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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 - 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

*** The order of Mass can be found on page 4 of your Hymn Book ***

Sunday 9th August <i>19th Sunday of the Year</i>	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership and Barbara Guthrie People of the Partnership and Ryans, Walker, Hillas, Mulhearn & Lovell families
Monday 10th August <i>Feria</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	For a sick person
Tuesday 11th August <i>Feria</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Billy & Ivy Mulhearn
Thursday 13th August <i>Feria</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion <i>(Coffee after the Service)</i>
Friday 14th August	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Sunday 16th August <i>The Assumption of the BVM</i>	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership and Kathleen Goldsmith People of the Partnership and William & Margaret Bradley & Family

First reading - 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him. And he said, 'Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R. cf. 16

Response: *Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the LORD God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven.

The LORD will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Righteousness will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way.

Second reading - Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

I long for you, O LORD,
my soul longs for his word.

Gospel - Matthew 13:44-46

After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, 'It is a ghost!' and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.' And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

FAMILY OF PARISHES FINANCES – 12TH JULY 2026

ST JOSEPH'S

Offertory Total - £395.51 Standing Order - £197.25

ST PATRICK'S

Offertory Total - £299.80 Standing Order - £172.85

Thank you for your generosity

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.

LISTEN TO THE WORD

Where do you look to find God? How do you seek the God of love? Today's scripture passages give us a fleeting glimpse to the answer to these questions but as always God leaves it in our hands so that each of us comes to God in their own unique way.

Do you expect your encounter with God to be a mind-blowing experience, an earthquake to stir you, or a storm to unsettle you? Listen to the first reading; for Elijah, the Lord was not in the storm or the earthquake but in the gentle breeze. Look around your garden, at this time of the year many plants are in flower or turning to seed; when the wind blows it tosses the seed into the corners, on onto the path and the poor soil, but a gentle breeze moves the plants slowly and the seed is deposited in the good soil around the plant where, hopefully it will grow again next year and provide the colour and scent we are familiar with. Seeking God may not be a stormy journey, perhaps you just need to look around you and find Him there, in reach, but just out of sight.

Paul experienced the storms of life; in fact, he chose to go to places where the tempest raged so that he could bring the message to those who needed it most. Today Paul is praying for his people, the Jews; it is a heartfelt prayer he is filled with the need to bring the word of God into their hearts, but they refuse to listen. We too have brothers and sisters, family and friends who, like the Jews in Paul's time, have turned away from Christ. This then is our prayer also to the lost generations of our own lives.

Praying to Our Lord can be a bit like Peter on the lake; we may be bold and impetuous one minute, then sinking into insecurity the next. When we follow the Gospel story, we come closer to Jesus; through the scriptures we can come to know Him and when we do our prayer life changes because we are no longer speaking to an unapproachable God but to a friend and brother. We cannot find God in a distant figure, we need to get up close and personal; God is always looking for us, we just need to turn in his gentle breeze and discover Him in the garden of our daily prayer.

David Frank

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.

**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.**

AMICI LADIES GROUP UPCOMING DATES

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.

THANK YOU

The family of Jenny Heslop would like to thank Fr Shaun for Jenny Heslop's beautiful Requiem Mass. Thank you also to all who attended for the kind donations made in Jenny's memory to the SVP and Missio, who have each received £191.23.