



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



**St Jude's Church**  
St Jude's Close  
Maypole, B14 5PE



## The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude

**Parish Priest:** Fr John Peyton  
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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday Mass**  
Missal Readings:5 (Year A)

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i>	11:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Chris and Mary Rose (Thanksgiving)
	4.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Elizabeth and Chris Beard
	11.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Mary Kinny (RIP)
	5.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Families and Children of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Michael McMananin (RIP)
	7:30pm ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Mary McGinty (RIP)
	7:00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Fr John Waters (Ints.)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9:30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Joan Johnson (RIP)
	7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Martin family (Ints.)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i>	6.45am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	John Beirne (RIP)
	9:30am ( <i>St Alban's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Ann Davis (RIP)
	11:30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Patrick Gallagher (RIP)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9:30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Roy Thomas (Thanksgiving)
	7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Tom Brosnan (RIP Anni.)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Lucy</i>	11:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Michael O'Looney (RIP)
	4.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Nancy Dolan (RIP)
	11:30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Catherine Sugrue (RIP)
	5.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Ryan family

### 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.

### TIMES OF CONFESSION

**St Dunstan's:** Fridays 6.15pm – 6.45pm.  
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.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> Teresa Farrelly (2023)

7<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Caudy, Stephen Caudy, Michael Caudy

8<sup>th</sup> Colette Hickey (2020), John & Joan Colber (1988)

9<sup>th</sup> Dulcie Robinson (2022), Annie Woodford (1988)

10<sup>th</sup> Joan Johnson

11<sup>th</sup> Peter Omokuru

12<sup>th</sup> Ann Marie Cassidy (2012), Tom Brosnan (2018)  
Melvin Mango (2016), Maureen Sheehan (2019)

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

### THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

**Please pray for the sick of our Parishes:** 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.

### FINANCES

Collections last weekend:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
<b>Gift Aid:</b>	£ 364.00	£ 77.00
<b>Non-Gift Aid:</b>	£ 386.02	£125.32
<b>SVP:</b>	£1,403.87	£211.42
<b>Contactless:</b>	£ 100.00	£ -
<b>Online:</b>	£ 123.50	£ 5.00

December Standing  
Orders: £1,638.00



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 Poor Parishes, and next weekend for **Church Christmas flowers**.

### 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!** Next Sunday, there will be the Blessing of the Bambinelli. This is an old tradition whereby children (and others!) are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus from their home nativity sets to be blessed on Gaudete Sunday. This is a simple way in which we can connect our own nativity scenes at home to the celebration of Christmas in our churches. The prayer of blessing that we will use was composed by Pope Benedict, and it will say: *'We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus, who is about to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes.'*

**We welcome into our Parish family** Montana Mongan and Orla-Mae Quinn who were Baptised at St Dunstan's last weekend.

**Jam is back Today:** delicious jams and marmalades will be on sale at St Dunstan's after 11:30am Mass. All proceeds will go to the Jane Smith Education Fund.

**Window** our parish magazine on sale next weekend 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> after all masses. Lots of news about the parish and informative articles. Still only £1.

**Parish Tote:** The numbers drawn this week were 04, 11, 13, and 18. There were no winners this week.

**In the month of December,** devotions to the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady will be prayed in the main body of the church every Friday at 6:15pm.

**Rorate Caeli Masses** will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.45am in St Dunstan's. This is an ancient tradition of the Advent season where Mass is offered in candlelight, awaiting the dawn.

**Lectio Divina:** 10.15am on Mondays in the Conference Room. Lectio Divina is a Christian practice of reading the Bible, meditating, and praying. It's a contemplative way of reading scripture that's meant to help people deepen their relationship with God.

**Legion of Mary:** The adult Legion of Mary continue to meet on Monday evenings at 6.15pm in St Jude's church and at 11.15am on Wednesdays in St Dunstan's Conference Room.

**Junior Legion of Mary** at St Dunstan's on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Conference Room

**Rosary Prayer Group to intercede especially for anyone who is suffering from addiction** – every Thursday in St Jude's Church from 1pm – 2pm.

**Mass with Anointing of the Sick:** On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am, followed by refreshments in the Conference Room. Everybody is welcome.

**Bereavement Group:** A cuppa and a chat will be available on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the Conference Room at 11:30am, after the 11.00am Mass. If you, or someone you know, has suffered a bereavement, you are very welcome to come along. We can make this journey together.

## CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

St Dunstan's Christmas Church cleaning including brass cleaning on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. Many hands make light work, so if you can spare an hour or two, please come along and help.

**Consultation on admissions arrangements – Bishop Challoner Catholic College for the 2027/2028 academic year.** Changes are proposed to the Sixth Form entry requirements and are therefore required to consult on these changes as per the School Admissions Code.

The consultation will close on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Birmingham City Council's School Admissions and Fair Access Service are undertaking the consultation process on our school's behalf. To view a copy of the proposed admissions arrangements on their website here: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/Proposed/non-bcc/2027-2028> and on our school's website : or <https://bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/information-about-our-school/admissions>

Any interested parties wishing to make any comments about the proposed admissions arrangements during the consultation period are welcome to do so by going to Birmingham City Council's BeHeard website here: <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/aa2728/>

Once the consultation period has closed on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Birmingham City Council's School Admissions and Fair Access Service will send the school any comments that have been received during the consultation period. The admission authority for the school will consider these comments before they formally agree (determine) our admissions arrangements by 28 February 2026. We thank you in advance for your support and engagement with this process. Our determined admissions arrangements for 2027/2028, will be published on our school's website by 15 March 2026.

**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)

## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

### *Penitential Services*

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm, at St John Fisher, West Heath  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm, at St Dunstan's

### *Confessions*

#### *St Dunstan's*

Saturdays: 11.45am-12.30pm *and* 3.30pm - 3.50pm

Christmas Eve: 2.00pm - 2.30pm

#### *St Jude's*

Sundays: 9.30am – 9.50am

## CHRISTMAS EVE WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

5.00pm	St Dunstan's	First Mass of Christmas with Nativity ( <i>Family Mass</i> )
5.00pm	St Jude's	First Mass of Christmas with Nativity ( <i>Family Mass</i> )
11.30pm	St Dunstan's	Carols
Midnight	St Dunstan's	Midnight Mass

## CHRISTMAS DAY THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

8.30am	St Dunstan's	Dawn Mass with Carols
10.00am	St Jude's	Christmas Day Mass with Carols
11.30am	St Dunstan's	Christmas Day Mass with Carols

## FEAST OF ST STEPHEN (BOXING DAY) FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

11.00am	St Dunstan's	Holy Mass
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## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

### **Christmas Raffle** **Have you got your tickets?**

Great prizes to be won including theatre and dinner for two, meal for two, spa and salon treat for two, tea for two and £50 cash! £1 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at both churches and from the Parish Office. Winners will be announced on the 18<sup>th</sup> December after the carol concert in St Dunstan's.



### **Christmas Party Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December** **Don't miss out – get your tickets from either church this weekend.**



At Kings Heath Cricket Club, Alcester Road, starting at 7pm.

There will be a disco and a buffet. Tickets for the party cost £10 for adults and £5 for children.

## **Carol Concert and Christmas Raffle Draw Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**



The Carol Concert will start at 7pm in St Dunstan's Church, followed by mince pies, mulled wine and the Christmas Raffle Draw.

Free entry, donations in support of the of the crib collection welcome.