# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday 18th June 2023

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Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	11.00am	Holy Mass	Martin Grady 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	Edward Lawlor (Birthday)
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Hilda and Eddie Walsh (RIP)
	ORDINARY TIME	10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's liturgy	Marcelle Williamson
		12noon	Holy Mass	John Creamer (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Mary Kerr
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	Lawrence Rebeiro (RIP Anni.)
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Alban	<b>10.00am</b> (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Dulcie Robinson (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Garry Greenfield (RIP)
Wed 21st	St Aloysius Gonzaga	9.30am	Holy Mass	Louise Sullivan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anni.)
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ss John Fisher	10.00am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass with First Holy Communion	Phil Stock (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Conway family (Ints.)
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Feria	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass	Holy Mass with First Holy Communion	Margaret Kirk (Ints.)
		7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> with First Holy Communion	Forgotten Souls
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN	11.00am	Holy Mass	Dennis Menezes (RIP) and Cian Pro Populo
	THE BAPTIST	11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Anne Keaveney (RIP Anni.)
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	John, Katie and Samantha Byrne (RIP Anni.)
	ORDINARY TIME	10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's liturgy	Brigid Connolly (RIP Anni.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Angela Vint (RIP 1st Anni.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Ray Bielby (RIP)

**Welcome to Mass** on this eleventh Sunday in ordinary time. The liturgical colour during this season is green – a colour we haven't seen at Sunday Mass since before Lent. Green is the colour of growth and hope, and having celebrated the special seasons of Advent and Christmas, and then of Lent and Eastertide, we pray for the grace to grow in faith and understanding of the God who has revealed himself in His Son.

Today is also Father's Day. We pray for all those in our parish who are fathers, and for God's blessing on them and their families. We pray also for fathers - and mothers - for whom family life isn't easy, and for whom parenthood has provided its challenges! Of course, we also remember at the altar on this special day those of our fathers who have departed this life, that they may enjoy for ever the happiness and peace of the heavenly Jerusalem our mother!

This week a group of children of the parish from St Alban's and St Dunstan's schools, and those not in Catholic schools but have prepared with the parish catechists will be receiving their first Holy Communion at Masses this week. Please keep them in your prayers.

Lord Jesus, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step forward to a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they may turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their reverence in receiving this precious gift of your Body and Blood inspire all of us to cherish the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen

On the 1st July Mr Tehan, Headteacher at St Dunstan's School, will be taking part in a charity cycle ride of 100 miles in one day around the Ring of Kerry. His chosen charity is our very own SVP group here at St Dunstan's. Sadly, we are having to signpost many more of our families to the SVP team, and each recommendation requires funding to support those in our parish who the most vulnerable. In addition to any sponsorship, today's retiring collection will be to support the work that the volunteers carry out. Please keep Mr Tehan and the SVP volunteers in your prayers as they take on the challenge and thank you in advance for your generosity.

We pray for those who have died recently: Elizabeth McNamara, Sabato Puntillo (Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's Church, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm), Barbara Cole (Funeral Service at St Dunstan's on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am), Edmund Maciel (Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's Church, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 12.15pm), and George Dunleavy (Requiem Mass at St Jude's Church, on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 11.30am).

We pray for those who are being baptised today: Sonny O'Cleary at St Dunstan's.

The Next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church. If you wish to

attend, please contact the Parish office, and leave your name and phone number.

**Thank you** from the family of Frank McLoughlin for their kind messages and Mass cards. £620 was collected at Frank's funeral and sent to St Mary's Hospice in his memory.

Thank you also from the Mini Vinnies for parishioners' response to the book and wool appeal. The book place has now taken place and all money was donated to the SVP.

**Mass Intention Diary for 2024** will be in the Parish office from the end of August. You will be able to book Mass intentions for 2024 from then.

**St Dunstan's church opening this week:** Monday to Thursday, church will be open from 8.30am to 12.30pm, and on Friday, church will open at 8.30am and will close following the evening Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on Fridays between the two Masses, and on Saturday morning from the end of Mass until 1pm.

**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.

**WINDOW Parish Magazine:** Do you have any memories of the Queen's coronation? Please send any articles for inclusion by the 9<sup>th</sup> July to robertwilcher@btinternet.com or 179 Alcester Road South or leave at the presbytery in an envelope marked "WINDOW".

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. Francisco and Jacinta were two of the children who were present at the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima in Portugal in 1917. The year of the apparitions was a time of great human suffering where mankind had created a 'hell' in the trenches and a time of great upheaval and revolutions. In the midst of it all, Our Lady calls all who would listen to penance for our own part in the world's darkness, to pray especially the rosary - for peace, and to make sacrifices for sinners so that they may know the loving mercy of God. This weekend will be a time we can learn more about the message of Fatima for a world still broken by war, violence and indifference.

There will be 4 or 5 people coming to the parish with the Fatima statue who will need accommodation. If you have a spare room and are willing to help for the nights of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (just B&B) please could you contact Mary Rose on 07927 697353.

**Finance Assistant:** The Columbans are seeking a parttime Finance Assistant to join their team. For more details about the position and to apply, please email the HR Advisor at hr@columbans.co.uk.

**St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School** will be celebrating a diamond anniversary on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. As well as the Archbishop visiting for Mass, there will be a whole array of activities for all ages, displays, food and entertainment throughout a day of celebrations! If you want to be first to find out the information as it is released over the coming weeks, please complete the online form. https://stacs.us14.list-

manage.com/subscribe?u=c2a731b739499a0c1ca5fe95 6&id=1550cf38e1

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June in the Social Centre. Doors open at 7pm and bingo starts at 7.30pm



#### Parish BBQ

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1-3pm, in the Conference Room and Presbytery Garden. Tickets cost £7 per person and will be on sale after weekend Masses this weekend.

### **COLLECTIONS:**

 St Dunstan's
 St Jude's

 Gift Aid:
 £449.00
 £85.00

 Non-Gift Aid:
 £648.92
 £77.85

**Contactless:** £ 60.00 **QR Code** £ 5.00

**Day for Life:** £515.09 £64.48

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.

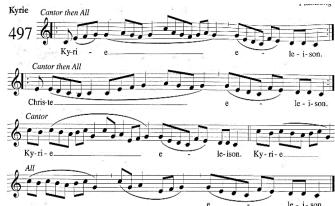
# **MASS TODAY**

#### **HYMNS**

Processional: 825 Offertory: 804 Post-Communion: 799

Recessional: Bulletin – Sweet Heart of Jesus

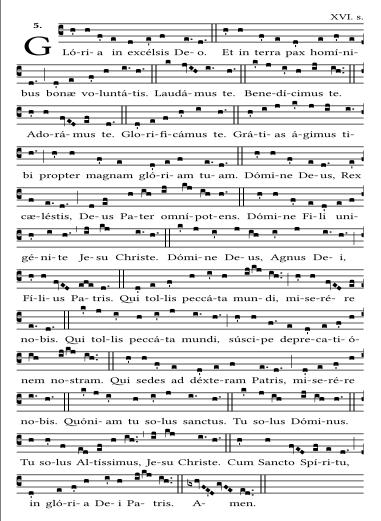
## **MASS SETTING**



Sanctus: 499 Angus Dei: 500

### **COLLECT**

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.



# A reading from the book of Exodus (19:2-6)

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

(Psalm 142)

# R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. *R:* 

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *R:* 

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. *R*:

# A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans (5:6-11)

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely, we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

# Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

# A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (9:36-10:8)

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.