

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 15 th	<i>St Bonaventure</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass with prayers for those who have been bereaved.	Joseph Mullin (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Marie McAleer (RIP)
Sun 16 th	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Evelyn Arigho (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's liturgy	Kathleen Leydon
		12noon	Holy Mass	Liam Burns Junior (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Peter Marshall (RIP)
Mon 17 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Sean Mulkeen
Tues 18 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Mary Hegarty
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Seamus McManus
Wed 19 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Joan McIlroy (RIP)
Thurs 20 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am (<i>St Alban's</i>)	Holy Mass	Tom Howard (Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Rocke
Fri 21 st	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass	Holy Mass	Bridie McAdam
		11.30am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Requiem Mass	George Dunleavy (RIP)
		7.00pm	Latin EF Mass	Ray Bielby (RIP)
Sat 22 nd	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Holy Mass	Johnny Darcy and Loughlin McManus Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Mrs Bridie Maher (RIP)
Sun 23 rd	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Anne Sheehan (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's liturgy	Frank McLoughlin (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Pat Reilly (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls

Welcome to Mass, and a special welcome to anyone visiting the parish today.

Another message from Fr Philip!

'Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away' – so Isaac Watts memorably wrote in his hymn *O God our help in ages past*. Sadly, after three years, Fr John will be borne away from Ss Dunstan and Jude's to a new assignment as curate. How time flies! Fr John will be moving to Holy Trinity parish in Newcastle-under-Lyne, Staffordshire. This won't be for some weeks, and so he will be here into September to help Fr John Peyton settle in and learn which key opens what! Not an easy task here!

As curate, Fr John will be succeeded by Fr Toby Duckworth who was ordained to the priesthood last year. Fr Toby has been in Rome for his first year as a priest, and so in coming to Kings Heath he'll hardly notice the difference! I'm sure you will provide an encouraging welcome when he arrives. Please remember him and Fr John Peyton in your prayers as they prepare for their priestly ministry among you.

First Holy Communion. Recently we have had a good number of children who have made their First Confession and Communion in the parish. As we are now blessed with a number of catechists who have undergone training to teach the faith and prepare for the sacraments, this then seems a good time to adapt the way we prepare children for these sacraments. Previously children had been prepared in five groups spread around the schools, and a group for children not in catholic schools. Next year the children will be brought together as one parish group, and after consultation with the new parish priest, the preparation will take place before the Vigil Mass on Saturdays in the Social Centre. We also intend to link this with catechesis for parents, and so help them to widen their knowledge and understanding of the faith. This is now standard practice in many parishes, and the hope is that this will help to link the children directly to the parish and its worship rather than tending more towards a school event, and to encourage parents to be more active in the part they play in the preparation for the sacraments. Also, it will enable the priests to be involved far more directly in the journey the children will make to the sacraments.

Jam is Back! Ewa van Lierop's delicious jams, marmalades and chutneys will be sold after Sunday Masses at St Dunstan's this weekend. All proceeds will go to the Jane Smith Education Fund, currently supporting schools in South Sudan.

Thank you to everybody who came to the Parish BBQ last Sunday, and to everybody who organised and cooked the BBQ, prepared the garden, and helped on the day. We had a lovely afternoon and was thankful that the sun stayed out until we were clearing up!

Thank you also to everybody who supported the cake sale at St Jude's. We raised £154.00 which will go towards the St Jude's Fabric Fund for the remaining work to the large windows.

Car Park Attendant Vacancy: We are looking for somebody who can commit to working an evening shift on the car park from 5pm – 8pm Monday to Saturday. As this would be extending the current opening hours of the car park, this would initially be on a 12-month contract. Full training will be given but experience of working in a customer service position or similar is desirable. If you would like to apply, please email your CV to the Parish Office stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk. The closing date for applications is Sunday 23rd July.

We pray for those who have died recently: **George Dunleavy, James Keogh** (*Requiem Mass Tuesday 25th July at 11am*), **John Thornton** (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Wednesday 26th July at 11am*), **Philip Malone and James Tracey** (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Friday 28th July at 12.30pm*).

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Sandra Coney who was a teaching assistant at St Alban's School for over 30 years, Sandra's funeral will take place on Monday 24th July at 11am at Redditch Crematorium.

We pray for those who are being Baptised today: David Enock at St Dunstan's.

The Next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on **Thursday 7th September** in the Conference room of St Dunstan's. If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish office, and leave your name and phone number, and bring along evidence of baptism in the Catholic Church for at least one parent.

St Dunstan's church will be open: Monday to Thursday from 8am to 4pm, and on Friday church will open at 8am and will close following the evening Mass as there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays between the two Masses.

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.

Living and Praying the Divine Will in the Conference Room on Wednesday at 12.30pm.

Little Lambs: A chance for a coffee and chat with other parents, grandparents and carers whilst the children play. Come and join us in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm on Friday.

St Alban's Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy: The role will be from 12.15pm - 1.30pm Monday to Friday during term time. Please contact St. Alban's school office on 0121 444 6530 for an application pack.

St Jude's Foundation Governor Vacancies: Foundation Governors are volunteers who play an important role in Catholic schools. You can find out more about being a Foundation governor at www.bdes.org.uk. You will need to be able to attend approximately five full governing body meetings per year. Meetings are held in school, usually on Thursday evenings from around 5pm to 8pm. If you are interested, or would like further information, please email d.feeneystjuderc.bham.org.uk

London UK March for Life on Saturday 2nd September. Day return coach trip. Pick-up is at 7.30am from Birmingham Oratory, at 7.45am from St Dunstan's, Kings Heath, and at 8.00am from St Augustine's, Solihull. The coach will leave London at 5pm. The cost of the coach is £25 per person (reduced rates for children) which is payable upon booking for a confirmed seat, with mobile number/email address for acknowledgement.

Please contact Alice for Oratory pick-up on 07845 706362 and Brian for St Augustine's/St Dunstan's pick-up on 07726 311261.

Date for Your Diary: On the 9th and 10th September the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto is coming to St Dunstan's once again.



On Sunday 30th July in the Social Centre.
Doors open at 7pm and bingo starts at 7.30pm

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid:	£559.50	£ 89.00
Non-Gift Aid:	£825.46	£121.85
Contactless:	£ 48.00	
QR Code	£ 20.00	£ -
Apostleship of the Sea	£403.77	£ 68.42

There will be a second collection *this weekend* for the **Fabric Fund**.



Church Donations: You can donate to church using this QR code. All you need to do, is open the camera on your mobile phone and scan the code. You will also be able to Gift Aid your donations.

The Parish 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 Regina Darcy. 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.

MASS TODAY

HYMNS

Processional:	721
Offertory:	801
Post-Communion:	945
Recessional:	837

MASS SETTING

Kyrie *Cantor then All*

497 Ky-ri - e - e - le - i - son.

Cantor then All

Chris-te e - le - i - son.

Cantor

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e

All

e - le - i - son.

Sanctus:	499
Angus Dei:	500

COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.

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G Ló-ri - a in excélsis De - o. Et in terra pax homí - ni - bus bonæ vo - luntá - tis. Laudá - mus te. Bene - dí - cimus te. Ado - rá - mus te. Gló - ri - fi - cámus te. Grá - ti - as á - gimus ti - bi propter magnam gló - ri - am tu - am. Dómi - ne De - us, Rex cæ - léstis, De - us Pa - ter omní - pot - ens. Dómi - ne Fi - li uni - gé - ni - te Je - su Christe. Dómi - ne De - us, Agnus De - i, Fí - li - us Pa - tris. Qui tol - lis peccá - ta mun - di, mi - se - ré - re no - bis. Qui tol - lis peccá - ta mundi, súsci - pe depre - ca - ti - ó - nem no - stram. Qui sedes ad déxte - ram Patris, mi - se - ré - re no - bis. Quóni - am tu so - lus sanctus. Tu so - lus Dómi - nus. Tu so - lus Al - tíssimus, Je - su Christe. Cum Sancto Spí - ri - tu, in gló - ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - men.

A reading from the book of Isaiah (55:10-11).

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 114)

R: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R:**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **R:**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R:**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:18-23)

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his son. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (13:1-23)

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds

came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow.