

MASSTIMES AND INTENTIONS

12th - 19th July 2026

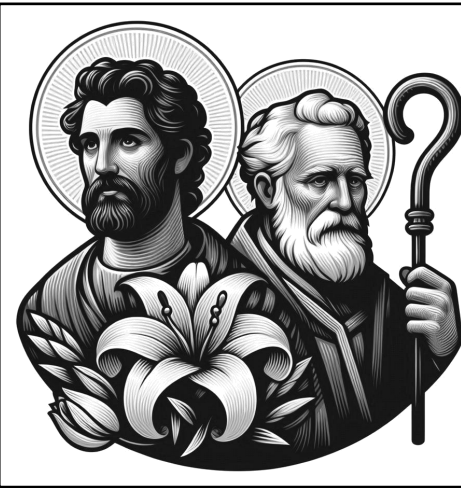
15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Maureen Hughes People of the Partnership; Chris White
Monday <i>13th July</i>	<i>Dipton</i>	6.30pm	In thanksgiving for the service of Head Teacher of Jill Burgess
Tuesday <i>14th July</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	Danny Fagan
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday <i>16th July</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<u>9.00am</u>	Billy & Ivy Mulhearn
Friday <i>17th July</i>	<i>Mountsett Dipton</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Funeral Liturgy for Thomas Lynch Anthony Bell (SVP)
Saturday <i>18th July</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	10.00am	John Bailey
16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Dipton Stanley</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Imelda Christon People of the Partnership; Father Tony Hogarth

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria	This Sunday	Coffee Morning after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Tuesday	Feria	Tuesday	Coffee after Mass with the Mini Vinnies (<i>Stanley</i>)
Wednesday	St Bonaventure (M)	Thursday	Coffee after Mass (<i>Stanley</i>)
Thursday	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (op M)		
Friday	Feria		
Saturday	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
<i>M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity</i>			

Finance - 5 July 2026	Offertory Total	Standing Order
STANLEY	£478.88	£197.25
DIPTON	£340.45	£172.85
Future Collections: 12th July – Stella Maris (<i>Apostleship of the Sea</i>)		

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 <i>in person</i> to your parish priest at the end of Mass.
A GENTLE REMINDER...
Please remember to switch off your mobile phone (<i>or put it on silent</i>) when coming into Church. We show reverence to Jesus present in the Tabernacle. <i>Please talk to God before Mass and one another afterwards.</i>
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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SAINT JOSEPH, STANLEY

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SAINT PATRICK, DIPTON

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Isaiah 55: 10-11 | Psalm 64 | Romans 8: 18-23 | Matthew 13: 1-23

Today's first reading from Isaiah is a beautiful description of the way that the Word of God comes down to us from the heavens. Without rain our crops would not grow and there would be no harvest and no life on earth. Without the Word our lives would be as barren as the desert, and we would not have the light of understanding burning within us. The Word of God falls upon all peoples; it cannot fail, as the rain sometimes fails, it is sent for a particular purpose and until that purpose is complete it keeps on falling.



Paul's letters often contain messages which are difficult to understand; sometimes we hear just a part of the passage and, because we do not hear what goes before and after we become confused and the message passes by us. He speaks today of "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God"; this strikes me as a message from a timeless God who is still in the act of creating the world; it is not finished. Perhaps the falling Word of God will eventually complete the work of creation through our efforts inspired by the Trinity.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

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

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:
'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R Luke 8:8*

Response: **Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.**

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain.

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy.

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing!

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

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: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

DATES FOR THE DIARY - NEW DATES ADDED!

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

Saturday 13th December 2026 - Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 14th December 2026 - Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 14th December 2026 - Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 20th December 2026 - Christmas Brass Concert

MRS BURGESS RETIREMENT MASS

On Monday, we will come together for a Mass of thanksgiving for the years of service Mrs Jill Burgess has given to both St Patrick's and St Joseph's Schools. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments. Please do come along and show your appreciation and offer your prayerful thanks.

ST JOSEPH'S MINNIE VINNIES

On Tuesday, the Minnie Vinnies from St Joseph's School will be attending the 10.00am Mass. After Mass there will be a special coffee morning hosted by the Minnie Vinnies in the meeting room. Please do come along and support them.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

LOURDES PETITIONS & FAMILY OF PARISHES CANDLE

Boxes are available at the Lady Altars in both St Joseph's and St Patrick's for anyone who would like petitions taken to the Grotto in Lourdes. The boxes will remain until Sunday 26th June. Please remember not to put any money in the envelopes as they get burned.

As we have done in previous years, a family of parishes candle will be lit at the chapel of light. Anyone who wishes to contribute to this can pass on their donations to Father Shaun.

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 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.

LOURDES AT HOME

As we prepare to travel to Lourdes on 31st July, there will be people who would like to participate from here in our Diocese who cannot be with us.

BLESSING OF HANDS

There will be Mass with the blessing of hands in St Mary's Cathedral, with Bishop Stephen as the principal celebrant. We all serve each other in our own way, whether it be as a registered helper, youth member, medical team, pilgrim or those who pray for the success of our pilgrimage at home.

Everyone is welcome to this special Mass on Tuesday 21st July at 6.30pm in the Cathedral.

PILGRIMAGE HYMN BOOK

Many who are participating from home have asked if they can purchase a copy of the hymn book. These will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21st July, and are priced £5.00.

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE MEDAL

There is a special centenary medal this year which is based on the medal from the Holy Year of 1958. The medal has a maroon ribbon with a gold -coloured metal St Cuthbert's Cross attached. Again, these will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21st July, and are priced £5.00.

LIVE STREAMING

When in Lourdes, the Masses and services will be live streamed via the Diocesan Hospitalité YouTube channel and the Lourdes Sanctuary YouTube channel. More details will be available on the Diocesan Hospitalité Facebook page.

Please keep the success of the Centenary pilgrimage in your prayers.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Jenny Heslop and Thomas Lynch who have died. We keep their families in our prayers at the is sad time. **Jenny's** Mortal remains will be received into St Joseph's Church at **4.00pm** on **Monday 20th July**. Her Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 21st July** at **10.00am**, followed by burial in Stanley Cemetery. **Thomas'** Funeral Liturgy will take place on **Friday 17th July** at **9.30am** at Mountsett Crematorium

SEA SUNDAY

Today is a day of prayer for Seafarers and Fishers. Please keep them and the intentions of our Port Chaplains in your prayers. There is a retiring collection today for the work of Stella Maris. We also have boxes at the back of our churches for woolly hats and gloves for Seafarers.

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.

GODFELLAS

The next meeting of the Godfellas will take place on Tuesday 28th July. We will be meeting at the Harry Clasper in Whickham at 7.00pm for drinks (and food for those who wish)

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.

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Newcastle and District Society of Organists, in collaboration with St Dominic's, Newcastle, present this year's summer recital series. The next recitals will be given by Cathy Lamb from Lichfield Cathedral on 17th July and Charles Wooler from Newcastle on 21st August. All recitals begin at 7.30pm and last for 70 minutes. Admission, including refreshments, is £10.

AMICI LADIES GROUP UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 22nd July - Cheese and Wine at St Patrick's Dipton, 7pm
Thursday 20th August - Summer Celebrations at St Patrick's Dipton, 7pm
Thursday 24th September - TBC
October TBC, November TBC. Please keep a lookout for dates.

OUTREACH AFTERNOON TEA

The Outreach Afternoon Tea will take place on Wednesday 30th July. If you would like some company, a bit of a natter, with refreshments, then this is for you! The afternoon takes place in St Joseph's meeting room and promises to be a good time. If you would like to come along or for more information, please contact the parish office. Transport may be able to be arranged for those who need it.

We also need some volunteers to help. Because of illness, some of the volunteers are unable to commit at this time. If you can help with baking and serving, please contact the office.

The Outreach is a vital asset to the people of our community, so please help it continue to serve the community and be a place of welcome for many years to come.

THANK YOU

St Patrick's Dipton's July coffee morning raised £112.16; the Whistle Testers concert raised £629.00; and the Table Top sale raised £145.65, all for church funds. Thank you to all involved and all who attended.