



St Dunstan's Church
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St Jude's Church
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The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude

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Sunday 21st December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass

Missal Readings: 13 (Year A)

Saturday 20 th <i>Advent Feria O Clavis David</i>	11:00am 4.00pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass	Des O'Leary (RIP) For the People of the Parish
Sunday 21st FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>O Oriens</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Patricia Moran Tom Flaherty (RIP Anni.) Patrick Shortt (RIP Anni.)
Monday 22 nd <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Ned and Annie Sheridan (RIP)
Tuesday 23 rd <i>O Emmanuel</i>	9.30am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 9.30am 7:00pm	Holy Mass Requiem Mass Holy Mass	Mary McGowan (Ints.) Catherine Gilks (RIP) Sue Blake (RIP)
Wednesday 24 th CHRISTMAS EVE (FIRST MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS)	9.30am 2.00pm – 2.30pm 5.00pm 5.00pm (<i>St Jude's</i>) 11.30pm Midnight	Holy Mass <i>Confessions (at St Dunstan's)</i> Family Mass of Christmas with Nativity Family Mass of Christmas with Nativity <i>Carols & Readings</i> Midnight Mass	Dawn and Natasha (Ints.) Mary, Teresa, James, Bridget, John, Mary and Patrick O'Connor James Noble (RIP) Ned Lawlor (RIP)
Thursday 25 th CHRISTMAS DAY (THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD)	8.30am 10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 11:30am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Sheila and PJ O'Brien (Ints.) Eddie and Hilda Walsh (RIP) Masie and Willie Dodd
Friday 26 th <i>St Stephen</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Padraic Gallagher (RIP)
Saturday 27 th	11:00am 4:00pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass	Timothy Lyons For the People of the Parish
Sunday 28 th THE HOLY FAMILY	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 11:30am 5.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kathy Pye (Ints.) Peggy Lawlor (Ints.) Carol Knowles (RIP)

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Catherine Gilks (Sugrue), Valerie (Anne) Lennon and Anne Whelan.

We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur during this week:

20th Christine Flynn (2022), Hugh O'Sullivan (2003)

Julia Murphy

22nd Terence Murphy (1995), Patrick Shortt (2018),
Annie Sheridan

23rd Brian Joyce

24th John Lane (1970)

25th Joanie Murphy (2018), David Lawrence (2015)
James McTernan (1980), Margeret McTernan
(1998)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: The Parish Office is located at St Dunstan's Presbytery and is open for general enquiries between 10am and 12.30pm. The office can also be contacted by calling **0121 444 1386**, or by emailing **stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk**, and we will get back to you during office hours.

Parish Website: www.stdunstanandstjude.co.uk

Parish Facebook: St Dunstan and St Jude's

Parish X (Twitter): stdunstanandstjude

Live Stream: Please go to the Parish website to view the livestream at St Dunstan's and St Jude's.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes: Clive Nicholas, Peggy Lawlor, Kate Edwards, Maureen McGlone, Joseph Guiden, Bridget McCann, Mary Rogers, Mary Philpott, Kath McAvinney, Kathy McQuillan, Barbara Brennan, Kevin Ryan, Eamonn Duffy, Bridget Brennan, Mary McGowen, Vincent Beirne, Carl McGovern, Mary McFarland, Danny and Ellen Heraghty, Hugh Doherty, Mary Wootton, Michael Masterson, Mairead Murray, Paul Holleran, Mick Farmer, Una Monahan, Cath Soubhi, John Gillen, Donna Dayus, Teresa Clifford, Pat Keevney.

TIMES OF CONFESSION

St Dunstan's:

Saturdays 11.45am – 12.30pm.
Saturdays 3.30pm – 3.50pm.

St Jude's: Sundays 9.30am – 9.50am.

If you are unable to come during these times, then please send an email to arrange an appointment with one of the priests.

TIMES OF ADORATION

St Dunstan's: All day Fridays 10am – 6.30pm and Saturdays 11.30am – 12.30pm.

First Friday of the month: 10am Friday – 10.30am Saturday.

FINANCES

Collections last weekend:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid:	£348.50	£135.90
Non-Gift Aid:	£422.63	£127.08
Church Flowers:	£285.46	£ 93.18
Contactless:	£137.50	£ -
Online:	£ 23.50	£ -



You can donate to the Church (with or without Gift Aid) using this QR Code. Do this by scanning this code with the camera of your phone.

There will be a **second collection this weekend** for the Fabric Fund.

SAFEGUARDING

The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude's operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Annette McGrath and Judith Allan. They can be contacted at: sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk

Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Welcome to Mass today on this fourth Sunday of Advent! The Fourth Sunday of Advent marks the final week of preparation before Christmas, focusing on Mary's acceptance of Jesus and God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises through Jesus's coming, highlighting themes of peace, love, and God's everlasting covenant, with readings often centred on prophetic fulfilment and Mary's role, leading directly to Christmas Day.

We welcome into our Parish family Isaiah, La'riyah and Elijah Finch who were Baptised at St Dunstan's last weekend.

The Christmas Tree by the contactless machine in St Dunstan's and Christmas tree in the porch at St Jude's are looking a bit bare. Would you like to help us finish filling them? There are labels next to both trees so you can write a prayer, or perhaps the name of a loved one you wish to pray for this Christmas. Let's see how much we can fill the trees.

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Do please use them – especially if you are away at Christmas and wish to make a donation towards the support of your priests.

Parish Office: Please note that all the office staff will be on their Christmas break next week. Please only contact the office in an emergency. The office will be open as usual the following week.

Family Masses on Christmas Eve at 5pm: At these Masses, there will be a Pop-up Nativity (no practice needed!). All children are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite Nativity character (Mary, Joseph, kings, shepherds, angels or even the donkey!). All young people, and those young at heart, are very welcome to join us. Towards the end of Mass, the baby Jesus shall be placed in the crib and some extra Christmas carols will be sung.

St Stephen's Day Mass on Friday 26th December at 11.00am in St Dunstan's Church, to which all our servers are invited as we give thanks for their ministry and service to the Lord at the altar. There are a few servers who will be getting their service medals at this Mass.

Please note, there will be no adoration on Friday 26th December.

New Year's Eve Holy Hour: Starting at 11.00pm on Wednesday 31st December followed by Benediction at midnight, a great way to see the New Year in in prayer. There will also be a little celebration afterwards for those who are able to stay.

All children and families are warmly invited to the Crib Service at St Dunstan's Church at 2.00pm on Sunday 4th January, the Feast of the Epiphany. We warmly encourage the families to come who have had their children baptised this year. There will be a celebration with light refreshments for children and families in the Social Centre afterwards (children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian).

Our next Parish General Meeting is on Saturday 24th January 2026 in the Social Centre. Everybody is welcome.

WINDOW the Parish Magazine: The latest issue No 99 is available from the rack beside the piety stall for £1. Please put the money in the box in the wall marked MAGAZINES.

Parish Tote: The numbers drawn this week were 06, 14, 15, and 20. There were no winners this week.

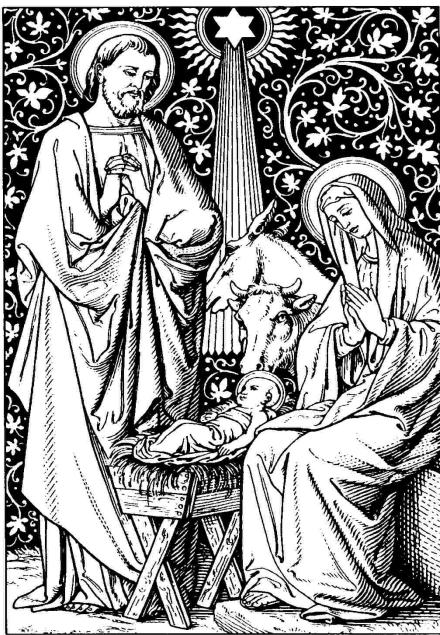
Legion of Mary: The adult Legion of Mary resumes on Monday 5th January at 6.15pm in St Jude's church and will continue at 11.15am on Wednesdays in St Dunstan's Conference Room.

Junior Legion of Mary at St Dunstan's will resume on Wednesday 7th January at 6pm in the Conference Room.

45th Anniversary of St Judes Church 2026 – As Covid restrictions were in place we could not celebrate the 40th anniversary of the opening of St Jude's Church. Do you have any ideas how we can celebrate the 45th anniversary? Please either let Fr John know or email the Parish Office.

Save the Date for Lourdes 2026 - Make next year your year to visit Lourdes and be a part of this special spiritual journey. The dates for the next Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Birmingham are Monday 25th to Saturday 30th May 2026. The annual pilgrimage will return to Lourdes under the leadership of His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans. You are invited to make initial enquiries about the pilgrimage via the Lourdes Administrator, Kath White: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk or call 0121 230 6288.

Could you be a healthcare volunteer in Lourdes? Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on next year's Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new, please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage



May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Mary and Joseph, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ Child be God's gift to us this Christmas time.

Fr John, Fr Prem, Deacon David, Deacon Martin, Dawn, Natasha and Dougal wish you a very happy Christmas!

PARISH FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everybody who supported raffle and came to our Christmas party, a wonderful time was had by all. We raised a fantastic £1,364 for our churches.

Prize	Raffle Number	Name
Theatre and Dinner for Two	03197	H. Johnson
Meal for Two	03396	R. Mc
Spa and Salon Treats for Two	01767	C. Tracey
Tea for Two	02613	G. Williamson
£50 Cash	00104	A. Healy
Blender Set	01489	Hurley
Kylie Minogue Rose (non-alcoholic)	00896	L. Best
Bally Castle	03142	April
Gordon's Gin	00912	G. Brennan
House of Dragon Chardonnay	00721	D. Winchester
Canti Prosecco	00970	B. Minor
Grants Whiskey	05520	H. Preece
Moet Champagne	03200	B. Alex
Bells Whiskey	01369	C. Martin
Box of Biscuits	01518	L. Obi-Iweanya
Royal Jelly Set	01064	P. Brien
Heros and Mini Alcohol	03410	K. McKillen
Thorntons and Alcohol	05510	Sue P
Watch, Hankies and Bumbag	04502	A. Fogarty
His and Hers Smelly Set	01700	N. Holleran

If you are a lucky winner, you can collect your prize from the Parish Office.

**If you would like your prize before Christmas, please come by
4pm on Tuesday 23rd December before the office closes for Christmas.**