

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

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Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

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Sat 10 th	<i>Easter Saturday</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Phelan McCaffery (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Elaine Prunty (RIP)
Sun 11 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Mary Jones (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Darcy, Mannion, Feery and Stanley families
		12noon	Holy Mass	Jimmy Murphy (RIP)
		3.00pm	<i>Divine Mercy Devotion and Benediction with Confessions</i>	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Maureen Cody (RIP)
Mon 12 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Doherty
Tues 13 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Phelan McCaffery (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Dermot Lenehan (RIP)
Wed 14 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Special Intention
Thurs 15 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Eileen Shortt (RIP)
Fri 16 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Catherine O'Neill (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Ena Cole (RIP)
Sat 17 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Billy Hopkins (RIP)
Sun 18 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Emily McCormack
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Jones (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Brian Reaney (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Denis and Chris Seaton (RIP)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Today is the Octave Day of Easter, and the Feast of Divine Mercy. There will be the chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction at St Dunstan's today at 3pm. There will also be an opportunity for Confession during the devotion.

Fr Philip, Fr John, Deacon David and Sr Catherine wish you and all your families a very Happy and Holy Easter.

In place of the Angelus during the Easter season we would usually sing the Regina Caeli. As congregational singing isn't yet allowed under the regulations, we will say it together (or a cantor will sing it on our behalf) before Sunday Mass.

**Regina caeli, Laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

*Rejoice and be glad, O virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.
Let us pray.*

O God, who has brought joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may be brought to the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you to all our Stewards who have committed themselves so wonderfully in helping the liturgies of Holy Week to run so smoothly. Thanks to those who have cleaned our churches and made them look so resplendent so that they are worthy places for the celebration of the paschal mysteries. Thanks to the servers for helping through the simplified paschal rites, and for Godfrey for playing the organ, and Martin for volunteering to sing some of the ancient chants of Holy Week and Easter to assist us in our worship. Thanks to the flower arrangers who helped arrange the beautiful Easter flowers and to Bernard for the wonderful Easter garden. Thank you also to those who arranged seating plans and distributed tickets.

A big thank you also from Fr Philip and Fr John for the kind Easter cards and gifts. Calorie intake will be monitored. Thanks also for the Easter Offering. Many of you have been so very generous Thank you for your kindness.

Whilst at Mass.....please take note of the guidance below to ensure that we make each other as safe as possible. We remember in our prayers those who are not with us due illness or because they are isolating. They are very much part of the prayers and the sacrifice we offer today.

- Please use hand sanitizer when arriving and leaving.
- Wear face coverings in church unless age (younger children) or medical conditions preclude this.
- Keep social distance at all times – especially being mindful when moving about for Holy Communion or leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system around church.
- If you will not be receiving holy communion or coming forward for a blessing mention this to a steward and they will find you a seat where you won't block others in.
- Do not leave newsletters you have used in church, but always take them home with you.
- Remove face covering immediately before receiving Holy Communion in the hand and replace after receiving the Sacred Host.
- Do not gather in groups outside church with those outside your 'bubble' for conversation without keeping a good distance.

Some of these – especially the way of receiving Holy Communion and wearing face coverings – a few have found onerous. Nevertheless, it is a price worth paying for the continuation of public worship.

If, during Lent, you have been collecting items at home for the SVP feeding programmes at the schools and Manningford Hall and would like them collected please phone or text Andy Gudge on 07855 824434 or email him at andygudge@blueyonder.co.uk He'll then arrange collection this week.

We pray for those who have died recently: Elizabeth Brown, Derek Coen, Peggy Ensor Mark Woodcock (Requiem 27th April), Bernadette Johnston (Requiem 28th April), Stanislaw Mielewski, Baby Poppy Buswell, Maureen Cody and HRH Prince Philip.

Bernadette Johnston, who has recently died would be known to many in the parish as the former headteacher at St Jude's School.

Queen Elizabeth and Birmingham Women's Hospitals and St Mary's Hospice. If you know that you (or a family member or friend in the parish) will be going to hospital for significant treatment, it is important to have confession with anointing of the sick

before you/they go into hospital as these sacraments are not presently readily available during your stay. **There is a cover rota provided by priests around the area. This is for emergency use only when there is danger of death. Such visits are arranged from the hospital so that the priest on call will be allowed admission.**

Funerals. A number of families have been concerned about the length of time it now seems to take (often over a month) between a loved one's death and the funeral. It can be an advantage, when arranging a funeral, to have a week for the funeral in mind and then look around at different firms to see what they can do.

Confessions are at the normal advertised times from next weekend. Social distancing means using the side chapel at St Dunstan's. **Please keep the time spent in the confessional to a minimum (5 minutes max) to both make it as safe as possible, and so that others have opportunity for the celebration of this sacrament.**

Baptisms: Changes in guidance means that we can begin celebrating the sacrament of Baptism from May 17th. If you had already booked a baptism that had to be postponed could you get in touch as soon as possible to arrange a date. **For those who haven't been along for the meeting, then the next meeting at which we will arrange dates is on Tuesday 4th May at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's church.**

Weekly offerings can be placed in the baskets in church during Mass or posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Please place offerings in either the usual Gift Aid envelopes or a plain envelope marked 'St Dunstan' or 'St Jude'. Standing orders are also a great way of giving. Standing order forms can be requested from the Parish office.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES. If you didn't pick up your box last weekend from St Dunstan's, could you do so today!

The envelopes for St Jude's were unfortunately delayed in transit from the suppliers but will be available for collection from St Jude's this weekend.

Missio/Mill Hill Could all St Dunstan's red missio box holders bring their boxes or use the brown envelope if provided to church this weekend and 11th April. Damien will be at the car park entrance to the church before the start of the Sunday Masses (including the Saturday vigil). Thank you all for your continued support for the missions.

CAFOD Lent Challenge: Walk for Water Brian and Jackie Trewby would like to thank parishioners for their very generous donations to CAFOD. In total, they walked 524 miles, and raised £1,650 – well above their original target of £200!

Bishop Challoner TSA is currently working with around 40 Primary and Secondary schools in the Birmingham area to help new teachers into the profession. Anyone is welcome to join for a free online information event on **Wednesday 28th April at 6pm** or **Thursday 13th May at 5pm** to find out more about the School Direct / PGCE route into this exciting and rewarding profession. See www.bctsa.org for details, or email teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Job Vacancy two RN Nurses and two Care Assistants required at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Harborne. Permanent day shifts available including alternative weekends. Please email your CV to Kay Munns (HR) at kay.munns@lsplondon.co.uk or telephone 0121 427 2486 for more information.

Traditional Upright Piano free to a good home. Suitable for a child or a beginner. Please call Nuala on 689 2917 for more information.

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.

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end'.

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand had triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.