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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 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**	
Monday 23rd November	*Dipton*	**6.45pm**	**Kirsten Timbley**	
Feria				
Tuesday 24th November	*Stanley*	**6.15pm**	**Glenn Dimmick**	
St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions				
Thursday 26th November	*Stanley*	**10.00am**	**Lesley Eagle**	*(Coffee after Mass)*
Feria				
Friday 27th November	*Dipton*	**6.30pm**	**Tom Newton**	
Feria				
Saturday 28th November	*Stanley*	*9.30am*	*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation*	
Saturday Mass of the BVM		**10.00am**	**Bob Fullerton (Anniversary)**	
Sunday 29th November	*Dipton*	**9.00am**	**People of the Partnership** *and* **Priest's Intention**	
First Sunday of Advent	*Stanley*	**11.00am**	**People of the Partnership** *and* **For two sick people (L & M)**	

First reading - Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. ℟1

We will sing together hymn 706 – The Lord's my Shepherd

Second reading - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."
'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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FAMILY OF PARISHES FINANCES – 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

ST JOSEPH'S
Offertory Total - £541.40 Standing Order - £197.25

ST PATRICK'S
Offertory Total - £103.55 Standing Order - £174.70

Thank you for your generosity.

LISTEN TO THE WORD

Lord Jesus:
You are the King of Kings, the Shepherd of our Souls, Our Redeemer, Our Saviour and Our Friend.

You hold us close to you, watching when we go astray, seeking us out when we are lost, when we are scattered in the mist and darkness.

You destroy our enemies, even death cannot prevail against you.
You bring all your people to life in you,
So that God may be all and in all. Amen

There is something very fundamental about today's message from the Gospel; something well worth our consideration. Jesus is talking to his disciples about the last judgement. He lists some criteria which will be used to separate the sheep from the goats. There is no mention of how many times they have been to Mass or how well their prayer life has progressed. No, the main criteria listed in Matthews Gospel is how well they have loved.

Faithfulness brings its own reward, but unless we make the love of others our main priority faith has no meaning. We cannot save ourselves; we can only do what we can for each other and hope that our efforts are sufficient to save us. Belonging to a church does not ensure salvation. We must follow Christ every day and act as He did to the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the lost and the sick. It is only by giving of ourselves that we find eternal life.

Beth Nelson Chapman, the American songwriter and performer wrote these words: "Life has taught me this, every day is new and if anything is true, all that matters, when we're through, is how we loved.".

David Frank

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Charlotte English who will be Confirmed this morning at the 11.00am Mass. All are welcome to come through to the Meeting Room after Mass for cake and fizz.

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.

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.

LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

The love Christmas Campaign across the partnership was launched last Sunday. Envelopes are available at the back of our Churches to make an offering (suggested donation of £10.00) to help those in need this Christmas. Please return your envelopes by Sunday 13th December.

Please note the changes in Mass times on Monday and Tuesday. They are not usual times, so please don't get caught out!

YOUTH SUNDAY

Today is Youth Sunday when we give thanks for the gift of Young People to the Church. They are not just the Church of tomorrow, but the Church of TODAY! Many young people across the diocese make a valuable contribution to the life of the Church, and in our own diocese many are members of the Youth Council, play an active part in their parish communities and support the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Today there will be a second collection for the work of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT). If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the envelopes provided. There is also a poster with a QR code on if you want to donate through your phone.

If you are a young person in our family of parishes, think of what ways you can be a visible presence in our churches, building up the kingdom of God.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH AFTERNOON TEA

The Christmas Outreach Afternoon Tea will take place **this Wednesday 25th November**. If you would like some company, a bit of a natter, with refreshments, then this is for you! The afternoon takes place in St Joseph's meeting room and promises to be a good time. If you would like to come along or for more information, please contact the parish office. Transport may be able to be arranged for those who need it.

We also need some volunteers to help. If you can help with baking and serving, please contact the office.

The Outreach is a vital asset to the people of our community, so please help it continue to serve the community and be a place of welcome for many years to come.

THANK YOU

The grand total raised at our Christmas fayre was a whopping £2.800 for our family of parishes. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event in any way and for coming along on the day, especially our schools and schoolchildren for opening the fair with Christmas carols. A huge thank you for all the donations and baked goods received and to all our craft stall holders and volunteers.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS COMING UP…

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.

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.

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+

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING FOR LOURDES

On Sunday 6th December after 11.00am Mass, there will be a Christmas Coffee morning in St Joseph's. All proceeds will go to support those from our family of parishes who are offering healthcare or are part of the Youth Section. Please do come along and support a great cause.

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.