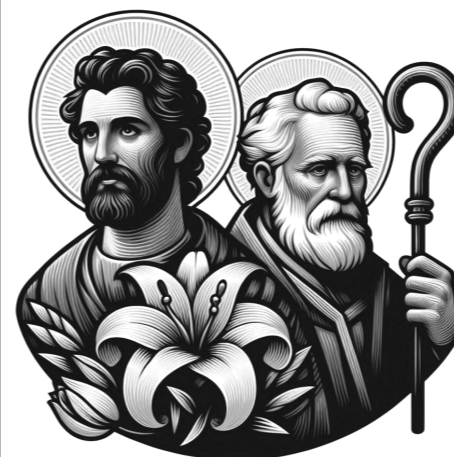


MASSTIMES AND INTENTIONS

7th - 14th June 2026

CORPUS CHRISTI	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Priest's Intention People of the Partnership; Angie Nichol
Monday 8 th June	Mountsett South Moor	10.15am 2.15pm	Funeral Liturgy for Anthony Bell Thanksgiving for 80th birthday <i>(Mass in St Mary's School - All Welcome)</i>
Tuesday 9 th June	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Deceased Members of the Cassidy family
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 11 th June	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fr Joseph Park
Friday 12 th June	Dipton	6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament A Sick Person (MD)
Saturday 13 th June	Stanley	9.00am	Helen McArdle
11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Pat McCue People of the Partnership; For the health of Katherine Horsley



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SAINT PATRICK, DIPTON

CORPUS CHRISTI

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 | Psalm 147 | I Corinthians 10: 16-17 |
John 6: 51-58

Each of us has an image that helps us to come to an understanding of how the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, transforms and sustains us. It is a very personal image; it enables us to make sense of this great gift which we receive through the Eucharist. I share with you this poem which expresses, in my words, my image of the Bread of Life:

The Bread of Life

My spirit rises my heart takes flight, I do not fear the day or the darkest night, for I know that I am always in your sight. My precious saviour, the Bread of Life. I seek your comfort and you are there. Your power and glory are everywhere. You are my constant in this world of strife.

My loving brother, the Bread of Life.

If my footsteps falter your hand is near, no fear of falling your voice so clear, speaks to me softly and I see the light. My friend and guide, the Bread of life. With you beside me, I have no fears, through this world of sunshine, this world of tears. Your presence fills me with sheer delight,

My God of Mercy, the Bread of life

With living water my soul you heal, you set before me a saving meal. Your love transforms me, in you I shine The Bread of Life, My God divine.

The story of the journey through the wilderness by the people of Israel has real links with our lives today. By trying to understand these links we can find consolation for the troubles we encounter. Moses reminds them that their survival has been achieved by the love of God working in their lives, feeding them with manna and sustaining them. How often do we find that same love of God intervening in our lives? Paul's simple statement about the Body and Blood of Christ is a reminder in these times of change that there is no distinction between churches, parishes or diocese – we are one body. The challenge facing us must lead to a united church sharing its joys and its sorrows always in the love of Christ.

The passage from John is both awesome and deeply human. Jesus is calling us into communion with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by actively sharing in His Body and Blood. There is no compromise here; unless we share in His Eucharist, we do not have His life within us. May your image of the Eucharist feed and sustain you today and forever.

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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.



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



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	St Barnabas, Apostle (M)
Friday	The Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)
Saturday	Immaculate Heart of Mary
	M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity

PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Next Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (Dipton)
Thursday	Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
Next Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (Stanley)

Finance - 31 May 2026

Offertory Total

Standing Order

STANLEY	£482.90	£197.25
DIPTON	£99.50	£172.85

Future Collections: 7th June - Quarterly Diocesan Levy
21st June - Day for Human Life

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty and ever-living God,
I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son
Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life,
unclean to the fountain of mercy,
blind to the radiance of eternal light,
and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness,
wash away my defilement,
enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty,
and clothe my nakedness.
May I receive the bread of angels,
the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence,
with the purity and faith, the repentance and love,
and the determined purpose
that will help to bring me to salvation.
May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood,
and its reality and power.

Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary,
and so be received into His mystical body
and numbered among His members.
Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage
I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament,
may I one day see him face to face in glory,
who lives and reigns with You for ever.
Amen.

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

Margaret Convey, Maureen Dixon

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CORPUS CHRISTI (A)

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

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Moses spoke to the people: You shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Do not forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R12a

Response: **O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!**

O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!

O Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.

He established peace on your borders;
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command.

He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Gospel

John 3:16-18

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



PRAYER OF THE ANGEL TO THE FATIMA CHILDREN

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you!
I beg pardon for those who do not believe,
nor adore, nor hope, nor love you.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly.

I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of
Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world
in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference
by which He is offended.

And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg of You the conversion of sinners.

DATES FOR THE DIARY - NEW DATES ADDED!

Saturday 6th June - Stella Maris Pilgrimage to Holy Island
Friday 3rd July - Dipton Club with the Whistle Testers
Saturday 4th July - Indoor 'car boot' sale
Saturday 11th July 2026 - Summer Craft Fair
Friday 31st July 2026 - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
Saturday 12th September 2026 - The last afternoon of the Proms
Sunday 29th November 2026 - First Sunday of Advent
Saturday 14th November 2026 - Christmas Craft Fair
Sunday 20th December 2026 - Christmas Brass Concert

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

Are you a First timer or Solo Pilgrim? You are invited to a get together on **Sunday 5th July** at St Michael's Church Hall, Houghton le Spring, DH5 8NF. The afternoon begins at 2.00pm and finish at 4.00pm. It will give you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have and to meet fellow pilgrims. To book your place, contact: lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk

BISHOP SEAMUS CUNNINGHAM - 60 YEARS A PRIEST

On Saturday 20th June, Bishop Séamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Sunderland, for his Diamond Jubilee. The Mass begins at 11.00am followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

SYP CAMP - HOLY ISLAND

Calling all young adults 18+. Do you have a week to spare to spend on Lindisfarne this Summer helping out at the Holy Island SVP Camp? Volunteers are needed to work alongside the children who stay in the SVP purpose-built centre on the island. Weeks, 3, 5 and 6 of the Summer have 60 children ready to have a great time rock pooling, walking, arts and crafting and enjoying outdoor activities but we need more helpers to ensure they have the best time!

- Week 3 Sat 1st August - 8th August
- Week 5 Sat 15th August - 22nd August
- Week 6 Sat 22nd - 29th August

If you are interested have a look at the website visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or email Barbara Taws barbarat@svp.org.uk
All helpers receive training and will need to be DBS checked.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We commend to your prayers, the repose of the souls of **Maureen Hughes** and **Anthony Bell**. Anthony's Funeral Liturgy will take place on Monday 8th June at 10.15am in Mountsett Crematorium. Maureen's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 22nd June at 11.00am in St Patrick's, followed by burial in the Parish Cemetery.

CORPUS CHRISTI

THIS SUNDAY, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will renew their commitment to serve in our family of parishes for a further year. Please keep them in your prayers. A reminder that all Extraordinary ministers are required to attend a day of reflection each year. This will be advertised when the next one is coming up.

ST BEDE'S OPEN DAY

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our school opening, we are delighted to invite pupils, families, former students, and members of the community to our School Open Day on Saturday 27th June 10:00am – 2:00pm at the school site.

FIRE EXITS AROUND ST JOSEPH'S

Please could we remind you not to park in front of the steps by the Sacristy door or in front of the Church doors when using the car park. These areas need to be clear **AT ALL TIMES** in case we need to evacuate the Church in the event of a fire. Thank you for your understanding.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

This year, after 18 years as Head Teacher at Dipton (2 of which were as executive Head Teacher at Stanley), we say "farewell" to Mrs Burgess, who is retiring. A special Mass will take place on Monday 13th July at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Church, followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

FRIENDS OF ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL (FoSP)

The members of FoSP would like to say a huge "thank you" to St Patrick's Church for letting them use the Church for their Art Week event. A donations basket for the Church raised £52.80. Thank you for your generosity and supporting the event.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC OPEN DAY

Come and join St Joseph's School for their Teddy Bears' Picnic Open Day on Sunday 12th July from 12.15pm - 1.30pm. We're looking forward to welcoming families to our special open event bring your favourite teddy along and enjoy a lovely day of fun, exploration, and community!

Come and discover our wonderful school, meet our team, and see what makes our learning environment so special. We can't wait to see you there!

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT WITH THE WHISTLE TESTERS

Tickets are on sale for our next social in Dipton Club on Friday 3rd July. As always, this promises to be a good night with music, dancing, bingo, raffle and Tombola. Put the date in your diary, and we look forward to seeing you there! Tickets will be the usual price of £5.00, and it is suitable for all the family.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL

Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite you to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on Saturday 27th June. Arrivals from 12.00pm, Guided Walk of the Laudato Si' Environmental Project at 1.15pm, Presentation from Significance and Mass, celebrated by Bishop Stephen, at 3.00pm followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets cost £10. All proceeds and donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To request a booking form and for further information email Evie at evie.rea@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

NEW HORIZON CHOIR PRESENTS: SHOWTIME!

The word of musical theatre brought to life! Come and see classic songs and under-appreciated gems given a new twist by a large contemporary choir at Northern Stage, Barras Bridge, Newcastle NE1 7RH, 25th July 2026 at 7.30pm. For more info and tickets, visit www.newhorizonchoir.co.uk/showtime.

DIOCESAN PROPERTY TRUSTEE VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Trustee with property skills and experience. Chaired by the Bishop, The Board of Trustees provides leadership and determines the overall strategic direction of the organisation. Individuals with significant property, estates management and acquisitions experience and knowledge of charity law relating to land are encouraged to visit the Diocesan Website to download the role descriptor and application form. Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/diocesan-trustee/> to apply. The closing date is Friday 26th June 2026.

WEEKDAY MASS AND

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each week we have the opportunity to meet the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and in Holy Mass. As we receive the Lord, the Lord too receives us. Please consider coming along to a weekday Mass and to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, that there may be a revival of the love of the Eucharist within our family of parishes.

WORLD CUP SWEEP STAKE

We're having a World Cup Sweep Stake raising money for our family of parishes. If you would like to join in it is £5.00 a team. The person with the winning team at the end of the tournament will take away £120.00. There will be two sweep stakes, one for each parish. Remember, you have to be in it to win it!

GODFELLAS

The next meeting of Godfellas will be on Tuesday 16th June and this will be our annual Barbecue. We welcome new members to come along and join us. It is always a good night with food, drink and conversation. If you've not been before, why not live on the edge and come and try it? If you are attending the barbecue, please can you give Fr Shaun £5.00 towards the contribution of the food.

ON A LIGHTER NOTE...

There was a break in at the Police kennels last night and all the dogs were stolen. A spokesman said there are no suspects yet but they have a few leads!