



**St Dunstan's Church**  
Kingsfield Road,  
Kings Heath, B14 7JN



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

**Parish Priest:** Fr John Peyton  
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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Sunday Mass**  
Missal Readings: 13 (Year A)

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

20<sup>th</sup> Christine Flynn (2022), Hugh O'Sullivan (2003)  
Julia Murphy

22<sup>nd</sup> Terence Murphy (1995), Patrick Shortt (2018),  
Annie Sheridan

23<sup>rd</sup> Brian Joyce

24<sup>th</sup> John Lane (1970)

25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| <b>Gift Aid:</b>       | £348.50      | £135.90   |
| <b>Non-Gift Aid:</b>   | £422.63      | £127.08   |
| <b>Church Flowers:</b> | £285.46      | £ 93.18   |
| <b>Contactless:</b>    | £137.50      | £ -       |
| <b>Online:</b>         | £ 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](mailto:sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> December.**

**New Year's Eve Holy Hour:** Starting at 11.00pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December followed by Benediction at midnight, a great way to see the New Year 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in the Conference Room.

**45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Jude's Church 2026** – As Covid restrictions were in place we could not celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St Jude's Church. Do you have any ideas how we can celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> December before the office closes for Christmas.**