

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sat 26 th | <i>Our Lady</i> | 11.00am | Holy Mass | Tracey Todd Pro Populo |
| | | 11.30am-1.00pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | | 11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm | Confessions | |
| | | 5.30pm | Vigil Mass | Persecuted Priests |
| Sun 27 th | EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Nora and Patrick O'Neill |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Mass | Liam Corcoran |
| | | 12noon | Holy Mass | Herby Cummins (RIP) |
| | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass | McGlacken family (RIP) |
| Mon 28 th | <i>Feria</i> | 9.30am | Votive Mass for Peace | John Ludden (RIP) |
| Tues 1 st Feb | <i>St David</i> | 10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Hilda Walsh (RIP) |
| | | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Bring McSweeley |
| Wed 2 nd | ASH WEDNESDAY | 9.30am | Holy Mass | Michael Harrison |
| | | 11.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Conn Nolan (RIP) |
| | | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Bill Looney (RIP) |
| Thurs 3 rd | <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i> | 9.30am (<i>St Alban's School</i>) | Holy Mass | Peggy and Colleen Ensor (RIP) |
| | | 7.00pm | Votive Mass for Peace | Margaret Cox (RIP) |
| Fri 4 th | <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i> | 9.30pm | Holy Mass | Nolan family (Ints.) |
| | | 12noon (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Tom Montieth (Ints.) |
| | | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | John and Joan Morrissy (50 th Wedding Anniversary) |
| Sat 5 th | <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i> | 11.00am | Holy Mass | Kate Edwards Pro Populo |
| | | 11.30am-1.00pm | First Saturday Devotions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | | 11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm | Confessions | |
| | | 5.30pm | Holy Mass | Kathleen Goodwin (Ints.) |
| Sun 6 th | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | 9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Gernon family |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Mass | Carmel Brown (RIP) |
| | | 12 noon | Holy Mass | Thomas and Margaret McCarthy |
| | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass | Remi Gohal (RIP) |

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

There have been increasing occasions where people have walked away with the sacred host without consuming it. So:

1. **It is very important** for the respect we ought to give to the most Holy Sacrament, that if you do receive the holy eucharist in the hand, consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest.
2. Please remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before so that you can receive.
3. It is also respectful to leave a reasonable space before the person in front of you. There's no rush, and we won't run out of the Blessed Sacrament.

COVID arrangements:

1. Entry into Mass will remain through the one entrance, but after the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses at St Dunstan's, exit will be via both doors. At St Jude's, exit will be through the main doors instead of the side door. There are also all the chairs along the wall at St Dunstan's which are 2 metre distanced.
2. Both churches will have two 'zones.' The left-hand side as you come into church will be socially distanced, marked up as they have been previously. The right-hand side as you come into church will not be marked up and people will choose their own seats.
3. Use of hand sanitiser will be encouraged as we come into church, as are the use of face coverings.

This Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. As is the long-standing tradition of the Church, Ash Wednesday is a day of penance of fasting and abstinence for the whole Church – and this time for the intention of peace in the Ukraine and Eastern Europe. The sacramental of receiving of ashes on this day is a traditionally biblical one, and it is given to prompt our hearts in penitence for sin and to be faithful to the gospel we have received. As such, it replaces the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass, and places it after we have heard the words of scripture in the liturgy of the word when St Paul urges us: 'be reconciled to God.' Ash Wednesday marks the time that we can fulfil one of the Easter duties in going to confession. Please make sure that this is a feature of your Lent – even if you haven't been for an embarrassingly long time – *Be reconciled to God.*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent we hope will take place on Fridays (beginning 11th March) from the end of the 9.30am Mass until the evening Mass. Exposition in the monstrance, unlike a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, can only take place when there are '*a suitable number of people present.*' Five should be the minimum at all times, though hopefully there will be a lot more. If we get enough people committing across the day, then we will begin on the 11th. We also hope there will also be a special adoration time for children and young people following school at 3.30pm for about 30 minutes. **There is list at the back of church if you can commit to a particular time.**

For children not in Catholic schools, or those who for whatever reason missed the sacraments earlier, preparation for **First Confession and First Holy Communion for Children** will start on Saturday 19th March from 11.45am to 12.45pm in the Conference Room and finish on Saturday 25th June. Parents are asked to stay with their children for the first session. For more information and to order the required books, please ring the Parish catechists Nuala Bielby on 689 2917 or Pat Thorpe on 449 4002.

Kings Heath Churches Together Lent Courses start during the week commencing 7th March 2022. This year we follow **Praise Him!** which explores five different Songs of Praise from the New Testament, looking at what they tell us about God and Jesus but also reflecting on what they tell us about us and our faith. **All are welcome** to join one of the following informal groups: Mondays 11am at All Saints, Tuesdays 8pm On-Line with New Life Baptist Church, Wednesdays 10.30am at New Life Baptist Church and Wednesdays 7pm at St. Dunstan's. Deacon David is collating names for all the groups; please complete one of the joining forms at the entrance to church or contact him via email fairbo28@gmail.com or phone 07948379545.

Thank you to everybody who has signed up for Gift Aid. Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of giving to charity. It is a scheme administered by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate. So, for example, if you donate £20, we can claim an extra £5, making your gift worth £25. You need to be a taxpayer to be able to do this.

As we are approaching a new tax year, if you would like to sign up for Gift, we can help you with this. There is a simple form to complete, and you can either have a box of envelopes or donate by Standing Order. If you would like to sign up, please contact Dawn in the Parish Office either by phone or by emailing ga.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk, and leave your name, address and telephone number.

Also, there may be people who have had a change of circumstances over the last year or two and are no longer able to Gift Aid your donations. If you could let the Parish office know, we will take you off the Gift Aid system.

40 Days for Life. There will be a new abortion campaign of prayer starting on Ash Wednesday (2nd March). If you would like to volunteer to help with the campaign, please contact Isobel on 07773 5017721.

Parish Social Events. Now that Covid restrictions are easing, we are looking at the possibility of re-starting some social events. If you have any suggestions for events that you might like, there will be a suggestion box in the new entrance at St Dunstan's and in the porch at St Jude's. If are interesting in helping with social events, please could you let the Parish office know.

We pray for those who have died recently: Patrick Cunningham, Kathleen Garrett, Thomas Cunningham and Anthony Nolan.

New Altar Servers training. Martin Casey and Fr John will run two training sessions for new altar servers, as well as those who served before the pandemic and wish to restart, on Saturday 5th and 12th March, at 10am in St Dunstan's. Please do encourage anyone you think would be interested, perhaps especially those who've just been confirmed. Please bring black school shoes on the practice days.

'Lent Walk Against Hunger' Lent Challenge. This year, as well as the Family Fast Day, CAFOD are asking people to walk 200km in support of the 200 million children in the world at risk of malnutrition. Do 5km a day for 40 days and conquer your 200km target in time for Easter. Join the challenge, get sponsored and tell hunger to 'jog on'. Sign up at: cafod.org.uk/walk.

LENT 2022

PREPARING FOR EASTER:

From the week commencing the 7th March

Churches Together in Kings Heath Lent Course: March 2022

Stations of the Cross: St Dunstan's: Fridays 6.15pm
St Jude's: Tuesdays 10.30am

Lenten Soup Lunch Fridays at 12.30pm in the Conference Room

MASSES

Early Morning Mass: St Dunstan's: Thursdays 6.45am followed by tea, coffee and toast in the Conference Room.

Ash Wednesday (2nd March): St Dunstan's: 9.30am and 7.00pm
St Jude's: 11.00am

We pray for those being Baptised today: John-Paul O'Sullivan at St Dunstan's.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is this Tuesday at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church. If you would like to come to this meeting, please contact the Parish office and leave your name and phone number.

Prayer Group in the Conference Room every Sunday at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Lectio Divina in the Conference Room following morning Mass every Monday. You are invited to read and reflect on the Gospel of the day and think about God's word and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges.

Little Lambs: Do you have pre-school aged children and are free on a Friday morning? Come and join us at Little Lambs. A chance for a coffee and chat with other parents, grandparents and carers whilst the children play in a COVID safe environment. Come and join us in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday.

The Trewby family have accepted the challenge and can be sponsored at: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/thetrewby-and-carnell-page>

| Collections: | St Dunstan's | St Jude's |
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| Gift Aid | £493.73 | £ 67.00 |
| Non-Gift Aid | £943.73 | £ 169.32 |
| Jubilee Fund GA. | £599.17 | |
| Jubilee Fund NGA. | £224.88 | |

Standing Orders are a great way to make regular donations. If you would like a standing order form for either church, please contact the Parish office.

The Parish Office is open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday each week. *Masses can be requested by dropping off an envelope at the presbytery or given to one of the priests. Who wish to request a particular date, then this is best done calling into the office at the above times.*

Mass Today

The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world may be directed by
your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.

Music at Solemn Mass

Hymns: 807

803

810

Organ voluntary: J.S. Bach: Prelude and
Fugue in A Minor BWV 543

Readings for Mass Today

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (27:5-8)

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Psalm 91

R: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians (15:54-58)*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability,
and when this mortal nature has put on immortality,

then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
(6:39-45)*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name
and count our oblations as signs
of our desire to serve you with devotion,
We ask of your mercy
that what you grant as the source of merit
may also help to attain merit's reward.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you feed us in the present age,
you may make us partakers of life eternal.