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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 – 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

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

Sunday 30th August 22 nd Sunday of the Year	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership and Kathleen Armstrong People of the Partnership and Mary & Charles Coffell
Monday 31st August St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne	Dipton	9.30am	Floro, Bernardina, Leonardo & Geronimo
Tuesday 1st September Feria (Day of prayer for care of creation)	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament John Kelly
Thursday 3rd September St Gregory the Great	Stanley	9.30am	David & Jean Holman (Coffee after Mass)
Friday 4th September The translation of St Cuthbert	Dipton	10.30am 6.30pm	Funeral Liturgy for Anthony Richard Moat Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Sunday 6th September 23 rd Sunday of the Year	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership and Ryans, Walker, Hillas, Mulhearn & Lovell families People of the Partnership and Harry Pendleton

First reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6, 8bc. R8bc

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.
2. I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.
3. I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.
4. For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Second reading - Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gospel Acclamation

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'

FAMILY OF PARISHES FINANCES – 23RD AUGUST 2026

ST JOSEPH'S

Offertory Total - £477.35 Standing Order - £197.25

ST PATRICK'S

Offertory Total - £129.73 Standing Order - £172.85

Thank you for your generosity.

LISTEN TO THE WORD

The Apostles were very concerned that Jesus was walking into danger as he set out for Jerusalem. Jesus reminds the apostles that his mission is to be the saviour of the people, and this will include suffering and death. Last week, Peter was the one with the vision of whom Jesus was, this week, he completely misunderstands the message with his very human response "Far be it from you, Lord. This shall never happen to you". In two passages of scripture, we glimpse the human condition; we want to have faith in Christ, but we want it on our terms not His,

Jeremiah believed in God and strived all his life to follow Him, he let himself be seduced, overpowered, hoping God would protect him if he did what was right. But doing what was right was far from easy, people laughed at him, called him names, disagreed with everything he said. Threatened him, insulted him so that he decided not to follow any longer. However, giving up was not easier than giving in. Something had hold of his heart, his soul, and would not let go "there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones".

Paul is trying to get across to the Romans and the readers of his letters what it really means to follow Christ. Now he tells his readers not to judge their actions by the world but, instead, look at the example of Christ. We cannot behave as others, who have not known Him, behave. We must change, become as new, and seek to live as Christ showed us by his example because that is the perfect thing to do.

We all have a burden to carry, often it is our own expectations which imprison us, keep us striving for the unattainable. When we fall short, we blame something or someone else. Never ourselves. It is a wise person who understands that little is really needed, that a heart that loves is more valuable than a purse filled to bursting. Jesus places a simple choice before each of us. We must make that choice: do we try for earthly gain or do we work for a heavenly reward. We must seek the way which will make us happy; once we have known the Lord then that way becomes clear and we can take up our cross and walk with Him.

David Frank

LAST AFTERNOON OF THE PROMS

We are delighted that Craghead Colliery Band are joining us on Saturday 12th September at 3.00pm for Last afternoon of the Proms. Tickets are £5.00 which includes Pimm's/Orange juice and cake and are available from both churches from today. It promises to be an entertaining afternoon, please come along and bring your family and friends too – it's suitable for all the family.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our Family of Parishes is setting up a Bereavement Group which will meet on the third Saturday of the month at 11.00am in St Joseph's meeting room. It is a safe, friendly, and confidential space to share, listen, and find support with others who understand. The first meeting will be on Saturday 19th September.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you considering becoming a Catholic, or would you like to find out more about your faith and the reason why we do the things we do? Our Journey in Faith programme is beginning THIS Thursday, 3rd September, from 7.00pm until 8.30pm in St Joseph's meeting room. Our first topic is 'come and see'. If you would like more information, please contact the family of parishes office.

AMICI LADIES GROUP UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 24th September - TBC

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

FREE FILM NIGHT – THE SCARLET AND THE BLACK (PG)

Join us on Friday 18th September for the showing of this great classic film at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Meeting Room.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We commend to your prayers the repose of the souls of **Mary Catherine (Cathy) Page, Anthony Richard Moat, Vincent (Vince) Lawler and Jayne Akenhead** who have died. **Cathy's** Funeral Liturgy will take place at Mountsett Crematorium on Monday 7th September at 2.00pm. **Anthony's** Funeral Liturgy will take place in St Patrick's Church on Friday 4th September at 10.30am. **Vince's** Funeral Liturgy will take place in St Joseph's on Tuesday 8th September at 12.15pm. **Jayne's** Requiem Mass will take place in St Patrick's on Friday 18th September at 11.00am.

We continue to pray for Father Joe Kendall (*Archdiocese of Liverpool*) who died aged 45. His Funeral Mass takes place this Friday at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool at 12noon.

GODFELLAS

The Godfellas will meet on Tuesday 29th September in St Joseph's Meeting Room at 7.00pm. If you haven't been before, why not come along?

GROUND FORCE DAYS 2026

Following our successful Ground Force days last year, we are looking to do the same this year in both St Patrick's and St Joseph's.

The dates are: **Saturday 26th September – St Patrick's**
Saturday 24th October – St Joseph's

The time is: **10.30am – 2.00pm**

You may be thinking that you would love to help but the outdoor work might be too much. Why not sign up to help clean the Church on the same days at the same times. Cleaning materials will be provided.

If you can help at one or both, please sign up on the sheets at the back of the Church. A picnic lunch will be provided for all those who help.

WOODLAND ACTIVITY DAY

The Diocesan Environmental Group invite you to a Woodland Activity Day at Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Allensford DH8 9BA on Saturday 5th September starting at 10.00am. Bushcraft, archery, tomahawk throwing, rosary walk, nature walks and expert talks including talk on care of creation. Everyone is welcome!

SAFEGUARDING DBS UPDATE

From 1st September 2026, the law about regulated activity with children is changing. Currently anyone carrying out regulated activity with children can be supervised by a DBS holder when carrying out their role. From September, **all** persons carrying out regulated activity with children will require an enhanced DBS check with child barred list information. If a person teaches/cares for/supervises children often enough (3 times in 30 days), they will be in regulated activity with children even if someone else supervises them. This will also apply to any young helpers over 16 who will also need a DBS check from 1st Sept if they are assisting with activities involving children. If you fall into any of these categories, please urgently call our Parish Safeguarding representative Sharon Walker (07969 212 778) in order that your DBS check application can be completed.

SUNDAY MASSES

Please note that there are no more Sunday Mass intentions available at St Joseph's for 2026. The nearest available date for Sunday Masses at St Patrick's is 4th October. Please note that weekday and Saturday Masses are subject to be cancelled at short notice due to Fr Shaun's busy schedule. Please be assured that should this happen, your Mass intention will be moved to the nearest available date.

ASSIST US TO LIVE, NOT TO DIE

Lord Alton, Baroness Campbell and Baroness Grey-Thompson encourage you to write to your MP asking them to vote against the Assisted Dying Bill at the Second Reading on 11th September. Cards are available from our churches this Sunday to help get the message across that people want assistance to live, not to die.

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.