

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 25 th	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Dermott McBride (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Pat Hardiman (RIP)
Sun 26 th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Jack and Patsy Gaynor (RIP Anni.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Thomas, Helen and Harold Byrne (RIP Anni.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Sean O'Donnell
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Margaret and Patrick Crotty and Ellen Connolly, nee Crotty (RIP)
Mon 27 th	<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Larkin, McLaughlin and Rogers families
Tues 28 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Carmel Maher (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Marie Whyte (Ints.)
Wed 29 th	Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	9.30am	Holy Mass	Eric and Olive Shelton (RIP)
Thurs 30 th	<i>St Jerome</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Anajoel Roy (Thanksgiving)
Fri 1 st	<i>St Therese</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Amanda Roy (Thanksgiving)
		12noon (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Cathie Knox (RIP Anni.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Andrew and James Pye (Ints.)
Sat 2 nd	<i>The Guardian Angels</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Shyla Roy (Thanksgiving) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by first Saturday devotions.</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Jayden Thomas (Sp. Ints.)
Sun 3 rd	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Pye (special ints.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Conway family (Ints.)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Margaret and Jim Garvey (RIP Anni.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (RIP)

Two events coming soon.....

Tuesday 12th October at 7pm will be the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop David Evans will visit the Parish on that evening and confirm those children who were in year 6 last year and now moved on to various High Schools. This is the delayed celebration from last February which was cancelled due to the restrictions put in place due to the pandemic. Would candidates please ensure that your previous school knows that you are going to be a candidate so that they can have a list for numbers.

Saturday 6th November at 11am. The Archbishop will be visiting St Dunstan's to consecrate the new altar at the celebration of Mass. This should have been done some eighteen months ago of course were it not for the pandemic. More details of this important event in the life of our Parish will follow.

Sycamore. In October we shall begin running a "Sycamore" course. This is an ideal course for those who are curious about our faith or who have perhaps not had much chance to learn about our faith. The course consists of a series of short videos, presented by Fr Stephen Wang, Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome. Each video explores a topic like "Does God exist?" or "Who is Jesus?" There are opportunities for gentle discussions during the videos.

The course will begin on Thursday October 7th, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass, and will run for 10 weeks. Sign-up sheets are available in church and at our primary schools.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 5th October 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.

Children aged 7 years and over who wish to be Baptised will need a short period of instruction first. Please contact the Parish Catechist Nuala Bielby on 689 2917.

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

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 words and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges. Everybody welcome.

Congratulations to Legion of Mary on its 100th anniversary. From humble beginnings of just 12 people, there are now over 10 million people all over the world who are part of the Legion. The purpose is the sanctification of its members through the spreading of the gospel and teachings by passing on the message of God. If any parishioners would like to join, the Legion of Mary meet every Wednesday at 11.15am in the Conference Room.

Little Lambs: Do you have pre-school aged children and are free on a Friday morning come and join us at 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 from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday. All welcome it would be great to hear from anyone able to spare an hour on a rota basis to help support the group. For further information contact Nikki Stewart nikz.stew@gmail.com

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

During this time of pandemic, the diocese is asking us to **continue to keep social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church. A number of people are still fearful of larger gatherings, and so we try to ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable during the celebration of Mass.

When coming to Holy Communion would you ensure that your face covering is removed so that you can receive the sacred host reverently before replacing your face covering. Please do not move away with the host still in your hands but consume immediately before moving on. When receiving on either the hand or tongue please be as still as possible as it is important that the priest doesn't make contact with either hand or tongue when giving holy communion.

There are no longer restrictions on capacity for weddings, funerals or baptisms as long as social distancing remains. Please note that for baptisms, only one child is permitted to be baptised at any one time unless they are siblings, **and the rules concerning face coverings, hand sanitisation and social distancing still apply.**

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. Restrictions around us, due to the effectiveness of the vaccination programme are being gently lifted. There are a number of Parishioners receiving the Blessed Sacrament at home again. If you, or someone you know, would now like to resume this, let one of the priests know, or email the presbytery.

Stewarding: Would you be interested in joining the rota at either at St Dunstan's or St Jude's? As well as keeping church clean and welcoming people into church, it is a good opportunity to get to know other parishioners. A couple of stewards are no longer able to help because of work commitments so it would be helpful to have a few extra volunteers. Please contact the Parish office **this week** if you are able to help

We pray for those to be Baptised today: Tessa Wood at St Dunstan's.

We pray for those who have died recently: Maria Hodgetts, Helena Gallagher, and John Merry.

St Alban's Primary School would like to welcome prospective parents to come and look around our school for Reception intake 2022 on Tuesday 9th November 9.30am-10.30am and Wednesday 10th November 5pm-6pm.

St Jude's Primary School: Do you have a child who is three and is due to start Reception in September 2022? St Jude's is a thriving Catholic school, rated 'Good' by Ofsted and 'Outstanding' in its most recent RE Inspection. We have a beautiful Nursery which runs a session from 9am until 12pm every day during term-time. Please contact school on 0121 464 5069 if you are interested.

School Cleaner's Wanted. Experienced, reliable school cleaner required in the B14 area of Birmingham by a friendly family run company, for afternoons. Working hours will be 39 weeks during term-time plus 4 weeks deep cleaning during school holidays. 15 hours per week (3 hours per day) Monday-Friday 3.15pm-6.15pm. £8.91 an hour (£486.71 per month gross). 4 weeks deep cleans are paid as overtime. 1 year cleaning experience (preferred). To apply, please phone Victoria Smith on 07495 532 623.

Christmas goods now in the piety stall at St Jude's. Cards, calendars, diaries, crib figure sets, candles etc.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast day on 1st October. This year, the appeal is focusing on helping communities affected by the climate crisis. As Pope Francis has said we are all one family, and we need to work to look after our common home. One of these communities is in the Brazilian Amazon. Homes and land is being ruined by the fires started by rich landowners to clear [deforest] the land.

This weekend, donation envelopes will be available, and they will be collected after all Masses next weekend. You can also donate via the website, cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis or text CAFOD10 to 70580 to give £10, or CAFODNOINFO to 70580 if you don't want marketing communications.

The Parish Office will be 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.

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. You do not need an appointment for this.

Please note that cards are now £1 each.

Sanctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us
 Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a
 tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit
 in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

COMMUNION HYMN

O bread of heaven beneath this veil
 thou dost my very God conceal;
 my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;
 I love thee and adoring kneel;
 each loving soul by thee is fed
 with thine own self in form of bread.

O food of life, thou who dost give
 the pledge of immortality;
 I live; no, 'tis not I that live;
 God gives me life, God lives in me:
 he feeds my soul, he guides my ways,
 and every grief with joy repays.

O bond of love, that dost unite
 the servant to his living Lord;
 could I dare live, and not requite
 such love then death were meet reward:
 I cannot live unless to prove
 some love for such unmeasured love.

Beloved Lord in heaven above,
 there, Jesus, thou awaitest me;
 to gaze on thee with changeless love,
 yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:
 for how can he deny me heaven
 who here on earth himself hath given.

The Voluntary playing after Holy Communion is: Felix Mendelssohn, Fugue from Prelude & Fugue in C minor, op.37 no.1

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£510.00	£148.00
Non-Gift Aid	£770.37	£109.80

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding forever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.