### The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude Fifth Sunday of Lent

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Philip Harrop Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr. John Waters Deacons: Rev. Mr. David Fairbotham Rev. Mr Martin Casey

**Telephone:** 0121 444 1386 Email: stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk Facebook: St Dunstan and St Jude's Parish Twitter: stdunstanandstjude

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 www.stdunstanandstjude.co.uk

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	SOLEMNITY OF THE	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jenn and Pete Frewin and family Pro Populo
	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Bernard Tehan (RIP)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Kathleen and James Jennings
		<b>10.30am</b> with Children's Liturgy	Holy Mass	Des Sheridan (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Louise Doherty (RIP Birthday)
		3.00pm	Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Connolly family (Ints.)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	Dulcie Robinson (RIP)
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	10.00am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Bobby Rebeiro (Birthday Ints.)
		5.30pm	Vigil and Reception	Oonagh Trigg (RIP)
		7.00pm	Penitential Service	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	Frances and Martin O'Regan (Special Ints.)
		11.00am	Requiem Mass	Oonagh Trigg (RIP)
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	6.45am	Holy Mass	Cristina Di Maria (RIP)
		9.30am (St Alban's)	Holy Mass	Thomas Bridget and Anthony McLoughlin
		4.00pm	Vigil and Reception	John Dempsey (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Private Intention
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lent Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	William Driver (RIP Anni.)
		11.00am	Requiem Mass	John Dempsey (RIP)
		7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Dunstan's after Mass until the evening Mass	
			Holy Mass	Moore and Ryan families

Sat 1st	Lent Feria	11.00am	Holy Mass	Dennis Buckley (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Bless Saturday Devotions	ed Sacrament followed by First
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Detta Grufferty (RIP)
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PALM SUNDAY OF THE	<b>9.15am</b> (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Mick O'Neil
	PASSION OF THE LORD	10.30am with Children's Liturgy	Holy Mass	Fr Gerard Cassidy (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Dermot and Julia Murphy (RIP)
		2.00pm	Stations of the Cross	with Youth Club
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	George and Gail De'Athe and family

Welcome to Mass on this fifth Sunday of Lent. Today we welcome to the 9.15am Mass children from St Jude's School, and to the 10.30am Mass children from St Alban's and St Dunstan's Schools.

There is also the Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony at 3pm today at St Dunstan's. The ceremony is for anybody who wishes to consecrate themselves afresh to Our Lady.

**Friday Soup Lunches during Lent:** Thank you to Miriam Wilcher who provided last Friday's lunch.

Holy Week and Easter Singing Group: We hope to have a group for every liturgy, but if you are only able to come to some, that is fine too. We will meet after Friday evening Mass this week at 7:45 pm. If you cannot make this time but would like to be involved, please let Deacon Martin know.

The Easter Garden 2023: This year dedicated to the memory of Kaye Smith and Annie Hayden who both died last year and were part of the flower team at St Dunstan's. Remembrance - Last year we used the garden installation as a place of remembrance. Parishioners bought potted orchids naming their loved one by a marker placed in the pot. These filled the entire garden, lasting until Whitsun Sunday. This year we intend to do the same again.

Loan of plants - desperately needed to fill the garden: Dried flowers / robust large architectural or small house plants / potted garden shrubs and flowers / potted trees of any kind / potted ferns, ivy, large palms / bulbs / hostas etc.

Please bring plants in on Palm Sunday weekend and throughout Holy Week to the entrance of the church (opposite the piety stall).

**Note** – every attempt is made to take special care of your orchids and plants and will be returned when the garden is dismantled. Please call or message Bernard on 07505363751 if you need help in bringing items to church.

**Stations of the Cross** at St Jude's following the Tuesday 10am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Dunstan's on Friday between the Masses and on Saturday 11.30-1pm. A good opportunity to pop into church to have some quality time with our Lord if you are visiting the shops, coming or going from work, or leaving school.

**St Dunstan's Church opening this week:** Monday to Thursday, church will be open from 8.30am to 12.30pm, and on Friday, church will open at 8.30am and will close following evening Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on Fridays between the two Masses, and on Saturday morning from the end of Mass until 1pm.

Please collect your Gift Aid and Panned Giving Envelopes for the new tax year. Please let Dawn in the Parish office know if you have had a change in circumstances, or if you would like to sign up for Gift Aid.

We pray for those who have died recently: Frank McLoughlin, Cristina Di Maria, Oonagh Trigg, John Dempsey, Ray Bielby (Requiem on Tuesday 4th April, 9am at St Dunstan's) Lucy Hayden (Requiem Mass on Tuesday 4th April, 12 noon, at St Jude's), Patrick Healy (Requiem Mass on Thursday 13th April, 11am at St Dunstan's), Teresa Carr (Requiem Mass on Friday 14th April, 10am, at St Dunstan's), Michael O'Rourke (Requiem Mass on Monday 17th April, 12 noon, at St Dunstan's Church), Peter McAndrew (Requiem Mass on Tuesday 18th April, 12 noon, at St Jude's), and John Ward (Requiem Mass on Thursday 27th April, 10.30am, at St Dunstan's).

The Next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church. If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish office, and leave your name and phone number.

**Prayer Group** - Conference Room today at 7.30pm.

**Lectio Divina -** Conference Room after morning Mass every Monday – reflecting on today's gospel reading.

**Living and Praying in the Divine Will** –Wednesday from 1pm – 3pm in the Narthex at St Dunstan's.

**Little Lambs-**coffee & chat for parents, grandparents and carers whilst the children play. Come and join us - Conference Room Friday 10.15am to 12.15pm.

Memorial Dance to celebrate the life of Kevin McCaughey on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30pm until 12.30am, at St Francis of Assisi, Handsworth. Admission £5 to include light refreshments. Please contact Michael Collins for tickets on 07941 250 362.

### **COLLECTIONS:**

 St Dunstan's
 St Jude's

 Gift Aid
 £643.50
 £ 90.00

 Non-Gift Aid
 £699.48
 £141.69

 Fabric Fund
 £379.97
 £134.72

### **RITE OF CONFESSION**

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

Penitent: Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It is ......weeks/months since my last confession.

Now tell God, through the priest, the sins you need to confess of thought, word, deed and omission. When you have finished say:

For these sins, and for all the sins I cannot now remember, I am truly sorry, ask pardon of God, and of you Father, penance and absolution.

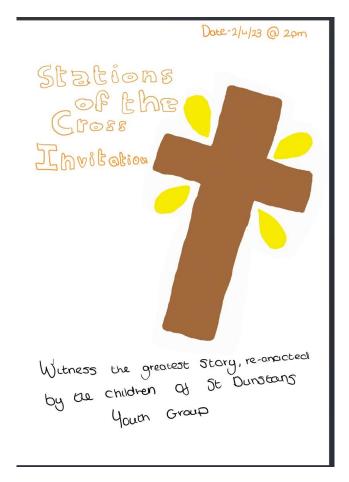
The priest will now speak with you and then give you a penance. He will then ask you to make an Act of Contrition. You might like to use this prayer, or another you are familiar with:

O my God, because you are so good, I am truly sorry that I have sinned against you, and by the help of your grace, I will not sin again. Amen

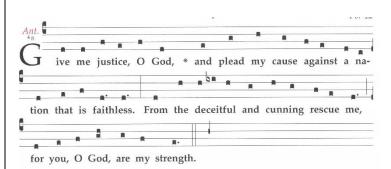
The priest says the prayer of absolution. When he says 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' you make the sign of the cross.

God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and *I* absolve you from your sins, in the name of the + Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The priest will then ask you to go in peace. Go to somewhere in church and kneel down and say a prayer of thanksgiving. This is the best time to say your penance if it is a prayer. Before you leave, also say a prayer for the priest who has heard your confession, and for all who have shown you the goodness and kindness of God.



### **MASS TODAY**



#### **MUSIC AT SOLEMN MASS**

- O send forth your light and your truth, let these be mu guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. Ant.
- 2. And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. **Ant.**
- 3. My Redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God. *Ant.*
- 4. Hope in God, I will praise him still, my saviour and my God. *Ant.*
- 5. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. *Ant.*

Processional: 749 Offertory: 752 Communion: 779 Recessional: 809

# 

Sanctus: 506 Angus Dei: 509

Today's organ voluntary is: J.S. Bach, Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727

### **COLLECT**

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.

### A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:12-14)

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 50)

## R: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. *R*:

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. *R*:

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.). *R:* 

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *R:* 

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (11:1-45).

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.