

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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Sat 8 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (RIP) 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	Sr Ursula Doherty (RIP)
Sun 9 th	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Sheila Muddiman (Ints.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Edward and Monica Jenna (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Thomas and Margaret McCarthy
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	McKenzie family
Mon 10 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Paddy and Ann Carney (RIP)
Tues 11 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Bridget Grimes (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Josephine Mary Evans (RIP)
Wed 12 th	<i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Martin Powell (RIP)
Thurs 13 th	<i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Allan Hussey (RIP)
Fri 14 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30pm	Holy Mass	Mary McKintey (Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Carole Turner (Ints.)
Sat 15 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of O'Keeffe family Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Pat Macken (RIP)
Sun 16 th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Josephine Evans (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	James (Jim) Kenny
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Paddy and Ann Carney
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	The Fisher family

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the last day of Christmas. Although today's feast marks the event of Christ's Baptism when he was thirty years old, nevertheless it is, along with the visit of the Magi, one of the 'showings' or 'epiphanies' when God revealed himself in the face of his beloved Son: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you' are the words we hear from heaven in the Gospel.

Although the rather magnificent Christmas trees will sadly soon disappear, the Crib will remain as a focus of prayer and devotion until the Feast of Candlemas (which was the traditional end of Christmas in earlier times) on February 2nd.

There will be a Retiring Collection this weekend towards the cost of the church flowers for Christmas. Thanks to our flower arrangers for such a beautiful and festive display!

Thank you to all of those who gave so much in time and talent to enable the Christmas liturgies to be celebrated with great dignity. Of course, in the times in which we live, things once simple are no longer so. Therefore, thanks to all those stewards who gave of their time to sort out the tickets and seating for the Christmas Masses. Thanks also to those involved in the liturgies themselves – the altar servers and Godfrey and our musicians. The church looked beautiful for Christmas, so thanks to our dedicated cleaners, our artistic flower arrangers, and all involved with the erection and decoration of our Christmas trees and Crib.

Thank you also to the Parish volunteers who helped to prep the vegetables for the Christmas Day lunch at the New Life Baptist Church.

Crib Offerings will this year be going to 'Let the Children Live'. This charity, founded from Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham, supports accommodation and education for street children in Columbia, and tries to draw them away from lives of drug trafficking and prostitution.

We pray for those who have died recently: Jim Ranford, John Brankin, Terry Nolan, Martin Slevin, Bridie Heffernan, Daniel Kelleher and Bridie O'Boyle.

Bridie O'Boyle was a parishioner at Mount Carmel, Redditch, but often attended Mass here. Her funeral will be there on Thursday at 12.30pm.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 1st February after evening Mass 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.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you, or someone you know, is sick or can't leave the house and would like Holy Communion, would you let one of the priests know, or email or call the presbytery.

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

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

As the Covid virus is still circulating in our community the diocese is recommending continuing with **social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church.

Please consider other people and leave some space from the person next to you. Please also only sit on the pews with the green ticks on.

Receiving Holy Communion. 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.**

A Message from the Bishops of England and Wales:

There is overwhelming evidence showing the effectiveness of vaccination in preventing serious illness, the further spread of the virus and ultimately death. The vaccination programme, therefore, serves the common good by protecting the population, especially the most vulnerable. Given that, at the present time, the numbers of people being infected is rising quickly, a collective effort is needed to combat this virus.

Lectio Divina in the Conference Room after 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.

Sycamore Course. For those who are curious about our faith or who have perhaps not had much chance to learn about our faith. This Thursday, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem,
in your birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee.
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the judge appear;
you by all will be confessed,
God in flesh made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy word;
may we imitate you now.
and on us your grace endow;
that we like you may be
at your great Epiphany,
and may praise you, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you, or someone you know, is sick or can't leave the house and would like Holy Communion, would you let one of the priests know, or email or call the presbytery.

Mass Intentions. Please note that all Masses are now booked until the beginning of May. However, it is quite possible, especially if you wish for a Mass intention sooner, or if you weren't particularly intending to attend the Mass in person to have it said in either Oscott or a parish with fewer Mass intentions. Let the office or the priests know if this is the case.

Due to volume of requests for Masses please understand that we haven't got the slack to do Masses for the same intention close together.

FOLLOWING HOLY COMMUNION

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
come, greet the infant Lord,
the babe, the son of Mary!
2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of Kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The Virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

The organ voluntary after Mass today is: J.S. Bach, In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£551.00	£160.00
Non-Gift Aid	£784.70	£113.34

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for church flowers activities.

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 will be open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday each week. In order to minimise the number of people in the office and for the safety of those at work, until further notice we ask you to observe the following:

If you need to see the Parish Administrator or one of the Priests: we would ask that you phone or email in advance, so that an appointment can be arranged at a convenient time for both. You will not be invited in the office unless you have a pre-arranged appointment.

If you have an enquiry: please phone or email first to see if it can be sorted in this way.

For those wishing to book Mass intentions: please bring a sealed envelope clearly labelled with the intention details (person's name, required date etc) and include the offering inside. This can then be handed in at the office and if requested a Mass card be signed and given. You do not need an appointment for this.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,**

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting
living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to *set us free from all wickedness* and *to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'