

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday 20th February 2022

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Sat 19 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Thomas Williamson (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	Richard Lynch (RIP)
Sun 20 th	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Brown
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mary O'Connor (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Paul Whiston (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Liam Corcoran (RIP)
Mon 21 st	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Eileen Kilkenny (RIP Birthday)
Tues 22 nd	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Bridie and John O'Connor and family
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP 1 st Anni.)
Wed 23 rd	<i>St Polycarp</i>	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Mass Reception for	Patricia Burns (RIP Anni.) Anthony Nolan RIP
Thurs 24 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am (<i>St Alban's School</i>)	Holy Mass	Paul Cunningham (RIP)
		10.30am	Requiem Mass	Anthony Nolan (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Fri 25 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30pm	Holy Mass	Tam Williamson (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Jonathan Keelan (RIP)
Sat 26 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Tracey Todd Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Persecuted Priests
Sun 27 th	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Nora and Patrick O'Neill
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Liam Corcoran
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Herby Cummins (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	McGlacken family (RIP)

Welcome to Mass. The hymns at the sung Masses today are: Entrance
The organ voluntary after the 10.30am & 12noon is Carillons-Sortie by Henri Mulet.

Congratulations to a good number of our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening.

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

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, consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest.
2. Please remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before so that you can receive.
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, exit will be through the main doors instead of the side door. There are also all the chairs along the wall at St Dunstan's which are 2 metre distanced.
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 are the use of face coverings.

Ash Wednesday. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are usually derived from burning the blessed palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. Please could you bring any palm crosses you have at home from last year to either church next weekend.

Stewards at Mass have proved such an important part of the ministry of welcome in the parish. We could do with an extra three or four people to spread the load. Could you email the presbytery, or have a word

to one of the priests or office volunteer if you are willing to help with the team.

For children not in Catholic schools, or those who for whatever reason missed the sacraments earlier, preparation for **First Confession and First Holy Communion for Children** will start on Saturday 19th March from 11.45am to 12.45pm in the Conference Room and finish on Saturday 25th June. Parents are asked to stay with their children for the first session. For more information and to order the required books, please ring the Parish catechists Nuala Bielby on 689 2917 or Pat Thorpe on 449 4002.

Kings Heath Churches Together Lent Courses start during the week commencing 7th March 2022. This year we follow **Praise Him!** which explores five different Songs of Praise from the New Testament, looking at what they tell us about God and Jesus but also reflecting on what they tell us about us and our faith. **All are welcome** to join one of the following informal groups: Mondays 11am at All Saints, Tuesdays 8pm On-Line with New Life Baptist Church, Wednesdays 10.30am at New Life Baptist Church and Wednesdays 7pm at St. Dunstan's. Deacon David is collating names for all the groups; please complete one of the joining forms at the entrance to church or contact him via email fairbo28@gmail.com or phone 07948379545.

Thank you to everybody who has signed up for Gift Aid. Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of giving to charity. It is a scheme administered by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate. So, for example, if you donate £20, we can claim an extra £5, making your gift worth £25. You need to be a tax payer to be able to do this.

As we are approaching a new tax year, if you would like to sign up for Gift, we can help you with this. There is a simple form to complete, and you can either have a box of envelopes or donate by Standing Order. If you would like to sign up, please contact Dawn in the Parish Office either by phone or by emailing ga.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk, and leave your name, address and telephone number.

Also, there may be people who have had a change of circumstances over the last year or two and are no longer able to Gift Aid your donations. If you could let the Parish office know, we will take you off the Gift Aid system.

Parish Social Events. Now that Covid restrictions are easing, we are looking at the possibility of re-starting some social events. If you have any suggestions for events that you might like, there will be a suggestion box in the new entrance at St Dunstan's and in the porch at St Jude's. If are interesting in helping with social events, please could you let the Parish office know.

St Albans School have a vacancy for Teaching Assistant (Early Years) temporary position for two

terms. Please contact Mrs Reeves for further information n.reeves@stalbanrc.bham.sch.uk

We pray for those who have died recently: Kathleen Garrett, Patrick Cunningham, and Anthony Nolan.

We pray for those being Baptised today: John-Paul O'Sullivan at St Dunstan's.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 1st March 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.

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

Norton, Birmingham, B30 1 JG. For further information, please contact Isabel on 07773 5017721.

There will be a new abortion campaign starting on Ash Wednesday (2nd March). If you would like to volunteer to help with the campaign, please contact Isabel on the number above.

John Brankin- RIP. John was a parishioner here at St Dunstans for many years. His Requiem Mass will take place at St Edwards, Selly Park, on Monday 21 Feb at 12:30pm, with committal at Lodge Hill at 13:45. Please pray for the repose of John's soul.

LENT 2022

PREPARING FOR EASTER:

From the week commencing the 7th March

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: St Dunstan's after morning Mass until the evening Mass

Stations of the Cross: St Dunstan's: Fridays 7.30 pm
St Jude's: Tuesdays after Mass

Lenten Soup Lunch Fridays at 12.30pm in the Conference Room

MASSES

Thursday Early Morning Mass: St Dunstan's at 6.45am followed by tea, coffee and toast in the Conference Room.

Ash Wednesday (2nd March): St Dunstan's: 9.30am and 7.00pm
St Jude's: 11.00am

Lectio Divina in the Conference Room following 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.

'Lent Walk Against Hunger' Lent Challenge. This year, as well as the Family Fast Day, CAFOD are asking people to walk 200km in support of the 200 million children in the world at risk of malnutrition. Do 5km a day for 40 days and conquer your 200km target in time for Easter. Join the challenge, get sponsored and tell hunger to 'jog on'. Sign up at: cafod.org.uk/walk.

The Trewby family have accepted the challenge and can be sponsored at: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/thetrewby-and-carnell-page>

40 Days for Life. One mum will be telling her story of reversing her abortion next Sunday at 2pm at St Joseph and St Helen's Hall, 84 Northfield Road, Kings

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£500.72	£210.00
Non-Gift Aid	£750.42	£109.78

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.

The Parish Office is open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday each week.

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING *Samuel :2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-22*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying around him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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 all 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 is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING *Corinthians 15:45-49*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING *Luke 6:27-38*

Jesus said to his disciples: "I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you; a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out, it is the amount you will be given back.'