



St Dunstan's Church
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St Jude's Church
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The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude

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Sunday 25th August 2024 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 24 th <i>St Bartholomew</i>	11:00am	Holy Mass	Kitty Finn (RIP Anni.)
	4.00pm (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Mary Gallagher
Sunday 25th TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Mary Dunleavy (RIP)
	10.30am	Holy Mass	Fr John Peyton (Ints)
	12noon	Holy Mass	Bridie Kearney (RIP)
	6.30pm	Holy Mass	Michael O'Looney (Birthday RIP)
Monday 26 th <i>Blessed Dominic</i> <i>Barberi</i>	9.30am	<i>Office of Readings and Morning Prayer</i>	NO MASS
	5.00pm (<i>St Jude's</i>)	<i>Reception and Vigil</i>	Angela Daly (RIP)
	7:00pm	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the O'Sullivan family
Tuesday 27 th <i>St Monica</i>	11.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Requiem Mass	Angela Daly (RIP)
	7.00pm (<i>St Dunstan's</i>)	Holy Mass	John Connolly (RIP)
Wednesday 28 th <i>St Augustine</i>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
	9.30am	Holy Mass	Margaret Smyth (RIP Anni.)
	12 noon (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Fr Rufus Halley & The Holy Souls
Thursday 29 th <i>St John the Baptist</i>	11:30am	Holy Mass	Michelle Shepherd (RIP)
Friday 30 th <i>Feria</i>	9.10am	<i>Office of Readings and Morning Prayer</i>	NO MASS
	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Edward Lawlor (RIP)
Saturday 31 st <i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Lena Lyons (RIP)
	4.00pm (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Fr Philip Harrop (Ints.)
Sunday 1st September TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Edna Beardmore (RIP)
	10.30am	Holy Mass	James De'Athe (RIP 2 nd Anni.)
	12noon	Holy Mass	Natalie Ward (RIP)
	6.30pm	Holy Mass	Maura Coughlan (RIP Birthday)

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: The Parish Office is located at St Dunstan's Presbytery and is open for general enquiries between 10am and 12.30pm. The office can also be contacted by calling 0121 444 1386, or by emailing stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk, and we will get back to you during office hours.

Parish Website: www.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Facebook: St Dunstan and St Jude's

Parish Twitter: [stdunstanandstjude](https://twitter.com/stdunstanandstjude)

Live Stream: We are currently upgrading our live streaming service, but where possible services are uploaded to YouTube. You can find us by typing 'stdunstansstjudes9955' into your internet search bar.

Safeguarding: 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 Representatives are Annette McGrath and Judith Allan. 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.

TIMES OF CONFESSION

St Dunstan's: Confessions Fridays 6.15pm – 6.45pm and Saturdays 11.45am – 12.30pm.

St Jude's Confessions Saturdays 3.30pm – 3.55pm.

If you are unable to come during these times, then please arrange an appointment by email with one of the priests.

TIMES OF ADORATION

St Dunstan's: All day Fridays 10am – 6.30pm and Saturdays 11.30am – 12.30pm.

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Bridget Donovan, Judy Fleetwood-Walker, Angela Daly, Jeremiah Murphy, Neil Tighe, Maureen Walsh and Emmet Mullooly.

We pray also for those who anniversaries occur in August: 1st Dennis Menezes, 2nd Teresa McElwee (1977), 5th Mary Masterson (2021), 8th Mary Ward, 9th Mary Ryan (2023), 10th Cecil Arigho (1981), Gill Jones (2021), 11th Maura Merry (2019), 14th Tony Muchley (2009), Margaret Murphy, 15th Patrick Cassidy (1926), Catherine O'Gara (1963), Joseph Vellingattu, Edna Tierney (2009), Trevor Toone (2021), 18th John Brophy (1995), 19th Sr Cecily Vellingattu, 21st Dermott McKenna (1994), 25th Kitty Finn (2023), Mary Dunleavy (2017), Bridget Grimes (2021), Rose McGlynn (2023), 28th Fr Rufus Halley, Harold Byrne (1978), Margaret Smyth (2009), Mary Gavin (2011), 30th Sandra Ruane (1992).

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes: Tom Bowler, Mairead Murray, Nuala Bielby, Michael Martin, Noreen Winhall, Paul Holleran, Mike Regan, Mick Farmer, Una Monahan, Cath Soubhim, and John Gillen.

Welcome to Mass on this Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. As this is the last weekend of Fr John's extended break this summer, let's take this opportunity to pray for him and his ministry among us as Parish Priest.

A big thank you goes to Fr David Bench who has helped out with various Masses over the summer. I know he will appreciate our prayers for him as he returns to Rome for one final year of specialist study before returning for service in the Diocese from next summer.

Thank You to everybody who came for coffee, cake and tombola at St Jude's last Sunday. £340.10 was raised for the SVP.

Parish Tote: The numbers drawn this week were 10, 11, 15, and 22. There were no winners this time.

General Parish Meeting: We are going to have regular general Parish meetings to give us the opportunity to discuss any updates with Parishioners. The next Parish meeting will take place at 7.45pm on Friday 6th September when we will be talking about changes to Mass times. Everybody is welcome to come along, and there will be tea and coffee available.

On Saturday 14th September, there is a national Eucharistic Congress being held at St Mary's College, Oscott with approximately 40 representatives from each Diocese in the country. Parishes have been asked to mark this occasion in their own ways with some dedicated time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. As such, we shall be having our **St Dunstan and St Jude Adoremus from 10.30am on Friday 27th to 6.30pm on Sunday 29th September.** St Dunstan's has historically been a Parish very much dedicated to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and we would like to revive this for this weekend of prayer. As such, we are in need of at least two volunteers for every hour of prayer during the day and night during this period. At the back of St Dunstan's Church, there is a sign-up sheet for you to pledge your support during this privileged time of prayer.

A Legion of Mary team from Malta will be visiting from home to home in St Dunstan's Parish from September 3rd to the 10th. They will be reaching out to those who are outside the church and also encouraging the lapsed to the return to the practice of their faith. Please pray for the success of this project. It is called Peregrinatio pro Christo, or journeying for Christ.

Children's Liturgy 2024/25: We would like to invest some time in thinking about what the children's liturgy might look like in the year ahead, and who might be involved in its delivery. At its core, this ministry is to be a support to parents in *their* privileged ministry of bringing up their children in the faith.

We are firstly looking for a **small group of children's liturgy leaders** with some knowledge and experience of the Catholic faith (e.g., as Catholic Teachers/Support Workers, Catechists, other etc.) who could take the responsibility for delivering approx. one Sunday session per month.

We're also looking for a much larger group of **parent-volunteers**, who are willing to assist the week's leader in the supervision of the whole group of children, in reading a piece of Scripture etc. We would like to particularly encourage all the parents of the children *who currently regularly attend the Children's liturgy* to consider this role of parent-volunteer. The hope is that there would be a team of such people so that a couple of parent-volunteers might also be rota'd to assist the catechist approx. once a month.

Both roles will require a DBS check. If you would like to help out as a liturgy leader or parent-volunteer please could you send a brief email to fr.toby.duckworth@rcaob.org.uk by Wednesday 28th August, simply expressing your availability. Could you briefly mention any relevant experience and/or familiarity with children's liturgy.

We're also very interested to hear from anyone who would be willing to lead children's liturgy at St Jude's. Remember, many hands make light work...

Journey in Faith will begin on Tuesday 1st October at 7.45pm in the Conference Room. This is for anybody who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith and also for those who wish to deepen their faith.

The Pilgrimage to The Ignatian Places on Friday 21st to Friday 28th March 2025. Visiting Barcelona, Pamplona, Loyola, Xavier, Monserrat, and Manresa. This adventure amidst the Ignatian Places offers an unparalleled opportunity to get to know the life and spiritual wisdom of St Ignatius of Loyola. We will visit the places of his own birth, childhood, conversion, convalescence, his life-long Confession, of his sickness, and so many other places where he received great spiritual insight. There is much for us to learn from the life and insight of St Ignatius. We can confirm there are enough participants booked for this to go ahead. However, it is still possible to join us. The sooner one books, the better it is for your wallet – still bookable from £1,549 (pilgrimagepeople.org/book).

The annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Harvington Hall takes place next Sunday (1st September). If anyone would like transport on the day, please contact Deacon Martin.

Readers at Sunday Masses may be interested in a (free!) refresher programme that is being offered online in two sessions from 3-4pm on Sunday 13th and 20th October. The first session focuses on ministry and the Word and the second focuses on the Lectionary itself and strategies to promote Scripture in parish life. To book a place please email fr.allen.morris@rcaob.org.uk

March for Life: This year's March for Life will be on Saturday 7th September in London. It is a joy-filled and family friendly way to celebrate and witness to the dignity of human life from conception until natural death; more information can be found on the website: marchforlife.co.uk

Living and Praying the Divine Will continues at 14 Forest Rd, Moseley, but now on **Monday at 1pm**.

Legion of Mary: The adult Legion of Mary continues to meet at 9.30am on Saturday mornings in St Dunstan's Conference Room, and Monday evenings at 6.15pm in St Jude's church.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid:	£443.50	£121.00
Non-Gift Aid:	£757.37	£216.51

Fabric Fund: £362.56 £199.41

Contactless: £ 80.30

Online: 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.



SOCIAL EVENTS

THE PARISHES OF DUNSTAN AND JUDE

QUIZ NIGHT

IN THE PARISH SOCIAL CENTRE
NEXT TO ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM
QUIZ STARTS AT 7.30PM

TEAMS OF UP TO SIX PEOPLE £5 PER TEAM

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING SNACKS
BUT THE BAR WILL BE OPEN TO PURCHASE DRINKS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve – whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R:**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R:**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R:**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R:**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R:**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:25-32

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own

body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Novena of Prayer for **the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi** concludes on his feast day tomorrow (26th August) . The annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi is a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation.

*O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic
to the heights of holiness,
learning and apostolic zeal
and made him a powerful minister of your mercy,
listen to our humble request.*

*We pray that you will in your goodness,
grant a miracle through the intercession
of Blessed Dominic,
so that the Church may further honour him on earth
and that many more people will come to know
and invoke the help of this faithful
servant of the Church.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for Us.
Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for Us.
Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for Us.*