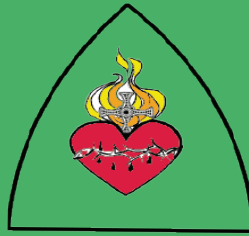


CATHOLIC PARISHES OF



ST. JOSEPH
Stanley



SACRED HEART
Byermoor



ST. PATRICK
Dipton

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Weekly Reflection

by David Frank

November is a time for remembering those who have gone ahead of us to their heavenly reward. Each of us have someone we cared about who is no longer with us and we all miss those who are no longer there to offer love and friendship.

Lord, You speak to us today about the gift of Wisdom. It is a precious gift; it strengthens and consoles us in those days when nothing else seems to touch us. When we lose someone we love, it seems like the end of everything; we feel that loss every day and nothing seems to help.

Through your gift of wisdom, we can begin to see sunlight even on the darkest day.

You have promised, that all who come to love you will share eternal life with you, and this is our consolation

Teach us Lord to accept death as a parting not an ending. Give us the strength to grow from this experience into a new understanding of our mission to be gentle and compassionate to those who suffer the pain of loss.

Give us the grace of acceptance, the hope of that future meeting, and the deep, deep love of your sacred, blessed heart. Amen.

Perhaps, the tragedy of the five bridesmaids whose lamps were without oil was not that they were unworthy to be bridesmaids but that they were distracted and failed to prepare for the Lord's coming.

How often have we left something important until tomorrow and then suffered regret because of our inaction?

Christ calls us to be always ready for we do not know the hour when He will call us to Himself. Stay awake!





Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement on Saturday 31st October, our Churches will be closed for public Mass from Wednesday 5th November, masses will be said in private. There will be private prayer time in St Joseph's Church from 11am-12 noon on a Thursday and in St Patrick's Church from 10am-12 noon on a Saturday which you are welcome to attend. You do not need to book to attend private prayer time in Church but you will be asked for your details on arrival to comply with our Track and Trace Register requirements. We will still be circulating our weekly parish newsletter and will keep you informed of any updates.

PRIVATE MASSES WILL BE SAID DURING WEEK COMMENCING 08.11. 20

Saturday 7 th November	PRIVATE		Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP
Sunday 8 th November	PRIVATE		Mass: TERRY TAGGART
32nd Sunday Of The Year			
Monday 9 th November	PRIVATE		Mass: PEGGY COATES
Tuesday 10 th November	PRIVATE		Mass: ANNA MARIE BOYLE Mass: INTENTIONS OF MARY DONNELLY
Wednesday 11 th November	PRIVATE		Mass: THE DEAD OF THE TWO WORLD WARS
Thursday 12 th November*	PRIVATE		Mass: FRANK CORBETT
	St Joseph's Church	11am-12 noon	PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 13 th November	PRIVATE		Mass: STEPHEN KELLY
Saturday 14 th November	PRIVATE		Mass: HILARY McTAFF
	----- St Patrick's Church	----- ----- 10am-12 noon	----- PRIVATE PRAYER
Sunday 15 th November	PRIVATE		Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP
33rd Sunday Of The Year			

* At St Patrick's Dipton there will be live-streamed Rosary starting on Thursday 12th November at 7pm.

We are very much aware that this is a difficult time for many people in our communities regarding the financial situation and respect that it may be difficult currently to give charitably. However, we are also aware that our churches have had no income since March. If you are in a place to still give your weekly contribution you may wish to do this by direct debit or standing order to your parish. The name of our accounts are: DHN Stanley St Joseph, DHN Dipton St Patrick and DHN Byermoor The Sacred Heart.

Bank Details

Parish	Sort code	Account No
St Joseph's Church	40-34-18	81164511
St Patrick's Church	40-34-18	91797557
Sacred Heart Church	40-34-18	91492241



However, if this is not possible because of technology could we ask that you use your envelopes each week and add your weekly donation that then can be delivered to our churches when we reopen.

The Pontop Partnership

St. Teresa's, Annfield Plain + Our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph, Brooms + The Sacred Heart, Byermoor + Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Blackhill + St. Patrick's, Consett + St. Patrick's, Dipton + All Saints, Lanchester + St. Pius X, Moorside + Our Lady of the Rosary, Shotley Bridge + St. Joseph's, Stanley

Items for newsletter must be received by a Tuesday. **Send it to: sacred3pontopnews@gmail.com**

Pray for those that need healing in our parishes:

Claire Mills, Pat Wilson, Anne Kennedy, Winnie Watson, Margaret Convey, Martin Bryce, Maureen Dixon, Mark Pinkerton and Gerard Ritchie.

Recently Deceased pray for: *Marie Rafferty*