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STANLEY FAMILY OF CATHOLIC PARISHES

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

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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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS – THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (A)

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

Sunday 1st November	*Dipton*	**9.00am**	**People of the Partnership** *and* **Kathleen McNamee**	*(Coffee after Mass)*
All Saints' Day	*Stanley*	**11.00am**	**People of the Partnership** *and* **Billy Hurry & David Johnson**	
Monday 2nd November	*Dipton*	**6.30pm**	**For those who have died in the last year from our Family of Parishes**	
All Souls' Day				
Tuesday 3rd November	*Stanley*	*9.30am*	*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*	
Feria		**10.00am**	**Patricia Dooley**	
Friday 6th November	*Dipton*	**6.30pm**	**Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion**	
Feria				
Saturday 7th November	*Stanley*	*9.30am*	*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation*	
St Willibrord		**10.00am**	**Joe & Kathleen Loftus**	
Sunday 8th November	*Dipton*	**9.00am**	**People of the Partnership** *and* **Priest's Intention**	
32nd Sunday of the Year	*Stanley*	**11.00am**	**People of the Partnership** *and* **Angie Nichol (Anniversary)**	*(Coffee after Mass)*

***** THE OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK *****
***** FATHER SHAUN WILL ANSWER EMAILS/CALLS AS AND WHEN HE CAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE *****

First reading - Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6
Response: ***Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.***

The LORD'S is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second reading - 1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.

Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

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FAMILY OF PARISHES FINANCES – 25TH OCTOBER 2026

ST JOSEPH'S
Offertory Total - £438.23 Standing Order - £197.25

ST PATRICK'S
Offertory Total - £374.25 Standing Order - £172.85

Thank you for your generosity.

LISTEN TO THE WORD

We all seek the same thing, a place in the Kingdom of Heaven. Today we are presented with a set of stepping stones. We begin at the end of the journey with a reading from Revelations, then we pass through a letter from John, which gives us hope, and finally a passage from the Sermon on the Mount which becomes the beginning of our journey.

The Book of Revelation is a vision of the end days when all those loved by God, for their actions in this world, gather, together, in heaven and offer Him praise for their salvation. The vision is a message of hope to those who faced persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God, their Saviour and symbol of hope. The first followers of Christ were considered small in this world but, in heaven they are marked as "the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb".

Saints are ordinary people, some rise above their station in life by doing extraordinary things, but most are steadfast, faithful, loving and loved. They are truly, as John writes in his letters "children of God". Knowing and believing in God is a special gift; it grants us access to His everlasting love. Many years ago, I heard a speaker talk of "love without limits", he believed that the love of God surpassed everything and that God's forgiveness was also without limits. We are God's children, He loves us and encourages us to live our lives as a testimony to Him: to be vessels of faith, hope, and charity in His world.

When Jesus stood. on that hillside in Galilee, he did not paint a picture that was all beauty and light. He understood that the way he was going, and asking us to go, would not be easy. The Sermon on the Mount is also called the Proclamation of the Kingdom. Jesus speaks of the poor, the humble, those who mourn, those who are persecuted, imprisoned, those who hunger and thirst for what is right; these are the ones he calls as saints. On this the Feast of All Saints, when we remember all those who have gone before us, as saints, into heaven we must remember, also. those who are saints on this earth today and keep them in our prayers.

David Frank

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2026/2027
The Applications have now **CLOSED** for 2026/2027. Anyone who has missed the deadline will need to wait until 2027/2028. Thank you.

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 continues THIS Thursday, from 7.00pm until 8.30pm in St Joseph's meeting room. If you would like more information, please contact the family of parishes office.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES
As we did last year, red sanctuary candles will burn in our churches in memory of loved ones for the octave of Christmas. Today sees the beginning of the initiative. The candles are priced at **£7.50 each** or **2 for £12.00.** envelopes for your dedications can be found at the back of our churches. **The closing date is December 18th**. There is the option to pay by card at St Joseph's. Please write on the envelope "paid through Dona" and put the amount. When paying on the Dona machine, please select "Christmas Candles" so we can check payment has been received. Thank you.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND
The fund will remain open until 15th November for any private donations. If you would like to make a donation privately, please put in an envelope marked "Clergy Training Fund". Any cheques are made payable under the same name.

GODFELLAS
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's meeting room.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS
The annual Mass for those who have died in the last year and whose funerals have taken place from St Joseph's or St Patrick's, will take place on **Monday 2nd November** at **6.30pm** in St Patrick's Church, Dipton. We invite you to come along to support our bereaved families. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you can help with baked goods, please bring them along on the evening.

REMEMBRANCE MASS – LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
The Lourdes Remembrance Mass is taking place on **Friday 20th November** at 7.00pm at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church, Washington. This Mass is open to everyone not just those who have been on the Lourdes Pilgrimage. A special memorial candle can be purchased to burn at the Mass with you your loved ones name written on the candle. If you would like to purchase one, please see the list in the Piety Stall – The Candles are £3.00 each and is a cash only purchase.

ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY FUND
This Sunday at St Patrick's, there will be a second collection for the Cemetery Fund. This will remain open for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls when we remember all those who have died. It costs £250 a month to have the grass cut in our cemetery. One of the corporal works of mercy is to look after the dead. Please help us to maintain the dignity of this space for all who rest in our cemetery.

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS
Donations for raffle & tombola prizes and for the children's area would be greatly appreciated for our **Christmas Craft Fair which is at 12.30 - 3.30 at St Patrick's Church on Saturday 14th November.** Proceeds from the fair go towards parish funds for St Joseph's and St Patrick's. Donations of wine, spirits, beers, soft drinks, store cupboard items, biscuits, chocolates, sweets, toiletries, pencils, crayons, colouring books and small games and other suitable unwanted/unused items would be appreciated.
Donation boxes are in church porches. If anyone would like to be involved in organising the fair, helping in the tearoom, carpark, or on one of the stalls this year please contact Lorraine Murray or Sharon Walker. Your help would be hugely valued.

APPEAL FOR BAKED GOODS / PRESERVES
Calling all bakers and Jam & chutney makers. Your baked goods would be very welcome at our bake sale and tea room at our Christmas Craft Fair. To ensure we have a wide variety of items on sale, can all pledges please be added to the Baked Goods List which you'll find at the back of church (St Joseph's) and in the porch (St Patrick's). If you are unable to bring your bakes on the morning of the fair, they can be collected on the morning or the evening before. If you require collection, you can indicate this on the Baked Goods lists. Preserves will also be welcome.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
It has been decided that the Christmas Tree Festival at Dipton will not take place this year, but that on Sunday 13th December there will be a Christmas Afternoon Tea, followed by a Service of nine lessons and Carols. More details will be given shortly.

ST JOSEPH'S COFFEE MORNING
Next Sunday there will be the monthly coffee morning after Mass at St Joseph's. Please do stay to support the community and meet new and familiar faces. If you can help with baked goods, these will be very much appreciated. Additionally, thank you to those who attended St Joseph's October weekly coffee mornings, which raised £172.40 for parish funds.

GROUNDFORCE DAYS
Thank you to all those who over the last couple of months have offered their services to help tidy up the grounds and clean our Churches. It is very much appreciated, and we commend each one of you to the prayers of the people asking them to give thanks for your hard work.

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.