



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 30th November 2025
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass
Missal Readings: 1 (Year A)

Saturday 29 th <i>Feria</i>	11:00am	Holy Mass	Maureen Mone
	4.00pm	Vigil Mass	For the people of the Parish
Sunday 30th FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Hanna O'Brien (RIP)
	11.30am	Holy Mass	Helen Ellard (RIP Anni.)
	5.30pm	Holy Mass	Michael Fannon
Monday 1 st <i>St Edmund Campion</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Jacob Dupree (RIP 1 st Anni.)
Tuesday 2 nd <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Ciaran Cronan
	7:00pm	Holy Mass	Matthew and Lucy Martin and Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 3 rd <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9:30am	Holy Mass	Fr John Waters (Ints.)
	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Nancy Dolan (RIP)
Thursday 4 th <i>Advent Feria</i>	6.45am	Holy Mass	Andy Gudge (RIP)
	9:30am (<i>St Alban's</i>)	Holy Mass	Alexander McDonald Geary (RIP)
	11:30am	Holy Mass	Maris Woulf (RIP)
Friday 5 th <i>St Birinus</i>	9:30am	Holy Mass	Eamon Boyle (RIP)
	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Frank McLoughlin and Joseph Gaffney (RIP)
Saturday 6 th <i>Advent Feria</i>	11:00am	Holy Mass	Chris and Mary Rose (Thanksgiving)
	4:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the people of the Parish
Sunday 7th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Elizabeth and Chris Bird
	11:30am	Holy Mass	Mary Kenny
	5.30pm	Holy Mass	Families and Children of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land

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.stdunstanandstjude.co.uk

Parish Facebook: St Dunstan and St Jude's

Parish X (Twitter): stdunstanandstjude

Live Stream: Please go to the Parish website to view the livestream at St Dunstan's and St Jude's.

TIMES OF CONFESSION

St Dunstan's: Fridays 6.15pm – 6.45pm.
Saturdays 11.45am – 12.30pm.
Saturdays 3.30pm – 3.50pm.

St Jude's: Sundays 9.30am – 9.50am.

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

TIMES OF ADORATION

St Dunstan's: All day Fridays 10am – 6.30pm and Saturdays 11.30am – 12.30pm.
First Friday of the month: 10am Friday – 10.30am Saturday.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Valerie (Anne) Lennon, Anne Whelan, Fr Simon Hall, Michael Regan, Mary Horgan, Andy Gudge, and Edward Smith.

We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur during this week:

29th Samuel Cole (1987), Bergan Hoff, Maureen Mone, Wally Grosvenor

30th Evelyn Cawton (2008), Abraham M, William Gaffey (2024), John Mousley (2024) Forbes Lindsay Allan (1987), Mary Crowley (1979) Margaret Ann Moran (2018), Joseph Brophy(2024)

2nd Michael Collins

3rd Dennis O'Donnell (1998), Maeve Mc Govern, Annie Cooke

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

FINANCES

Collections last weekend:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid:	£323.00	£ 97.00
Non-Gift Aid:	£369.16	£124.19
Catholic Youth Service:	£439.33	£ 90.90
Contactless:	£165.00	£ -
Online:	£173.50	£ 0.00



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.

There will be a **second collection this weekend** for the SVP and **next weekend** for Poor Parishes.

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

Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes: Maureen McGlone, Joseph Guiden, Bridget McCann, Mary Rogers, Mary Philpott, Kath McAvinney, Kathy McQuillan, Barbara Brennan, Kevin Ryan, Eamonn Duffy, Bridget Brennan, Mary McGowen, Vincent Beirne, Carl McGovern, Mary McFarland, Danny and Ellen Heraghty, Hugh Doherty, Mary Wootton, Michael Masterson, Mairead Murray, Paul Holleran, Mick Farmer, Una Monahan, Cath Soubhi, John Gillen, Donna Dayus, Teresa Clifford, Catherine Gilks, Pat Keevney.

Welcome to Mass today! Today we begin the season of Advent and a new liturgical year. The season of Advent prepares us to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the moment where God enters creation and visits his people. This Sunday's readings, however, are all focused in the opposite direction. Isaiah says, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord." The Gospel reminds us that, "two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one left." St. Paul tells us that "you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed." The Church, through her selection of scriptures at this Mass, is calling us to turn to God and go to him. In a word, the Church is calling us to repent.

We welcome into our Parish family Cruz Reidy who was Baptised at St Dunstan's last weekend.

Piety Stall Christmas Table at St Dunstan's this weekend. Are you looking for something different to glitter, reindeers and sleigh bells? Come and have a look at our wide selection of Christmas cards etc from our piety stall. There will also be a selection of beautiful, hand-crafted olive wood crosses and nativities from Bethlehem. Please support our fellow Christians in the Holy Land.

Jam is back: Next Sunday (7th December) delicious jams and marmalades will be on sale at St Dunstan's after 11:30am Mass. All proceeds will go to the Jane Smith Education Fund.

Parish Tote: The numbers drawn this week were 02, 06, 14, and 21. Two winners shared £100.

In the month of December, devotions to the immaculate conception of Our Lady will be prayed in the main body of the church every Friday at 6:15pm.

Rorate Caeli Masses will be on Thursday 4th, 11th and 18th December at 6.45am in St Dunstan's. This is an ancient tradition of the Advent season where Mass is offered in candlelight, awaiting the dawn.

Lectio Divina: 10.15am on Mondays in the Conference Room. Lectio Divina is a Christian practice of reading the Bible, meditating, and praying. It's a contemplative way of reading scripture that's meant to help people deepen their relationship with God.

Legion of Mary: The adult Legion of Mary continue to meet on Monday evenings at 6.15pm in St Jude's church and at 11.15am on Wednesdays in St Dunstan's Conference Room.

Journey in Faith You still have time to join us on Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

Junior Legion of Mary at St Dunstan's on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Conference Room

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.

Consultation on admissions arrangements – Bishop Challoner Catholic College for the 2027/2028 academic year. Changes are proposed to the Sixth Form entry requirements and are therefore required to consult on these changes as per the School Admissions Code.

The consultation will close on Monday 5th January 2026. Birmingham City Council's School Admissions and Fair Access Service are undertaking the consultation process on our school's behalf. To view a copy of the proposed admissions arrangements on their website here: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/Proposed/non-bcc/2027-2028> and on our school's website : or <https://bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/information-about-our-school/admissions>

Any interested parties wishing to make any comments about the proposed admissions arrangements during the consultation period are welcome to do so by going to Birmingham City Council's BeHeard website here: <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/aa2728/>

Once the consultation period has closed on 5th January 2026, Birmingham City Council's School Admissions and Fair Access Service will send the school any comments that have been received during the consultation period. The admission authority for the school will consider these comments before they formally agree (determine) our admissions arrangements by 28 February 2026. We thank you in advance for your support and engagement with this process. Our determined admissions arrangements for 2027/2028, will be published on our school's website by 15 March 2026.

Kings Heath Community Kitchen every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 3:00pm to 5:00 pm, at the New Life Baptist Church, Kings Heath. What they offer: nutritious free meals, a warm, safe space to connect, support services and referrals, friendly faces and a listening ear. Everyone is welcome.

Save the Date for Lourdes 2026 - Make next year your year to visit Lourdes and be a part of this special spiritual journey. The dates for the next Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Birmingham are Monday 25th to Saturday 30th May 2026. The annual pilgrimage will return to Lourdes under the leadership of His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans. You are invited to make initial enquiries about the pilgrimage via the Lourdes Administrator, Kath White: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk or call 0121 230 6288.

Could you be a Healthcare Volunteer in Lourdes? Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on next year's Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new, please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Penitential Service

Tuesday 16th December 7.30pm at St Dunstan's

Confessions

St Dunstan's

Saturdays: 11.45am-12.30pm *and* 3.30pm - 3.50pm

Christmas Eve: 2.00pm - 2.30pm

St Jude's

Sundays: 9.30am – 9.50am

CHRISTMAS EVE WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

5.00pm	St Dunstan's	First Mass of Christmas with Nativity (<i>Family Mass</i>)
5.00pm	St Jude's	First Mass of Christmas with Nativity (<i>Family Mass</i>)
11.30pm	St Dunstan's	Carols
Midnight	St Dunstan's	Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

8.30am	St Dunstan's	Dawn Mass with Carols
10.00am	St Jude's	Christmas Day Mass with Carols
11.30am	St Dunstan's	Christmas Day Mass with Carols

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN (BOXING DAY) FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER

11.00am	St Dunstan's	Holy Mass
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PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Christmas Raffle

Great prizes to be won including theatre and dinner for two, meal for two, spa and salon treat for two, tea for two and £50 cash!

£1 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at both churches and from the Parish Office. Winners will be announced on the 18th December after the carol concert in St Dunstan's.

Sleigh your way to some great prizes!

Christmas Party Saturday 13th December

At Kings Heath Cricket Club, Alcester Road, starting at 7pm. There will be a disco and a buffet.

Tickets for the party cost £10 for adults and £5 for children. They are available from **both churches on Sunday and the Parish office during the week.**

Get ready to mingle and jingle – come along for a fantastic evening of music, food, and fun!

Carol Concert and Christmas Raffle Draw Thursday 18th December

The Carol Concert will start at 7pm in St Dunstan's Church, followed by mince pies, mulled wine and the Christmas Raffle Draw. Free entry, donations in support of the Parish welcome.

Bring your family and friends – all are welcome to celebrate the Christmas season with us!