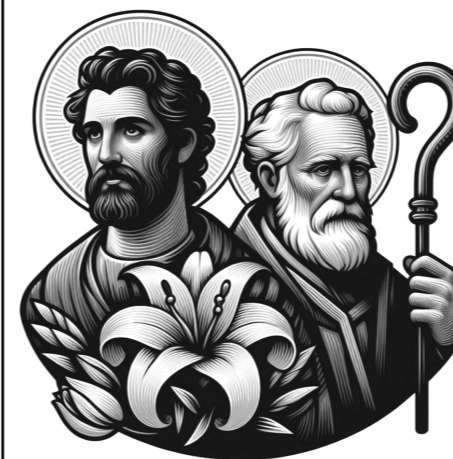


MASSTIMES AND INTENTIONS

14th - 21st June 2026

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
NO MASS ON MONDAY			
Tuesday 16 th June	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Deceased Members of the Murray Family
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 18 th June	Stanley	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Friday 19 th June	Dipton	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament For a birthday and anniversary
Saturday 20 th June	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Simprosa Comple & Caroline Theobald
12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Bob Fullerton People of the Partnership; John & Ettie Boyd



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SAINT JOSEPH, STANLEY



SAINT PATRICK, DIPTON

11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Exodus 19: 2-6 | Psalm 99 | Romans 5: 6-11 |
Matthew 9: 36 - 10: 8

We have come through the Seasons of Lent and Easter and return once again to Ordinary Time. The Word that is proclaimed to us is, however, far from ordinary. The Word speaks to us of extraordinary acts which reveal to us the love of God for all His creation.

The Book of Exodus is the story of the people of God moving from slavery to freedom. It is marked by their long journey through the wilderness until they reach the promised land. God is always with them and promises them that "if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all the peoples". The forty years in the desert was a constant ebb and flow of worship and disillusionment as the people tried to find a way to God, sometimes failing, sometimes succeeding, but always listening to His voice.

When Paul wrote his letter to the people of Rome, he was writing to a people whom he had never visited, and the tone of the letter reflects this. There were some people in Rome who Paul had met, and it was to them that he sent Pheobe, a deaconess, with his letter, hoping that it would reach those Christians who lived in the city. The letter is full of teaching and today's extract is very important, for it emphasises that the suffering of Christ was caused by our sins and that Christ willingly went to his crucifixion to atone for those sins. It calls us to "rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The people of the New Testament, that Jesus went to, were not the rich and prominent but the poor and lowly. These were his chosen people, "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd". His compassionate heart could not bear to see their suffering and so He sent his twelve disciples among them to bring them relief from their ills and hope for a better future. Today He calls on us to do the same. He reminds us: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few". He calls us to pray that more labourers may come to help with the harvest. The call is to us, for we are the labourers he is calling to.

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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	Feria
Friday	Feria
Saturday	St Alban, First Martyr of England (op M)
	M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity

PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK

This Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (Stanley)
Tuesday	Godfellas (Stanley)
Thursday	Coffee after Service (Stanley)

Finance - 7 June 2026

Offertory Total

Standing Order

Diocesan Levy

STANLEY	£482.90	£197.25	£156.13
DIPTON	£99.50	£172.85	£161.00

Future Collections: 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

11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

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

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-6a

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the LORD, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the LORD,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

The kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers into his harvest.'

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God,
your Son, Jesus, has shown us that an open heart finds the way.
Help me to find my way in this world.
Keep my heart open to following Jesus' way
of serving others in love.

Give me the courage to accept the guidance you offer me
through my family, my friends, and my parish community.

Through the Holy Spirit, you call me to a
particular way of life.

If it is the way of a priest, sister, brother or deacon, then
help me to walk it in joyful service to your people.

With you, my God, I know I can find my way.
Amen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY - NEW DATES ADDED!

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We commend to your prayers, the repose of the soul of **Maureen Hughes** and Maureen's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 22nd June at 11.00am in St Patrick's, followed by burial in the Parish Cemetery.

LOURDES MUSIC GROUP

Are you going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage? Would you like to join the choir or come along and learn the music before you travel? There are rehearsals before we go on:

Sunday 14 th June	St Joseph's, Stanley	4.00pm
Sunday 5 th July	St Michael's Houghton le Spring	4.00pm
Sunday 19 th July	St Joseph's, Stanley	5.30pm
Tuesday 21 st July	St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle	5.00pm

You're welcome to come to all, or just one or two.

BISHOP SÉAMUS 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.

SVP 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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR DONATIONS

As our summer craft fair is approaching, any donations would be gratefully received for our tombola and raffle. Bottles, including alcohol, toiletries, sauces, non alcoholic drinks, cans, grocery items, chocolates, sweets and biscuits are ideal. For the bakers in our parishes, once again, if you could please bring your baked goods for our tea room and bake sale to St Patrick's church anytime after 10.30 on 11th July that would assist. If you want your baked goods to be collected on the evening of 10th July or on the morning of the fair, please put your details on the sheet provided at the back of church and arrangements will be made to collect from your home. We hope to see you at the fair.

A RELAXED PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2027

There are still some places available on our pilgrimage from 14th - 18th June 2027, staying at Villa Palazzola. The cost is £1,395 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half-board basis. A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of £100. Price includes return airfare including **15kg hold Luggage**, accommodation as detailed in the itinerary, all transport whilst in Italy, services of a guide, gratuities and all entrance fees. Please note that this itinerary is not suitable for less able. You can book by visiting pilgrimagepeople.org and clicking on book, then on Italy and you will then find in the list 'Pilgrimage to Rome with Father Shaun Purdy'