

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 19 th October	Byermoor	4.30pm	NANCY & TOMMY ASHLEY
Sunday 20 th October 29 th Sunday of the Year	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP ANNIVERSARY OF ROY CLARK
Monday 21 st October	Byermoor	6.30pm	ANNE BAILEY EMBLETON
Tuesday 22 nd October	Stanley	9.30am	EDNA MOSCARDINI
NO SERVICES ON WEDNESDAYS			
Thursday 24 th October	Stanley Dipton	9.30am 11.45am	ROSE TAGGART <i>Followed by tea & coffee</i> FUNERAL SERVICE: CHRISTINE ELIZABETH ROBSON
Friday 25 th October	Dipton	10.00am	JOHN CRYER
Saturday 26 th October SS Chad and Cedd	Stanley Byermoor	10.00am 4.30pm	MONICA PARKER PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP
Sunday 27 th October 30 th Sunday of the Year	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	N.B.F BILLY HURRY

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

29th Sunday of the Year

“Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?”

Can you answer ‘yes’ to the question of Jesus today? Could you answer ‘yes’ to a calling by God 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 – 20TH OCTOBER 2024 – 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Isaiah 53: 10-11 | Psalm 32 | Hebrews 4: 14-16 | Mark 10: 35-45

‘Turning the world upside down’ is a familiar phrase and it refers to a total upset of accepted rules and conditions. In a world which places rich important people at the top and the voiceless poor at the bottom it is a revolutionary idea that has far reaching effects on society. The idea that the powerful should be servants of the poor is treated as lunacy by the world in which we live but if we are to follow Christ then that is the reality we must face.

Isaiah, in his suffering servant poems, speaks of a God who ‘has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering’; this is a strange contrast with a God who is love, who is rich in forgiving, but we must accept that it is only through suffering that the mission of Christ can be accomplished for the values of the world will not accept his teaching on the worthiness of every human being. The reward for sacrifice is the promise that “through him the Lord’s wishes will be done”; the crushed servant will ‘see the light and be content’. We cannot expect fairness in our world; there are many who see riches and power as the only way of life; our ambition should be higher than this.

In Hebrews we are reminded that Jesus took on our human nature to show us that following him was possible even in our weakness and that even he was tempted by the world. We must rely on his grace and mercy to show us the way in which we may follow him.

The Gospel reminds us that even those closest to Jesus were troubled by the temptations of the world. James and John looked for places of power in the kingdom of heaven; they were human and spoke through human ambition. Jesus does not dismiss their request out of hand, but he uses the moment to teach them, and the other apostles, of the consequences of following him. Mark’s Gospel was written to people who were suffering from the casual, ruthless violence of a Roman world where power was everything. The fate of many in Mark’s community was to follow Christ to a painful death. The life of Our Lord really did turn the world upside down and it continues to do that for if we are to be true to Him then we too must change and become servants to the poor.

David Frank

Upcoming collections

20th October - World Mission Sunday

27th October - 24th November - Clergy Training Fund

	Off. Tot. 13th Oct:	Weekly Stand. Order
Stanley	£421.62	£197.25
Dipton	£97.20	£172.85
Byermoor	£169.75	£61.15

St Patrick's September coffee morning raised £116.17 for church funds

St Joseph's Sunday coffee morning raised £113.80 for church funds

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.

LATELY DECEASED Please pray for Christine Elizabeth Robson and Marc Quinn. Christine's funeral service will take place at St Patrick's Dipton on Thursday 24th October at 11.45am. Marc's Requiem Mass will take place at The Sacred Heart, Byermoor on Monday 28th October at 10.00am.

WEEKDAY MASS, STANLEY Weekday Masses at St Joseph's will take place in the meeting room. 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.

40TH BIRTHDAY Father Shaun celebrates his 40th birthday next month and would like to invite parishioners to an open house on Sunday 17th November between 12noon and 4.00pm. This will take place in the meeting room at St Joseph's.

YOUTH 2000 Youth 2000 is holding a holy hour of prayer and praise, rosary, reflection and social on Saturday 26th October from 2pm to 4pm at St Cuthbert's RC Church Old Elvet. Open to young people aged 16-35 (under 16s will need to request a Parent Consent form). For further enquiries please email irishanthony12@gmail.com.

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 (Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm) 01207 299 012. Payment needs to be made by Sunday 24th November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Remembrance bench ends (at St Patrick's Dipton) are available for £10. Forms available this weekend to place an order.

2nd November - Whistle Testers at 7pm at Dipton Club. Tickets are £5.

23rd November - Christmas Craft Fair at St Patrick's Dipton 12.30pm - 3.30pm. Donations of bottled goods for the tombola, or sweets and chocolates for children's prizes would be greatly appreciated. There is a box at the back of church for donations or please hand to Lorraine Murray (St Joseph's) or Sharon Walker (St Patrick's). If you want to pledge a baked good or preserves for the tea room or bake sale please let Lorraine or Sharon know (or call or text 07969 212 778).

14th & 15th December - Christmas Tree Festival at St Patrick's Dipton 1pm - 4pm. £10 a tree. A Grand Raffle is taking place again this year and will be drawn on the final day of the festival. Tickets will be available soon. Donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to church.

VISIT FROM THE SVP MSO Deacon Patrick Rutherford is the Membership Support Officer for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in the diocese. He will be at both 9am and 11am Sunday morning Masses on the 27th October to talk about volunteering for the SVP in the local area. He will also hold a follow up information meeting in the meeting room at St. Joseph's on Wednesday 30th October 6:30pm-7:30pm. Deacon Patrick can be contacted about any SVP related questions, or if anyone interested is unable to attend the information meeting, on patrickr@svp.org.uk or 07557562715.

FLAME 2025 takes place on Saturday 15th March. The theme is 'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults).

COST: £45 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact mary.hughes@ymt.org