

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

National Youth Sunday

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Sat 20 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Vic Pye (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	Peter McCaul
Sun 21 st	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Frank Traynor (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Jim Moy RIP
		12noon	Holy Mass	Dufficy (Ints.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Nuala O'Connor
Mon 22 nd	<i>St Cecilia</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Bridget Barrett (RIP)
Tues 23 rd	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Deceased of Carney family
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Wed 24 th	<i>St Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Martin Monaghan (RIP)
Thurs 25 th	<i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (RIP)
Fri 26 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Corbett family (ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Astorre Marinoni (ints.)
Sat 27 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Deacy (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Andrew Grufferty (RIP)
Sun 28 th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Mick McCarthy (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Persecuted Priests
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Adelaide Tracey (ints.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Kathleen Grimes (RIP)

Solemnity of Christ the King. On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we honour Christ the King. This week's feast is one of the newest feasts in the Church's year. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, initially as a response to the rise of secularism and nationalism in Europe. The church had witnessed the First World War and the fall of several European royal families. Pope Pius therefore wished to encourage Catholics to build up their devotion to the Jesus Christ of the book of revelation, who is described as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." The Papal Encyclical "Quas Primas" which established the feast declares that Christ "Reigns in the wills of men, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free-will as to incited us to the most noble endeavours."

Today is also National Youth Sunday. Some of the young people of the Parish will be coming to help with the liturgy by reading at Mass and Hannah from Kenelm Youth Service will be giving a short talk.

New Altar Servers. Would you like to learn how to serve on the altar for Holy Mass at St Dunstan's? There will be a meeting this Tuesday at 6pm in church.

SVP: There will be an appeal at all Masses next weekend for funds to help the parishes' SVP in their Christmas activities which will be followed by a retiring collection. If you are going cashless you can donate through our contactless point in the porch by selecting the SVP button on the screen or by internet banking into the SVP account (SS Dunstan & Jude SVP Sort code 60-60-04. Account 46082956).

Also, the women's refuge which the SVP supports is in need of baby equipment. **Not** clothes but items like Moses baskets, changing mats, baby baths etc. If you have any of these cluttering up your house, please contact Karen Tehan on 07816 686849.

Children's Liturgy. If any adults would like to help forming a team for children's liturgy on Sunday mornings, would you please contact the parish office (email would be fine). The usual DBS checks will need to be undertaken.

Contactless Payments. You will find our new contactless terminal in the new entrance to St Dunstan's church. Use your contactless debit, credit card or smart phone or device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

More help needed! Currently a small number of individuals are trying to maintain the exterior and grounds of our churches. Tasks include gardening, litter picking, painting, clearing leaves and gutters, minor building repairs, clearing graffiti and so on. We would like to put together a new list of willing volunteers with skills and availability whom we could contact as needs arise. If you can offer any help at all, please contact Ray Bielby on 07552192030 – many hands make light and friendly work!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm	St Dunstan's	Vigil Mass of Christmas
6.00pm	St Jude's	Vigil Mass of Christmas
7.00pm	St Dunstan's	Vigil Mass of Christmas
Midnight	St Dunstan's	Solemn First Mass of Christmas Night

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am	St Dunstan's	Mass of the Dawn (said)
10.00am	St Jude's	Mass of the Day with Carols
11.00am	St Dunstan's	Sung Mass

Christmas Masses: There will be a ticket system in place for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day again this year. It is not so much about restricting numbers, but with the current climate and the possibility of a winter spike, a ticket system will help us to spread people across the Masses. Free tickets will be available at all weekend Masses on the second, third and fourth Sundays of Advent. To help with organisation, tickets for St Dunstan's will be available only from St Dunstan's and tickets for St Jude's will be available only from St Jude's.

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

As the Covid virus is still circulating in our community the diocese is recommending continuing with **social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church.

Although a number of parishes have lifted the social distancing, we have it kept this in place. The spacing markings have now been removed from St Dunstan's, but please consider other people and leave some space from the person next to you. Please also only sit on the pews with the green ticks on.

Receiving Holy Communion. There have been increasing occasions where people have walked away with the sacred host without consuming it. So:

- 1) **It is very important** for the respect we ought to give to the most holy sacrament, that if you do receive the holy eucharist in the hand that you consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest. Please also remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before so that you can receive.

It is also respectful to leave a reasonable space before the person in front of you. There's no rush, and we won't run out of the Blessed Sacrament

Blessing of the Graves – an annual event when we can gather together to pray for departed relatives and friends and commend to the Lord's mercy. There will be a short service for the faithful departed at 2pm at each cemetery, and the timetable this year will be as follows:

Sunday 21st November – Kings Norton & Robin Hood

Sunday 28th November – Wythall & St Nicolas.

For those who wish to buy grave votive lights to light at the blessing, they are available from the piety stall.

We pray for those who have died recently: Christina Reagan, Geraldine McGee, William Reid, Margaret Cox, Eugene McGlynn, and John Lyden.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you, or someone you know, is sick or can't leave the house and would like Holy Communion, would you let one of the priests know, or email or call the presbytery.

We pray for those who are being Baptised today: Orlaith Cottrell-Dolan at St Dunstan's.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 7th December after evening Mass at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church. If you would like to come to this meeting, please contact the Parish office and leave your name and phone number.

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

Sycamore Course. For those who are curious about our faith or who have perhaps not had much chance to learn about our faith. This Thursday, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass.

Little Lambs: Do you have pre-school aged children and are 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 in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday.

Parish Census: Thank you to all those parishioners and regular church attenders who have already completed and returned their form. If you are still to complete a form, please could you do this as soon as possible as our new database is being updated. You can return your completed form to the box in either church or you can find the form on the home page of the parish website if you would prefer to complete the form and email it back to us.

WINDOW Parish magazine: the December issue is now being assembled. The deadline for articles, news, pictures or jokes is the 28th November. Send to robertwilcher@btinternet.com or 179, Alcester Road South or drop into the presbytery marked WINDOW.

Traidcraft Charity Christmas cards and crafts. Proceeds from card sales go to CAFOD, Christian Aid and the development charity Traidcraft Exchange. Catalogues and cards will be available to order after 10.30am Mass each Sunday until the 12th December.

Fundraising at St Jude's: There will be tombola starting on the first Sunday in December and then every Sunday up to Christmas. If you have anything you would like to donate, such as an unused present, a box of chocolates or a bottle of alcohol, please bring them to church and leave them in the sacristy.

Card and letter writing: There is a meeting on Thursday 2nd December at 2pm at 179 Alcester Road South to write greetings cards and letters of support to prisoners of conscience to reassure them that they are not forgotten and to government agencies to ask for justice. Information will be available from Amnesty and ACAT (Action by Christians Against Torture).

Job Vacancy: Our Lady of Lourdes primary school are looking for a temporary teacher starting January for two terms to cover a maternity absence. For more information, please visit their website <https://www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com/vacancies-at-olol/>

Are you struggling to pay your water charges? The Big Difference Scheme is funded by Severn Trent Water, which offers significantly reduced water charges to some households on a low income. Apply now: www.bigdiff.co.uk

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. You do not need an appointment for this.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£633.00	£ 74.75
Non-Gift Aid	£612.37	£127.63
Catholic Youth Service	£348.43	£ 9.00

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Jubilee Fund at St Dunstan's and the Fabric Fund at St Jude's.

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **R.**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

COMMUNION HYMN

*Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"*

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.
2. King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our hearts, our minds, our wills,
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.
3. King most holy, King of truth,
guide the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.
4. Eucharistic King, what love
draws thee daily from above,
clad in signs of bread and wine :
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!
5. Shepherd-King, o'er mountains steep,
homeward bring the wondering sheep,
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.

*The organ voluntary after Mass today is L. Boëllmann,
Menuet Gothique from Suite Gothique, Op. 25*