

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

9th - 16th November 2025

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Terry Hughes People of the Partnership; Intentions of Raffaello Moscardini
Monday <i>10th November</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am</i> John and Bridget Madine
Tuesday <i>11th November</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am</i> Terry Hughes
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>13th November</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Gerald (Gerry) Nichol
Friday <i>14th November</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am</i> Gordon Charlton
Saturday <i>15th November</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am</i> Kathleen James
33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton</i> <i>Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Gerry Nichol (SVP) People of the Partnership; Leo & Theresa Grimes

LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
Monday	St Leo the Great (<i>M</i>)
Tuesday	St Martin of Tours (<i>M</i>)
Wednesday	St Josaphat (<i>M</i>)
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Feria
Saturday	Saturday Memorial of our Lady
<i>M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity</i>	

PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
This Sunday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)

Finance - 2nd November 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Clergy Training Fund
STANLEY	£473.84	£197.25	£76.92
DIPTON	£115.00	£172.85	£45.00
Future Collections: 26th October - 23rd November - Clergy Training Fund			
♥ St Patrick's November coffee morning raised £123.00 for church funds ♥			

Prayer for the Jubilee Year

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Franciscus

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES...

Margaret Convey, Maureen Dixon, Doreen Bailes, Norman King

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 policy of how we access the Sacraments of Initiation is 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.

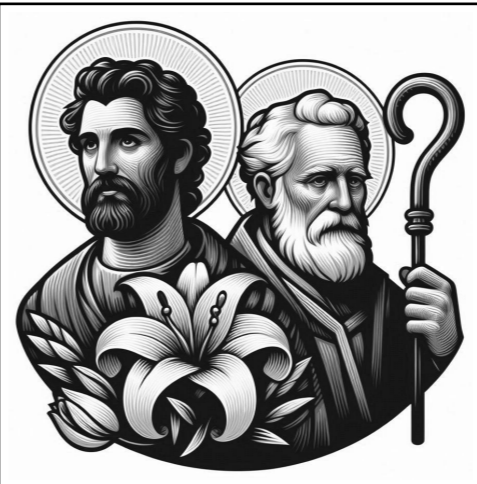
A GENTLE REMINDER...

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.

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.



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9.30am - 3.30pm

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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.

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If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please contact the office.



LISTEN TO THE WORD
9TH NOVEMBER 2025 - DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 | Psalm 46 | 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17 |
John 2: 13-22

Last week we celebrated the Saints of the Church, the living stones built on the foundation stone of Christ. Today we celebrate the buildings in which we worship. The places where we share our hopes, our dreams, our joys, our sorrows. A place of entry, a place of leaving, a place where we belong.

The passage from Ezekiel is a song of praise for the Temple in Jerusalem and portrays a spiritual vision of the Temple of God. It speaks to us of living water flowing from the temple bringing all good things to the land that surrounds it. The Jews saw the temple as the place that God dwells in on earth. Its waters are a place of plenty with fish swimming in the rivers and trees of every kind growing on the banks bringing food and healing to those who live within.

Paul, in contrast, sees a building made of living stones, the people of God. He calls upon us to be builders of the community of Christ. We each need to use our skills and talents to create a church which will guide and care for those around us. He reminds us that "God's Spirit dwells in you". This imposes a sacred duty upon us for, by our lives, we must create a world where the people of God can grow and flourish.

As a devout Jew, Jesus would have visited the temple many times and witnessed the way in which the Temple was turning from a building that represented an earthly vision of God to a marketplace where goods were sold and money was exchanged. Christ came to free the people from centuries of exploitation in which the poor became poorer, while the ruling classes became rich. The temple should be a place of prayer and worship, not of trade and profit. Jesus then prophesies His death and resurrection. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up". The Jews throw scorn on his words, but they come true. The Temple itself was destroyed by the Romans within 40 years of the Resurrection and remains a ruin to this day. We should spend some time today looking around our church and thinking about how, by praying and working together, we can build on the foundations set by those who have gone before us and build the church of the future.

A Prayer based on 2nd Chronicles 7:16

"I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever"

Lord,
We pray for your church.
May it continue to grow and bring all souls to this holy place.
May it be a place of warmth and companionship.
A place of prayer and solace.
A place where all are welcome.
Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (C)

THE ORDER OF MASS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 4 OF THE HYMN BOOK

First Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(23):1-2, 3-4b, 5-6. R cf. 6

**Response: The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.**

God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken;
God will help her at the dawning of the day.

The LORD of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the LORD,
the awesome deeds he has done on the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,
that my name may be there for ever.

Gospel

John 2:13-22

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ Does your local Church community really enrich the surrounding society?
- ✠ What are you doing about building blocks that don't quite fit your plan?
- ✠ What can be done to further unity among Christians?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.



The Lateran Basilica was built by the Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill in Rome in about 324. The feast of its dedication has been celebrated in Rome on this date since the twelfth century. In honour of the basilica, "the mother and head of all the churches of the City and the World," the feast has been extended to the whole Roman Rite as a sign of unity and love towards the See of Peter, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch said in the second century, "presides over the whole assembly of charity."

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MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gerald (Gerry) Nichol** who died on Tuesday 21st October. Gerry is the husband of Anne and father of Deacon Paul. Gerry's Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday 13th November at 10.00am** in St Patrick's, Dipton, followed by burial in the cemetery.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month of the Holy Souls. As is tradition, a book of the dead is available in both Churches to write the names of your loved ones in. This will be brought up with the offertory at Sunday Mass.

PARISH EVENTS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 22nd November 12.30pm –3.30pm - Christmas Craft Fair at St Patrick's in aid of family of parishes funds.

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December 1pm - 4pm - Christmas Tree Festival at St Patrick's in aid of family of parishes funds.

Sunday 14th December - Carol Service at St Patrick's Church at conclusion of Christmas Tree Festival.

Sunday 21st December 3.00pm - Craghead Colliery Band Christmas Concert in St Joseph's. Proceeds to family of parishes funds.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

This year we would like to invite parishioners to burn a candle in memory of loved ones. These red Sanctuary Candles will burn continuously around our Churches through the Octave of Christmas for loved ones. If you would like a candle, please pick up an envelope from the back of the Church. The cost of the candles are £7.50 or 2 for £12.00. The closing date for orders is **20th December**. Please put your envelopes in the offertory basket when it comes around on Sunday.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Our Journey in Faith continues this week. Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic, or are you a cradle Catholic and want to know more about your faith? Then this is for you! We will be following the Sycamore programme with Father Stephen Wang. It is a series of videos with topics for discussion which helps us to think more about our faith and how we put it into practice. We begin at 7.00pm.

PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday December 9th 12 noon to be held at the Jolly Drovers, Leadgate. £5 deposit per person on booking. 2 Courses £24.95 or 3 Courses £29.95. Menus are available (starter to be chosen when paying a deposit) at the back of church along with envelopes which can be handed into the Parish Office at St Patrick's Consett, St Mary's Blackhill, All Saints Lanchester and St Joseph's Stanley. Please Book Early Number of Places are Limited.

FIRE SAFETY

Every year we are required to have a fire evacuation drill in our churches. This is to ensure that in the actual event of a fire we are confident in how we evacuate our buildings and in the process keep people safe.

Thank you to those who have volunteered their services. **This Sunday** after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses, Simon McGee our Health and Safety representative for both Churches will be holding a short meeting to go through the evacuation procedure for those who volunteered to help.

In the near future there will be a fire evacuation drill. It is important that whilst this is only a drill, we treat it very seriously so that we know in the event of an actual fire, we can evacuate the building and get people out safely.

ADMINISTRATOR – DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Salary Scale £30,000 to £31,855 FTE

Supporting Father Shaun Purdy, our Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, we are looking for our first permanent Lourdes Administrator and as such the successful applicant will play a pivotal role in setting the standard and enabling us to support the delivery of a high-quality pilgrimage. For further information see: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/>

For an Applicant Pack please email Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources, at annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place each year, departing on the last Friday of July for a full week's pilgrimage in Lourdes. Being the Centenary year since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Joseph Thorman, we have had increased interest in people wanting to go to Lourdes in 2026. It would help our Tour Operator (*Tangney Tours*) greatly if you could fill in the pre-registration form on their website if you are contemplating travelling with them. This will assist in helping with travel arrangements and hotels. Please note, this is pre-registration, it does not mean you have booked your place. Please follow the link. <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-newcastle-2/> or alternatively you can phone 01732 886 66

Like last year, if any parishioners sign up, you may wish to book the Stella where we can be together as a parish group.

YOUTH SECTION The Youth Section is a vital part of our Pilgrimage; the assisted pilgrims and hotel pilgrims rely on your generosity in saying 'yes' to assist them throughout the week. The Youth Section is organised through the Youth Ministry Team (YMT). If you are aged 16 (on the day of travel) – 21. Please follow the link below for more information. <https://ymt.org/be-youth-helper-at-diocesan-lourdes-pilgrimage-2025/>

ASSISTED PILGRIMS The pilgrimage offers a special section for Assisted Pilgrims who need Nursing Care or some other form of specialised care during the week in Lourdes. We have a team of doctors and nurses who provide for the medical care needed and a large team of young and adult helpers who assist. If you would like to know more about being an assisted pilgrim, please contact the Lead Nurse through the email address:

lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk

Please include in the email your name and a contact number for the Lead Nurse to contact you directly with more information.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK

25th May - 29th May 2026 with Gillingham's Coaches. 5 days/4 nights (Belfast, Bundoran, Knock and Belfast). £640pp sharing double room; £790 single occupancy. Full day at the Shrine with Mass, guided tour and prayer opportunities. 2 half day visits included: Belfast Titanic Museum and Cong 'Quiet Man' village, Mayo. Optional evening Mass at Clonard Shine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Contact: Michael: 07787 726 306; Lestrine: 07778 656 662.

DAY OF CONSOLATION

At Minsteracres on Tuesday 11th November from 10am to 4pm. A poignant retreat day for people who have experienced bereavement, grief loss or significant change. This day will offer an opportunity to share a safe space, to be heard, to share with others who have had similar experiences and to hopefully find courage, hope and consolation.

Lunch and refreshments are included. Suggested Donation £40
To book visit:

<https://minsteracres.org/product/day-of-consolation-with-chris-smith-november2025/>

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Many thanks for all the generous donations received so far through our parish fundraising events. If anyone would like to donate sweet or savoury home baked goods for our Christmas Craft Fair tea room or bake sale, these can be brought along on the day. If you would like your baked goods to be collected on the morning of the Christmas Fair, please contact Lorraine Murray (St Joseph's) on 07786117710 or Sharon Walker (St Patrick's) on 07969212778.