

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sat 4 th | <i>Feria</i> | 11.00am | Holy Mass | Loughlin McManus (RIP) and Mary Faul (RIP) Pro Populo |
| | | 11.30am-1.00pm | <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by First Saturday Devotions</i> | |
| | | 11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm | <i>Confessions Confessions</i> | |
| | | 5.30pm | Vigil Mass | Michael Kennedy (RIP) |
| Sun 5 th | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | John, Katie and Samantha Byrne |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Mass | Jaxon Robotham (RIP) |
| | | 12noon | Holy Mass | Gerald Oaks (RIP) |
| | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass | Colin and Diane West (RIP) |
| Mon 6 th | <i>Feria</i> | 9.30am | Holy Mass | Kathleen and Michael Mannion (RIP Anni.) |
| Tues 7 th | <i>Feria</i> | 10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Mary Griffin (Special Ints.) |
| | | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Margaret Lyons (RIP) |
| Wed 8 th | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9.30am | Holy Mass | Ted Woodcock |
| Thurs 9 th | <i>Feria</i> | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Patrick Tehan (RIP Anni.) |
| Fri 10 th | <i>Feria</i> | 9.30am | Holy Mass | Danny (Special Ints.) |
| | | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Marie Mullins |
| Sat 11 th | <i>Feria</i> | 11.00am | Holy Mass | Tony Quirke (RIP) Pro Populo |
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| | | 11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm | <i>Confessions Confessions</i> | |
| | | 5.30pm | Vigil Mass | Brid Hanninghan (RIP) |
| Sun 12 th | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Edward Walsh (RIP) |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Mass | Peggy Jordan (RIP) |
| | | 12 noon | Holy Mass | Paul Collins (RIP) |
| | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass | Kieran Kealey |

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

Sycamore. In October we shall begin running a “Sycamore” course. This is an ideal course for those who are curious about our faith or who have perhaps not had much chance to learn about our faith. The course consists of a series of short videos, presented by Fr Stephen Wang, Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome. Each video explores a topic like “Does God exist?” or “Who is Jesus.” There are opportunities for gentle discussions during the videos. The course will begin on Thursday October 7th, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass, and will run for 10 weeks. Sign-up sheets will be available in church and at our primary schools in the weeks approaching the 7th.

This weekend a coach full of parishioners have headed down to Walsingham with Fr Philip for the annual pilgrimage to Our Lady’s shrine. All the parishioners’ intentions will be remembered there, as well as the sick, the housebound, the faithful departed and those who mourn them.

The SVP Appeal for supporting children’s projects based at Manningford Hall on Druids Heath back in July raised £1,408. Recently Fr Philip received a lovely letter thanking you all for your generosity. Due to funds raised, children of struggling families on the estate have been given regular hot meals, there have been children’s activities, opportunities for parental support during the summer holidays, and even a trip to Weston Super Mare! Additionally, the SVP was able to help some of the families by providing school uniforms. A further report and some photos will be posted on the parish website in the next week or so.

One or two parishioners who use hearing aids have mentioned the difficulty of hearing during Mass. Any feedback will be appreciated. **Talking of which** – a hearing aid was left in church recently.....so if anyone is missing one please ask one of the priests.

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 words and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges. Everybody welcome.

Little Lambs: Do you have pre-school aged children and free on a Friday morning come and join us at Little Lambs. A chance for a coffee and chat with other parents, grandparents and carers whilst the children play in a COVID safe environment. Come and join us for an open morning 10.15am to 12.15pm on Friday 10th September as we re-launch the group and plan for the year ahead. All welcome it would be great to hear from anyone able to spare an hour on a rota basis to help support the group. For further information contact Nikki Stewart nikz.stew@gmail.com

During this time of pandemic, the diocese is asking us to continue to **keep social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church. A number of people are still fearful of larger gatherings, and so we try to ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable during the celebration of Mass.

When coming to Holy Communion would you ensure that your face covering is removed so that you can receive the sacred host reverently before replacing your face covering. Please do not move away with the host still in your hands but consume immediately before moving on. When receiving on either the hand or tongue please be as still as possible as it is important that the priest doesn’t make contact with either hand or tongue when giving holy communion.

There are no longer restrictions on capacity for weddings, funerals or baptisms as long as social distancing remains. Please note that for baptisms, only one child is permitted to be baptised at any one time unless they are siblings, **and the rules concerning face coverings, hand sanitisation and social distancing still apply.**

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.

Eucharistic Ministers: Thank you to Eucharistic Ministers who have volunteered to help take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. There are also a number of people who have been unable to return to Mass since before the pandemic and have asked to receive Holy Communion at home. There will be a meeting for those who have already volunteered, and also for people who would like to find out more about what visiting people at home involves, **this Thursday** in church at 7.45pm after the evening Mass. Volunteering to take Holy Communion can be for one person who might be your neighbour, or more people if you have more time.

Stewarding: Would you be interested in joining the rota at either at St Dunstan’s or St Jude’s? As well as keeping church clean and welcoming people into church, it is a good opportunity to get to know other parishioners. A couple of stewards are no longer able to help because of work commitments so it would be helpful to have a few extra volunteers.

Missio/Mill Hill: Promoters will be getting in touch with red box supporters in the coming weeks to accept your donations. Thank you for your continued support for the missions.

We pray for those who have died recently: Bridget Grimes (Requiem 16th September at 11am), Mary Masterson and Steven Rawley (Requiem 14th September at 12 noon).

We pray for those who are being Baptised today: Eliza Linda Santini at St Dunstan's.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is this Tuesday after evening Mass at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church.

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 or 0749571170.

Sanctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us
 Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a
 tu-a. Ho-sáanna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit
 in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sáanna in excél-sis.

COLLECTIONS

| | St Dunstan's | St Jude's |
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| Gift Aid | £400.50 | £ 55.00 |
| Non-Gift Aid | £686.42 | £144.11 |
| Standing Orders for August | £1,424.00 | £277.00 |

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.

The Parish Office will be open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to 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 pre-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.

COMMUNION HYMN

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
 that all thy Church might be for ever one,
 grant us at every Eucharist to say
 with longing heart and soul, "thy will be done."
 O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
 one through this Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
 make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
 draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
 by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
 one through this Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
 O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
 back to the faith which saints believed of old,
 back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
 soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
 one through this Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
 may we be one with all thy Church above,
 one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
 one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
 more blessèd still, in peace and love to be
 one with the Trinity in Unity.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: My Soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7: 31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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.