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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 – 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

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

Sunday 15th November	*Dipton*	**9.00am**	**People of the Partnership** *and* **Deacon Terry McGann**	
33rd Sunday of the Year	*Stanley*	**11.00am**	**People of the Partnership** *and* **Chris White**	
Monday 16th November	*Dipton*	*9.30am*	*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*	
Feria		**10.00am**	**Jayne Akenhead**	*(Coffee after Mass)*
Tuesday 17th November	*Stanley*	**9.30am**	**Vince Lawler (SVP)**	
St Hilda of Whitby				
Thursday 19th November	*Stanley*	**10.00am**	**Celebration of Word and Holy Communion**	*(Coffee after the Service)*
Feria				
Friday 20th November	*Dipton*	**6.30pm**	**Celebration of Word and Holy Communion**	
Feria				
Saturday 21st November	*Stanley*	*9.30am*	*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation*	
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		**10.00am**	**Michael Hall**	
Sunday 22nd November	*Dipton*	**9.00am**	**People of the Partnership** *and* **Mgr. Philip Carroll**	
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	*Stanley*	**11.00am**	**People of the Partnership** *and* **Tom Thomason**	

First reading - Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a

Response: ***Blessed are all who fear the LORD.***

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.

Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

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FAMILY OF PARISHES FINANCES – 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

ST JOSEPH'S
Offertory Total - £514.96 Standing Order - £197.25

ST PATRICK'S
Offertory Total - £129.20 Standing Order - £174.70

Thank you for your generosity.

LISTEN TO THE WORD

There is a crisis of identity in the world today: strident cries for recognition of the many facets of human behaviour which we call life. What is needed is a healthy respect for all humanity and an acknowledgement that every person has a right to live in safety, security and peace in our world. Today's readings are centred on the unique talents of each human being and how by using our talents for good, we can achieve equality in this life and create a store of goodness to take into eternity.

In the first reading from Proverbs, we have a beautiful description of the perfect wife. We are each gifted with a certain talent. In the Old Testament the role of Wife and Mother was considered the most suitable for the daughters in a family. Their role was to build a home for their husbands and children. In an economy where the man worked and the woman stayed at home this was accepted as normality, and though we may disagree with the imposition of such roles on men and women this was the pattern for many centuries almost up to our present time. However, as the writer of proverbs observes, in a plea for equality, "Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates".

The parable of the Talents in the Gospel continues this theme of the importance of using our gifts wisely and for the benefit of all. The passage looks at three individuals who are entrusted with their master's money. He places his faith in them but realises that they, like us, are gifted in different ways. One is skilful with money and invests it wisely, making a good return for his master; the second is not so gifted but still produces a profit even from a smaller resource; the third, however, does not use the gifts he has been given. Instead he hides the money so that he can return it when the master comes home. We too have our talents, our gifts. If we choose to use them, we can create a better world for ourselves and those around us. If, however, we choose to hide our gifts and waste our opportunities then we may be faced with God, at the end of our days, when He will ask us what we have done with our lives. I would suggest that none of us would want to face judgement with empty hands and gifts that are tarnished with rust!

David Frank

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of **Kirsten Timbey and Joseph (Joe) Lourie** who have died. **Kirsten's** Funeral will take place on Monday 23rd November at 10.15am at Mountsett Crematorium. **Joe** is a parishioner in Washington and is the father of Sarah McGee. His Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 20th November at 11.00am in St Bede's, Washington. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this sad time.

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.

AMICI GROUP

The Amici group are meeting this Thursday, 19th November, at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Church. All ladies are very welcome to come along.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The fund closes today 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.

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 will remain open for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls when we remember all those who have died. Please help us to maintain the dignity of this space for all who rest in our cemetery.

FAMILY OF PARISHES CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

Tickets are on sale for a Christmas Afternoon Tea on Sunday 13th December at 3.00pm at St Patrick's, Dipton. Tickets are priced £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children (up to 16 years). There will be live entertainment and a raffle. Following the Afternoon Tea there will be a service of nine lessons and carols.

CHRISTMAS BRASS BAND CONCERT

We look forward to welcoming Craghead Colliery Band for their annual Christmas Concert in St Joseph's on Sunday 20th December at 3.00pm. Tickets are now on sale priced £5.00 which includes mulled wine and mince pies.

ST JOSEPH'S CARPARK CLOSURE

The carpark at St Joseph's will be closed all day to vehicles **THIS THURSDAY**. A Cherry Picker will be on site to aid the architectural survey for the renovations, and whilst it is on site the loose slates on the roof will be fixed and the gutters cleaned out.

PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday December 8th 12noon to be held at the Jolly Drovers, Leadgate. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church along with a Christmas Meal Menu. Please book early – the number of places is limited.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Christmas Fayre: The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21 November at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle from 12pm until 3pm.
Christmas Concert: The City of Newcastle Male Voice Choir and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at The Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home on Saturday 5 December at 7pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home 0191 2731279

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Amid all the talk about the potential benefits and dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Pope Leo has published his first major teaching document (an Encyclical) on this very topic. The subtitle of the Letter reads, *"On safeguarding the human person in the time of AI"*. Rev. Dr Sean Hall will give a talk outlining the Pope's thoughts in the Hall of Holy Name, Jemond on Thursday 19 November at 7pm. All are welcome and booking is not required.

FREE FILM NIGHT

On Friday 4th December at 7.00pm in St Joseph's meeting room, we will be showing the classic Christmas Comedy – National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. Suitable for 12years+

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.