

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28 th September	Byermoor	4.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP
Sunday 29 th September 26 th Sunday of the Year	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	IRIS & JIMMY LEE ANTON PROCHAZKA
Monday 30 th September St Jerome	Byermoor	6.30pm	N.B.F
Tuesday 1 st October St Therese of the Child Jesus	Stanley	9.30am	ANN & DAN CONLIN
NO SERVICES ON WEDNESDAYS			
Thursday 3 rd October	Stanley	9.30am	MONICA & JOSEPH McCUE <i>Followed by tea & coffee</i>
Friday 4 th October St Francis of Assisi	Dipton	6.30pm	BRIAN & MARY McDERMOTT
Saturday 5 th October	Stanley Byermoor	10.00am 4.30pm	JACKIE TRAYNOR PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP
Sunday 6 th October 27 th Sunday of the Year	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	BLANEY & KENNEY FAMILIES SHAUN McGOUGH

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday	6.00pm – 6.15pm	Byermoor
Friday	6.00pm – 6.15pm	Dipton
Saturday	10.30am – 11.00am	Stanley

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday	6.00pm – 6.25pm	Byermoor
Tuesday & Thursday	9.00am – 9.25am	Stanley
Friday	6.00pm – 6.25pm	Dipton
Saturday	10.30am – 11.00am	Stanley


26th Sunday of the Year

“If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.”

The many graces and blessings of priesthood can be found in the most simplest of encounters. No matter how small an act of kindness, God is there. Might you be called to discern a vocation to the priesthood? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: 01207 299 012 or vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk.

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 all our churches.


If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please contact stjoseph.stanley@diocesehn.org.uk.



Catholic Parishes of

ST. JOSEPH Stanley **SACRED HEART Byermoor** **ST. PATRICK Dipton**

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LISTEN TO THE WORD – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024 – 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Numbers 11: 25-29 | Psalm 18 | James 5: 1-6 | Mark 9: 38-48

Sometimes, when you are in need, help often comes from unexpected places. The compassion that exists in every human heart comes to the surface when people are in trouble, and it is usually strangers who respond in your hour of need. A fall in the street, a puncture on a wet dark night, a helping hand with the shopping, there often is someone there for you when these unexpected events occur, and the helper is usually someone who you do not know or who you would not normally associate with. People see a need and respond; today's readings remind us that the human heart sees no barriers and that goodness can exist in everybody.

We belong to an open and inclusive church but there are times when prejudice and misunderstanding can create barriers. Sometimes gifted people can be excluded from an activity because they do not belong in a particular group. Medad and Eldad represent those who work for God but from a different viewpoint from the “chosen” helpers of Moses. The gift they are given is essentially of the Spirit and must be respected by all. There are many in our world who work for Christ but outside the normal areas of established religion.

The final extract from the Letter of Saint James is a very dire warning to those who are rich and do not share their wealth with those in need. It has been refreshing to listen to the words of the brother of Our Lord over the last few weeks. He lived in a very unequal world where the rich were few and the needy many and he is a constant reminder to us that, though we may be privileged to live in a very modern, sophisticated world, we too are still part of the richest 5% of the world's population and this message may well apply to us!

The Gospel message is very stark and severe; today is not a day for the fainthearted. Jesus is repeating the message of Moses; “Anyone who is not against us is for us”; and reminds us of the rewards that await those who follow Him. There is also a warning here for those who fail in their responsibility for their children. The concept of the domestic church is that the parents are the first teachers of their children and that if we fail in this task then God will hold us responsible for that failure. However, we, as parents, can only try to inspire faith and the choice to follow Christ depends on every individual making their own, mature choice.

David Frank

Upcoming collections

6th October - Family Fast Day

	Off. Tot. 15th Sept:	Weekly Stand. Order	Evangelii Gaudium
Stanley	£386.45	£197.25	£136.60
Dipton	£111.47	£172.85	£86.20
Byermoor	£167.44	£61.15	£55.92

	Off. Tot. 22nd Sept:	Weekly Stand. Order	Evangelii Gaudium
Stanley	£394.00	£197.25	£24.50
Dipton	£123.60	£172.85	-
Byermoor	£115.75	£61.15	£10.00

Please pray for those that need healing in our parishes:

Anne Kennedy, Margaret Convey, Maureen Dixon

A gentle reminder...

Please remember to switch off your mobile phone (or put it on silent) when coming into Church.

*We show reverence to Jesus present in the Tabernacle.
Please talk to God before Mass and one another afterwards.*

Getting your child baptised

If you or a family member is looking to have your child baptised, please collect the leaflet 'Getting your child baptised' from the back of church. This new policy of how we access the Sacraments of Initiation is now applicable across the Pontop Partnership. Please read the leaflet carefully before returning the attached application *in person* to your parish priest at the end of Mass.

GENERAL NOTICES

FUNDRAISING EVENING An evening of music from the 60's, 70's and 80's with the Whistle Testers has been arranged for Saturday 2nd November at 7.00pm in Dipton Club. This will be a fantastic evening going through the decades. Tickets are £5.00 each, available from St Joseph's and St Patrick's Churches, as well as Dipton Club. The evening is suitable for all ages.

CHRISTMAS TRIP TO CLONDYKE GARDEN CENTRE AND CARLISLE A coach has been arranged for Wednesday 4th December for a trip to Clondyke Garden Centre and Carlisle. Clondyke Garden Centre will have an array of Christmas items, as well as other items that will make perfect Christmas gifts. Carlisle offers the shops but also the historic Cathedral and Castle. The cost per person is £20.00 with the option of pick up points in Stanley, Dipton, Annfield Plain, Lanchester, Consett and Blackhill. To book your place, please contact St Joseph's office of 01207 299 012. Payment needs to be made by Sunday 24th November.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Forms are to be returned by **TODAY**. Anyone who sends a form in after today will have to wait until the following year.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY This Friday is CAFOD Family Fast Day. When Daniel talks about carpentry, he does so with immense passion. He worked hard to master carpentry at a CAFOD -funded training programme, so he can support his family. This Harvest, you can help young people like Daniel to learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Envelopes are available to gift aid your donation. A retiring collection will be taken next Sunday.

WEEKDAY MASS, STANLEY Weekday Masses at St Joseph's will take place in the meeting room from this Tuesday. This is to reduce heating costs in the Church during the colder months. Please enter through the Sacristy side door or by the side entrance which has level access.

LITURGY DAYS FOR READERS & THE NEW LECTIONARY The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on Saturday 12th October at St Patrick, Consett, DH8 5AX. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. For more information and to book, please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer> and click Liturgical Events. Details of other Liturgy days are also available on the Diocesan website. **Please note** that this is a parish expense, so when you book please make sure to put us down as your parish and we will be invoiced by the Diocese.

SAVE THE DATE A Christmas Craft Fair will be held between 12.30 and 3.30pm on 23rd November at St Patrick's Church to raise funds for our family of parishes.

If any parishioner feels able to help with the organisation before on the day or if you know of any crafters who would like a stall, please contact Sharon Walker on 07969 212 778 or walkersm51@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL PACT House Stanley is appealing for Christmas gifts for children up to the age of 16. Should you wish to donate, please bring any items to St Joseph's or St Patrick's Churches and we will pass them on. PACT House also hosts a Christmas Day meal that sees over 200 people provided with dinner and a small gift, which helps a lot of isolated people feel included. Please let the office know if you would like to refer someone for this meal and we can pass this along to PACT House. For more info on PACT House please see their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PACTHouseStanley.

ST TERESA'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY St Teresa's, Annfield Plain is celebrating its 70th anniversary on Saturday 5th October. Mass will be at 4.15pm followed by a buffet. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please let Liz Pitt know on 01207 235 102.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH Are you someone, or do you know someone, who is wondering about their relationship with God and not sure where to start? Welcome to First Steps! Join Deacon Shaun and the First Steps team on a journey this autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you, and it may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly online via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. This programme is for people new to the faith and to anyone accompanying them on their journey in faith. Starts on Wednesday 2 October at 7pm for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their journey in faith.) You can register here: <https://bit.ly/DHNFirstSteps>.