pm and 3.30pm in St Patrick's, Dipton. There are over 20 craft stalls. There will be a raffle, tombola, Children's area, Tea Room, Face Painter, Highland Cows and a 1961 Fordson Dexter Tractor. Children also have the added bonus of joining in the cup cake competition! Please come along and support your family of parishes.

LOURDES PETITIONS AND 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.

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 th July	St Michael's Houghton le Spring	4.00pm
Sunday 19 th July	St Joseph's, Stanley	5.30pm
Tuesday 21 st 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 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.

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!

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!

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, 25th July 2026 at 7.30pm. For more info and tickets, visit www.newhorizonchoir.co.uk/showtime.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jenny Heslop who died last week. We keep her family in our prayers at the is sad time. Funeral details to follow.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S REDECORATION - AN UPDATE

As Father Shaun mentioned at Mass last Sunday, Richard Guy, the Diocesan Surveyor came out to see what works needs to be carried out in the Church (including lighting, heating, flooring, plastering repairs and redecorating). Richard will be coming back to spend some time putting together a plan before an architect is approached to coordinate the works. As you can appreciate it will be a lengthy process, and we pray that by the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the Church in 2029 all the works will be complete... we wait in joyful hope!

CAFOD-DEC VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24th June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives.

Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.



ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Deacon Paul who celebrated the 8th anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate last Tuesday, and to Father Shaun who celebrates the 12th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood today.

Ad multos annos!

VOLUNTEER CHAPERONES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is seeking volunteers to support children's choir rehearsals at the Cathedral Church of St Mary as chaperones. Volunteers would need to be available from 4-5.30pm on either Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. No musical experience is necessary, but a valid DBS certificate issued by the Diocese would be required. This can be arranged through Parish Safeguarding Leads or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

All Saints Church, Lanchester, invite us to join them for their centenary flower festival, 4 to 6 July 10am-4pm, with a performance by Esh Gospel Choir and Harpists on 5 July at 4pm.

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 recitals will be given by Cathy Lamb from Lichfield Cathedral on 17th July and Charles Wooler from Newcastle on 21st August. All recitals begin at 7.30pm and last for 70 minutes. Admission, including refreshments, is £10.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

Just a reminder that this Sunday there is a Coffee Morning after Mass in Dipton and next Sunday there will be a Coffee Morning in Stanley. These are the last before the Summer holidays. Thank you to all those who contribute so generously each month. We look forward to them re-starting in September.