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**The Parishes of
St Dunstan and St Jude**



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Fourth Sunday in Advent – Sunday 24th December 2023

Sat 23 rd	<i>Advent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Darcy, Stanley, Mannion and Feery families (RIP)	
	<i>O Emmanuel</i>	11.30am-12.30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm Confessions at St Dunstan's 3.30pm Confessions at St Jude's			
		4.00pm (St Jude's)	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Pat Shortt (RIP)	
Sun 24 th	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	William Bradley (RIP)	
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Joanna Ellis (Ints.)	
		12noon	Holy Mass	Special Intentions	
		2.00pm – 2.30pm	<i>Confessions (at St Dunstan's)</i>		
	5.00pm	Family Mass with Nativity	Deceased of Hayden and Gaynor families		
	6.30pm (St Jude's) 7.00pm (St Jude's)	Carols Vigil Mass of Christmas	Hilda and Eddie Walsh (RIP)		
	11.30pm	<i>Carols & Readings</i>			
	Midnight	Midnight Mass	Edward Lawlor (RIP)		
Mon 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY (THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD)	9.00am	Mass with Carols (with English Mass Setting)	Mary and Paul Collins	
		10.00am (St Jude's)	Mass with Carols	James Noble	
		11.00am	Mass with Carols (with Latin Mass Setting)	Larkin, McLoughlin and Rogers families	

Tues 26 th	St Stephen	11.00am	Holy Mass	Liam Corcoran (RIP)	
Wed 27 th	St John	11.00am	Holy Mass	Amber Uddin (Birthday)	
Thurs 28 th	Holy Innocents	11.00am	Holy Mass	Louise Sullivan (RIP)	
		<i>5.00pm</i>	<i>Vigil and Reception for</i>	Helen Ellard (RIP)	
Fri 29 th	St Thomas Becket	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Helen Ellard (RIP)	
Sat 30 th	<i>Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jim Ranford (RIP)	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm Confessions at St Dunstan's</i>			
		<i>3.30pm Confessions at St Jude's</i>			
		4.00pm (St Jude's)	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Martin Doherty (Wedding Anni.)	
Sun 31 st	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	<i>9.15am (St Jude's)</i>	Holy Mass	Timothy Lyons (RIP)	
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Charlie Leydon (RIP)	
		12noon	Holy Mass	Matt Healy (RIP)	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Mr Dale (RIP)	
		<i>11.00pm – Midnight</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>		



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 Toby, Deacon David, Deacon Martin, Dawn and Dougal wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Family Mass on Christmas Eve (5pm at St Dunstan's): Mass will begin with 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!). Children and staff from St Alban's School will be coming to help lead the music at this Mass, but 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.

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Christmas and Easter are the only times of the year that your donation goes directly to the priests as a thank-you for their support. If you are away, these envelopes can be posted through the letter box of the Presbytery.

Live Streaming at St Dunstan's: We now have a camera installed in church for live streaming. This is still work in progress while the engineers sort the sound cable out, but you can see the live stream on our YouTube channel. Put @stdunstansstjudes9955 into your internet search bar.

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes: Michael Martin and Noreen Winhall.

We pray for those who have died recently: Geraldine Browne, Freda Conboy, Keith Davies, Sybil Fraser, Helen Ellard (*Requiem Mass at 11am on Friday 29th December at St Dunstan's Church*) and Philomena Rattray (*Requiem Mass at 11.30am on Wednesday 24th January at St Dunstan's Church*).

We welcome into the family of our Parishes Henry Shepherd who was Baptised at St Dunstan's last weekend.

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.

COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

A reading from the book of Samuel (7:1-5,8-12,14,16)

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Luke 1:46-50,53-54)

R: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R:**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages. **R:**

'He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
with him my covenant shall last.' **R:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans (16:25-27).

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the

obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (1:26-38).

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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 Representative is Annette McGrath. They can be contacted at: sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid:	£664.00	£320.50
Non-Gift Aid:	£652.93	£242.55
Poor Parishes:	£456.08	£196.30
Contactless:	£90.00	-
QR Code:	£70.00	-



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.

*The second collection **this weekend** is for the **Priest's Christmas offering.***

ST DUNSTAN'S CAR PARK - UPDATE

We would like to bring to your attention that the parking management regime at St Dunstan's Church car park has been reviewed and will shortly be upgraded to an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) Pay on Entry solution managed by Euro Parking Services 24 hours per day.

Due to unexpected installation challenges, this will now be in place from 00.01am on Tuesday 2nd January.

The church is currently experiencing many parking issues such as non-payment, parking on pavements and in front of priest's garages, overstays, confrontational motorists, lack of space and availability due to the sheer volume of cars that frequently use the parking facilities, and, most recently, theft of car park money.

We have instructed EPS to manage the parking facilities with a technology-based solution that will help reduce the aforementioned issues. The ANPR camera will capture vehicles entering and leaving the car park, whilst recording the duration of stay, calculating whether the correct payment has been made and identifying if a valid staff permit is in place. Two payment machines will be installed to the system and **will accept all card payments, Apple and Google Pay but not cash.**

EPS will also provide warden patrols to ensure that no vehicles are blocking access routes, parking on pavements, disabled bays, and staff parking bays at the church. Car Park Attendants will assist members of the public with the new system to begin with. **There will be a tablet in church,** similar to those you see in pubs, **where for Mass, you will be able to enter your full vehicle registration and be allowed to park for free while attending Mass up to a maximum period of 2 ½ hours.** For example, if you arrive at 9am to go to Monday morning Mass, you will have free parking up to 11.30am (the camera will log the time you enter the car park and you **must** enter your registration plate into the tablet).

Parking for Sunday morning Masses will be free without the need to enter your registration number into the tablet. We will have the facility to exempt cars from parking charges if attending some Parish events.

Taxis or families dropping off or picking up will have a 10-minute grace period where they are allowed to park appropriately, for free, only whilst dropping off/picking up to and from church. If they park for longer, they will be expected to pay for the convenience. Any vehicle that parks for longer than 10 minutes, without a valid permit or paid for parking session will be subject to a PCN (Parking Charge Notification). The PCN is £100 reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days and will also carry a right to appeal if the motorists feels as though they have been issued the PCN incorrectly, has had an emergency or broken down.

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Grand Prize Draw and thank you also to everybody who came to, and helped organise, our Christmas party. We raised a fantastic £1,599.66 from our Christmas fundraising. Prizes from the Christmas Grand Prize Draw can be collected from St Dunstan's Parish office next to St Dunstan's Church, Kings Heath during Parish office opening times.

PRIZE	WINNING TICKET
£250	05285 - Louise Bussey
£150	04823 - Natalie Cole
£100	05975 - Connor Wills
Carvery for four people at Kings Heath Cricket Club	04479 - Mandy Clan
Salter Coffee Machine	06157 - Amanda De Valiere
Port and Cheese	06266 - T. Powell
3 in 1 reversible grill	03732 - Lorraine Johnson
Flower Voucher courtesy of A Natural Undertaking	05271 - Esther
Relaxing Evening In (Prosecco and Sleep Apothecary)	05256 - Mary Di Maria
Port and Cheese	02669 - Joanne Lowe
Watching a Nice Film (Bottle of wine and box of biscuits)	03750 - Caroline Litterick
After Christmas Dinner (Bottle of wine and box of chocolates)	05552 - Denis Foley
Panettone and Mulled Wine Christmas Treat	05527 - Maria Lynch
Bottle of Champagne	00693 - Eila
Port and Cheese	02564 - Ms M Ross
Selection of Wine	05091 - Ben Jackson
Ribvale Hair Straighteners	03758
Gin Lovers	02744 - Tom and Fiona Peyton
Complete Picnic Set	03253 - Teresa O'Connor
Ticket to Ride Game	02173 - Stokes