

# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

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Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Lynch (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Confessions</b>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Dennis Menezes (RIP)
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Tony Johnson (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Tess Dolan (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Mary Moloney (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	John and Lizzie Tehan (Golden Wedding)
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Pauline Leydon (RIP)
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Carney family
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Johnny Donovan (RIP)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>St John Mary Vianney</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Gill King (RIP)
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Our Lady of the Snows</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	William Moran (Ints.)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Finnerty (Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Emma McDonald (Ints.)
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Tony Murray (Ints.) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Confessions</b>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Ena Cole (RIP)
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Tom and Kathleen Finn (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Pat Hardman (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Peter Bartram (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Kevin Bunting (RIP)

**For some time now, as many of you will know, Martin Casey** has been preparing for ordination to the permanent diaconate. Along the way, in common with all those preparing for holy orders, he will receive ministries which will help to prepare him for ordination to the diaconate. Today, at the 10.30am Mass, he will receive the Ministry of Lector. A number of you already carry out some of this ministry of lector in the reading of the scriptures at Mass. Through our human voices reading from the scriptures the word of God, the voice of the Lord speaks to his people. But, in addition, the ministry of lector is also about instructing both young and old in the faith and preparing them for the sacraments. We remember Martin in our prayers as he continues his formation for the diaconate.

**Sister Joan Coffey RIP.** Many of you will remember Sr Joan from her time as pastoral assistant in the parish for some years. She had a very special ministry to the housebound whom she would regularly visit and take Holy Communion. Sr Joan sadly died last Saturday after a stroke. Please remember her in your prayers that she will receive the reward of her labours, and that she will know the peace and presence of God. Her requiem Mass is on Tuesday morning at Selly Park convent.

**Singing group.** As restrictions on communal singing begin to lift, we would like to form a group of singers at the 10:30 am and 12 noon Masses to lead and support the sung parts of the Mass and the hymns. No prior experience is necessary, as the intention is to start small and work from there. Enthusiasm and a desire to enrich the Mass are the main requirements. If you are interested in joining either group (or switching between Masses is okay too) then please see Martin Casey after Mass and leave your contact details.

**First Friday is this Friday.** There will not be the extra 12 noon Mass at St Jude's this month as Fr John is away and Fr Philip has the morning and evening Masses to say. The attendance at the Noon Mass has been a bit sparse of late, but we might give it another go in the Autumn to see whether a third Mass in the parish that day is necessary.

**Church Readers at St Dunstan's and St Jude's.** If you used to read at Mass and would like to re-join the rota, or if you would like to start to read at Mass, please could you email the Parish office. It would be great to have a few more readers on the rota.

**Gift Aid Envelopes.** There are still a number of Gift Aid boxes that haven't been collected for both churches. If you normally have a box of envelopes and haven't yet collected these, please could you collect your box from the Parish office either on a Wednesday or a Friday. Donating through Gift Aid means we are able to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. If you are a tax payer and you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact the Parish Office.

**Could we be sensitive to others** in the minutes before the beginning of Mass as many people like to use this time for preparation and prayer. Please keep conversation to a minimum before Mass and have a good old chinwag to each other afterwards – with the appropriate socially distancing of course!

**The Government announced a general relaxation** in the Covid regulations on July 19<sup>th</sup> in order to free up the economy and to encourage the nation to return to some semblance of normality. However, the virus is still very present in our community - although with the vaccine roll out the signs are very promising that infections are not nearly as serious. We have ensured that attendance at Mass in both our churches is as safe as we can make it.

*Message from Archbishop Bernard:*

*Following the announcement that step 4 of the Government's Covid-19 response roadmap will come into effect on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, I am pleased to be able to forward to you the latest guidance from the Bishops' Conference. The guidance is accompanied by the statement Sunday – it is our Day which says, "It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church."*

At this stage, it is important for us all to remember that, although legislation is being relaxed, the pandemic is not yet over and there continues to be a duty of care for all who use our churches and other facilities. The guidance therefore seeks to ensure that, where opportunity permits, there is some degree of relaxation - but there remains a cautious approach and **people are asked to continue social distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitizing and daily cleaning** where these help to minimise risk and provide comfort and confidence to our people. What is important is that the emphasis is now on the corporate endeavour of all involved in our church life to maintain the exemplary good practice that has been exhibited over the past 15 months in our churches whilst moving into a freer expression of our church life, worship and mission.

There are no longer restrictions on capacity for weddings, funerals or baptisms. Please note that for baptism only one family is permitted at any one time. Communal singing may begin from Monday, but it is encouraged that this is phased in over time and the congregation should wear masks whilst singing.

**Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.** Restrictions around us, due to the effectiveness of the vaccination programme are being gently lifted. There are a number of Parishioners receiving the Blessed Sacrament at home again. If you, or someone you

know, would now like to resume this, let one of the priests know, or email the presbytery.

**Thanks to those who have let us know if they are willing to help with Holy Communion on Sundays when one of the priests isn't available.** At the moment there are usually two priests able to give Holy Communion at the larger Masses. It would, however, be useful to have some ministers of the eucharist we can ask to help when an additional priest isn't available for the distribution of Holy Communion. Please email the Parish office if you are willing to help if needed, with the Mass you usually attend.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Please could you have a word with Fr Philip or Fr John, or email the Parish office, if you would be willing to help with Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. There are basic safety guidelines for this during the present time to make sure that such things are as safe as possible.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** Sr Joan Coffey, Arthur Campbell, Sarah Hagan and Arthur Thornton (Requiem Mass 12<sup>th</sup> August).

**We pray for those who are being Baptised today:** Aoife May Claydon at St Dunstan's.

**March for Life UK** will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September in central London from approximately 10am – 4.30pm. To ask for coach details or to book a seat, contact Brian Healy at [brianhealy@talktalk.net](mailto:brianhealy@talktalk.net) or phone 07726311261. Recently there was the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK (last year saw 210,860 abortions in England and Wales as well as the introduction of home/DIY abortions. Let's do our part in turning the tide in our nation. More information, or to give a donation, please visit [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) or contact Isabel on 07773 501721 / [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com).

**Are you or anyone you know living with dementia?** The Birmingham Irish Association run a weekly group in St Dunstan's Conference Room so people with Dementia meet other people with Dementia for socialisation and fun activities. If you or someone you know may be interested in receiving support please contact: Ruth Geoghegan, [ruth@birish.org.uk](mailto:ruth@birish.org.uk) or 0749571170

**The Parish Office** will be open from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Wednesday and 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 re-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.

#### YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and  
courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

#### COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£495.50	£ N/A
Non-Gift Aid	£743.51	£ N/A

*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.*

### FIRST READING

*Exodus: 2-4, 12-15*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, "Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pan of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!"

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I proposed to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not."

"I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, 'Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall eat bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all around the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, "What is that?" not knowing what it was. "That" said Moses to them "is the bread the Lord gives you to eat."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life says the Lord;  
no one can come to the Father except through me.  
**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL READING

*John 6:24-35*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

Jesus answered: "I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?" Jesus gave them this answer, "This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent." So, they said, "What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat. "

Jesus answered: "I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "give us that bread always." Jesus answered: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst."