

The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 24th September 2023

Sat 23 rd	<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Stephen So (RIP Anni)
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Catherine Barron
Sun 24 th	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	The Shelton family
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Joseph Koziol (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Mary Hatton RIP
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Creamer family (ints.)
Mon 25 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Frank McLoughlin (RIP)
Tues 26 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's School</i>)	Holy Mass	Bridie Hayden (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Susan Melvin (RIP)
Wed 27 th	<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Rogers, Larkin and McLoughlin families
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Alice Brew (RIP)
Thurs 28 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am (<i>St Alban's</i>)	Holy Mass	John Enright (RIP)
		11.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Fri 29 th	Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	9.30am <i>followed by adoration until evening Mass</i>	Holy Mass	Eric and Olive Shelton (RIP)
		<i>6.15pm – 6.45pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Andrew John McMillan (RIP)
Sat 30 th	<i>St Jerome</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Deceased of Ranford and Moore families
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Kieran Kealey (RIP)

Sun 1 st	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	John and Violet Carney
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Michael Darcy
		12noon	Holy Mass	Katherine Daniels
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Kathleen Leydon (RIP Anni.)

Welcome to Mass, and a special welcome to anyone visiting the parish today. Welcome also to Teresa Kehoe from Aid to the Church in Need. Teresa will be at all Masses this weekend to tell us more about some of the work they have been doing around the world supporting the Catholic faithful, and other Christians, where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need.

St Jude's Church: The next phase of the building work is about to commence – the work to the north-light window. Scaffolding will start to go up on Monday and the work will take between four and six weeks. During this time, for health and safety reasons, no access is allowed inside church during the week. Therefore, **Tuesday morning Mass will take place in St Jude's school hall.** Sunday Mass will not be affected, Mass will be in church as usual.

Baptisms: Parents who wish to have their children Baptised should leave their name and telephone number at the Parish office and Fr John will get in touch.

If there are any children over the age of seven who would like to be Baptised, they will need instruction. Classes will start soon. Please contact Parish catechist, Nuala Bielby, for more information on 07586 370 918 or 689 2917.

Children at Non-Catholic Schools wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will start after half term. Please contact Parish catechist, Nuala Bielby, for more information on 07586 370 918 or 689 2917.

Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers and readers, and anybody who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or reader: On Wednesday 25th October immediately after the 7pm Mass in the Conference Room. This involves all involved in these ministries in both Parishes. We will also have a retreat day on Saturday 18th November beginning with the 11am Mass until 4.30pm at St Dunstan's.

MacMillan Coffee Morning: The time has come round again for us to don our pinnies, take out our whisks and get cracking those eggs! This year, we will be holding the MacMillan Coffee Morning next Sunday, 1st October, in the Conference Room from 10.30am until 12.30pm. As usual, there will be an array of cakes to tickle your taste buds, plus tea, coffee and squash to wash them down. Please do come along, mingle and chat and - importantly - donate to this wonderful charity. We look forward to seeing you there!

St Dunstan's church will be open Every day from 7am to 7.30pm.

The Conference Room locks have been changed.

Each Parish group who regularly use the room will be permitted one key only and the name of the person collecting the key on behalf of the group will be recorded for security and insurance purposes. These can be obtained from the Parish office. Any keys entrusted to you may not be copied under any circumstances without prior authorisation. Any old keys to the Conference Room and to the patio doors should be returned to the Parish office as soon as possible. If anyone has any church keys, please can you inform the Parish office, so we have a log of who key holders are.

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr Glanville Joseph (CCSR), Celia Cummins, George Devesey, Kate Roache, Mary Donaghy (Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's at 11am on Wednesday 11th October), Kitty Finn, and Rose McGlynn.

Lectio Divina in the Conference Room after morning Mass every Monday. You are invited to read and reflect on the Gospel of the day and think about God's word.

Little Lambs: A chance for a coffee and chat with other parents, grandparents and carers whilst the children play. Come and join us in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm on Friday.

The Legion of Mary meet on Saturday morning at 9.15am in the Conference Room.

Bishop Challoner School Celebrates its Platinum Jubilee this year: There will be a Platinum Jubilee Remembrance Event for the whole Bishop Challoner community (past and present) on Thursday 25th April 2024, from 4:30pm – 6.30pm, followed by a blessing at 7pm. Parishioners are warmly welcomed to the event.

Bishop Challoner Tea Party: The next tea party is on Wednesday 4th October from 1:30pm to 3pm in the 6th form common room. There will be tea, sandwiches, cake and bingo.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day: Due to the many disasters around the world at the moment, CAFOD is focusing on its work in disaster areas. As well as a church collection for CAFOD on the weekend of the 7th/8th October, there will also be tea, coffee and cakes in the Conference Room on Sunday 8th October after the 10.30am Mass to help raise funds. Everybody welcome.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

COLLECT

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55:6-9).

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Psalm 144*)

R: The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R:**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R:**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R:**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Philippians (1:20-24,27).

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (20:1-16).

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life.