

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Third Sunday of Lent

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Sat 19 th	Solemnity of St Joseph	11.00am	Holy Mass	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Persecuted Priests
Sun 20 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	William Driver (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Staff at St Paul's School
		12noon	Holy Mass	Martin Doherty (RIP Anni.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Eugene McGlynn (RIP)
Mon 21 st	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Teresa O'Donnell (Ints.)
Tues 22 nd	<i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Declan Rankin (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Lavelle
Wed 23 rd	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Bernie Colfor (RIP)
Thurs 24 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	6.45am	Holy Mass	Myra McCormack and family
		9.30am (<i>St Alban's School</i>)	Holy Mass	Freda and Bill Lynch
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Des O'Leary (RIP)
Fri 25 th	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	9.30pm	Holy Mass	Michael Joyce (RIP)
		10.00am – 7.00pm 3.30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Children's Adoration</i>	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Tom Cooper
Sat 26 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Des Sheridan (RIP 3 rd Anni.) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Mary O'Connor
Sun 27 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Hilda Walsh (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Remi Gohel (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Owen and Winnie Morgan (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Francie Gaffey (RIP)

Welcome to Mass on this Third Sunday of Lent. It has been good to see one or two new faces as well as some returning ones so far in Lent.

Last weekend at all Sunday Masses there was a very important retiring collection in response to the crisis in Ukraine. Teresa Potter, who originates from the parish of Our Lady, Queen of Poland, Łódź, spoke about her home parish who are now housing 70 families of refugees from Ukraine. When terrible things happen in our world like this unnecessary war, we can feel rather helpless. This has been one way we here in the safety of Kings Heath have been able to offer practical help with a collection to pay for heating, food, basic clothes, medicine and items needed for babies and small children.

The response of the parish last weekend was magnificent, and also the collections held in all the three parish schools. We are delighted to announce that, so far, we have raised the tremendous sum of £11,179.82. We transferred £10,000 on Tuesday direct to the parish so that they can obtain emergency supplies immediately, and also to have money available for future costs. The money that has come in since Tuesday, and any further donations, we will send on to Fr Majsik and his parish for the needs of refugees. If you would like to donate, the collection buckets will be available in both churches again this weekend, you can post your collection through the presbytery door or use the contactless payment machine in St Dunstan's Church.

Yesterday, some of the children from St Alban's school who are candidates for First Holy Communion made their first confession. Next Saturday, children from St Jude's will make theirs. Please remember these children in your prayers as they prepare for these holy sacraments.

Church opening. Since the advent of the pandemic St Dunstan's church has been closed outside of Mass times. The church will open at 9am as usual (and now including Tuesday and Thursdays) but will remain open until 12.30pm for those who wish to come and say a prayer before the Blessed Sacrament or light a candle. Hopefully the church will be used enough to prevent misuse! The toilets won't though be open during these mornings.



Following the success of the success of the Mass of Dedication for our new altar, we are hoping to gather together a group of singers for the Holy Week liturgies. We hope to meet for the first time after the 7pm

Mass **this Tuesday.** There are many great singers in our parish – we can hear you at mass! Please do consider giving a small amount of your time to enrich our liturgy for everyone. If you would like more details or would like to be involved but cannot make the 22nd, please see Martin or Godfrey at a 10.30am or 12 noon Mass today.

Mass Intentions. Thank you for the support you give through Mass offerings. As we have a lot of requests for Mass intentions in the parish, our office volunteers will try to make sure that there isn't a repeat of intentions too close so that other intentions have a chance of being said in the parish. We also send Mass offerings away to priests who haven't got Mass intentions to say.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their
choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Calling all young people from Year 4 and above. We are planning to do "living Stations of the cross" on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd April where we act out each station of the cross. We are looking for young people of our parish to take part. We will be meeting in the Conference Room from 6pm until 7.15pm every Friday to prepare. Come along and see what it's about. Guaranteed to be a fun as well as helping us to prepare for the coming Easter celebration.

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new tax year have been available by the church entrance for a couple of weeks now. If you haven't collected yours, could you do so today please. If you haven't got giving envelopes and would like them, just sign the list. Gift Aid is a great way of increasing your giving! You can sign up for this too. **Please collect your envelopes this weekend.**

We pray for those who have died recently: Sue Scott (Requiem Mass 29th March at Noon), Mary Ryan (Requiem April 5th at 10am), Thomas Cunningham, and Bridie Cullen (Requiem Mass 31st March).

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on **Tuesday 5th April** 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.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham. There was a great demand for places for the pilgrimage to Walsingham at the end of May, and the pilgrimage has been a sell out! However, there is the **Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday May 14th.** There will be coaches leaving locally. Please contact Fr Philip Griffin at Our Lady's, Stourbridge, on 01384395308 for information.

The SVP hopes to sponsor another series of "Funday and Lunch" at Manningford Hall, Druids Heath, for parents and children from struggling families over the Easter holidays. If you would like to help us fund this, please donate through the SVP box in the church wall, or by using the contactless terminal in the porch or by bank transfer to *SS Dunstan & Jude SVP Sort code 60-60-04. Account 46082956.* If you would like to come down to help out, please talk to Andy Gudge on 07855 824434.

PREPARING FOR EASTER:

Stations of the Cross:

St Dunstan's: Fridays 7.30pm

St Jude's: Tuesdays 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: St Dunstan's: Fridays 10am – 7pm. There will be a short period of Adoration for children straight after school at 3.30pm.

Lenten Soup Lunch

Fridays at 12.30pm in the Conference Room. Donations are for CAFOD, and Fairtrade goods will be available for purchase.

Early Morning Mass:

St Dunstan's: Thursdays 6.45am followed by tea, coffee and toast in the Conference Room.

Prayer Group in the Conference Room every Sunday at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Lectio Divina in the Conference Room after Mass every Monday when we reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel and how it inspires and informs everyday life with its joys and challenges.

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.

Bishop Challoner Training School are working with schools in the Birmingham area to help new trainee Teachers into the rewarding teaching profession. There are Primary and Secondary School Direct places available. They are also offering School Experience Days to gain an insight into life in a school on **Wednesday 27th April 2022**. Please visit www.bctsa.org for more information, or email trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

The Parish Office is 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.

Masses can be requested by dropping off an envelope at the presbytery or given to one of the priests. If you wish to request a particular date, then this is best done by coming to the office at the above times or by writing your telephone number on the envelope.

GUIDANCE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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

It is very important for the respect we ought to give to the most Holy Sacrament, that:

1. You remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before receiving communion so that you can receive.
2. If you do receive the Holy Eucharist in the hand, consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest.
3. 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.

COVID ARRANGEMENTS

1. Entry into Mass will remain through the one entrance, but after the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses at St Dunstan's, exit will be via both doors. At St Jude's, entry and exit will be through the main doors.
2. Both churches will have two 'zones.' The left-hand side as you come into church will be socially distanced, marked up as they have been previously. The right-hand side as you come into church will not be marked up and people will choose their own seats.
3. Use of hand sanitiser will be encouraged as we come into church, as still are the use of face coverings.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£425.70	£113.50
Non-Gift Aid	£745.06	£187.05

There is a retiring collection this weekend for the **Jubilee Fund** at St Dunstan's and the **Fabric Fund** at St Jude's.

MASS TODAY

MUSIC AT SOLEMN MASS

Hymns: 801
866
961

Organ Voluntary: J.S. Bach, Fugue from Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

THE COLLECT

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

A reading from the book of Exodus (3:1-8, 13-15)

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 102

R: The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (10:1-6, 12-12)

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (13:1-9)

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion.