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**St Jude's Church** St Jude's Close Maypole, B14 5PE



# The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude

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# Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Second Sunday of Lent

| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>                | 11.00am                    | Holy Mass             | Mark Woodcock (RIP)                        |
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| Lent Feria                               | 4.00pm                     | Vigil Mass            | For the People of the Parish               |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>SECOND SUNDAY | 10.00am <i>(St Jude's)</i> | Holy Mass             | Deceased Members of the McGovern<br>Family |
| OF LENT                                  | 11.30am                    | Holy Mass             | Monica Jena                                |
|  | 5.30pm                     | Holy Mass             | Martin Doherty (RIP)                       |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>                  | 9.10am                     | Morning Prayer        |  |
| St Patrick                               | 9:30am                     | Holy Mass             | Susan Byrne                                |
|  | 7.30pm <i>(St Jude's)</i>  | Holy Mass             | Patrick and Catherine Peyton (RIP Anni.)   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>                 | 9.30am <i>(St Jude's)</i>  | Holy Mass followed by | Bridie and John (RIP)                      |
| Lent Feria                               |                            | Stations of the Cross |  |
|  | 7.00pm                     | Holy Mass             | Sheila                                     |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>               | 9.10am                     | Morning Prayer        |  |
| Solemnity of St                          | 9.30am                     | Holy Mass             | Thanksgiving in Honour of St Joseph        |
| Joseph                                   | 7:00pm                     | Holy Mass             | Ted Woodcock (RIP)                         |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>                | 6.45am                     | Holy Mass             | Martin McTiernan (RIP)                     |
| Lent Feria                               | 9:30am <i>(St Alban's)</i> | Holy Mass             | Patrick Ryan                               |
|  |                            | No 11.30am Mass       |  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>                  |                            | No Morning Mass       |  |
| Lent Feria                               | 6.15pm                     | Stations of the Cross |  |
|  | 7.00pm                     | Holy Mass             | Deceased McLoughlin family                 |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                | 11.00am                    | Holy Mass             | Kevin McManus                              |
| Lent Feria                               | 4.00pm                     | Vigil Mass            | For the People of the Parish               |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                  | 10.00am (St Jude's)        | Holy Mass             | Sheila McGovern (RIP)                      |
| THIRD SUNDAY OF<br>LENT                  | 11.30am                    | Holy Mass             | Eileen Dixon                               |
|  | 5.30pm                     | Holy Mass             | Des Sheridan (RIP)                         |

| SUNDAY MASS      |                   |                    |          |  |
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| Missal Readings: | Page 165 (Year C) | The Order of Mass: | Page 470 |  |

| PARISH INFORMATION  | TIMES OF CONFESSION  |  |
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| <b>Parish Office:</b> 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  | <b>St Dunstan's:</b> Fridays 6.15pm – 6.45pm.<br>Saturdays 11.45am – 12.30pm.<br>Saturdays 3.30pm – 3.50pm.  |  |
| contacted by calling <b>0121 444 1386</b> , or by emailing <b>stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk</b> , and we will get back  | St Jude's: Sundays 9.30am – 9.50am.  |  |
| to you during office hours. Parish Website: www.stdunstanandstjude.co.uk  | If you are unable to come during these times, then<br>please send an email to arrange an appointment with  |  |
|   | one of the priests.  |  |
| Parish Facebook: St Dunstan and St Jude's<br>Parish X (Twitter): stdunstanandstjude   | TIMES OF ADORATION   |  |
| Live Stream: Please go to the Parish website to view  | <b>St Dunstan's:</b> All day Fridays 10am – 6.30pm and Saturdays 11.30am – 12.30pm.  |  |
| the livestream at St Dunstan's and St Jude's.   | First Friday of the month: 10am Friday – 10.30am<br>Saturday.  |  |
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| THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED   | FINANCES   |  |
| We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:), Fr Dominic Innamoratie, Tom  | Collections last weekend:  |  |
| Bowler, Sarah Doherty ( <i>Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 11:30am</i> ), and Jim McAssey.  | St Dunstan's         St Jude's           Gift Aid:         £326.50         £173.65           Non-Gift Aid:         £730.44         £115.86   |  |
| We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this week:   | Contactless:         £ 95.00           Online:         £ 15.00   |  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Mark Woodcock 2021: Ray Bielby 2023<br>17 <sup>th</sup> Paddy Roch 1988: Patrick Peyton 1991: Annie Egan<br>18 <sup>th</sup> Martin Doherty 2013<br>19 <sup>th</sup> Patrick Tehan 1978<br>20 <sup>th</sup> Sister Anthony Manley 1992<br>21 <sup>st</sup> Tyd Rose: Frank McLoughlin2023:<br>Leah Chekerwa 2024 | You can donate to the Church (with or<br>without Gift Aid) using this QR Code.<br>Do this by scanning this code with the<br>camera of your phone.  |  |
| Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let   | <b>Second collection this weekend</b> for the Missionary Society of St Paul.   |  |
| perpetual light shine upon them.<br>May they rest in peace. Amen.   | There is a retiring collection this weekend for CAFOD.   |  |
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| THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND   | SAFEGUARDING   |  |
| Please pray for the sick of our Parishes:<br>Vincent Byrne, Carl McGovern, Mary McFarland, Danny<br>Hegarty, Hugh Doherty, Tony Green, Mary Wootton,<br>Michael Masterson, Mairead Murray, Nuala Bielby,<br>Noreen Winhall, Paul Holleran, Mike Regan, Mick<br>Farmer, Una Monahan, Cath Soubhi, and John Gillen.                 | The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude's operates in<br>accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and<br>the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures<br>at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives<br>are Annette McGrath and Judith Allan. They can be<br>contacted at: sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk<br>Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be<br>contacted on 0121 230 6240 or<br>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns. |  |
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## Welcome to Mass on this Second Sunday of Lent.

**Praying for Pope Francis:** As the Holy Father remains in hospital with double pneumonia, we keep him close in prayer:

Almighty and Eternal God, you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you. Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, pray for him.

Fr Emmanuel Ogunnaike from the Missionary Society of St Paul will be making an appeal at both Parishes this weekend. The second collection will go towards supporting their work.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day**. Your support will help women like Lokho. Lokho lives in the Marsabit region of Kenya. Due to drought her animals died, and she could not feed her family. She reached out to a local expert who partners with CAFOD. He shared his skills for growing food in harsh climates. He provided Lokho with seeds, tools, and shade nets to protect her plants from the scorching sun, while still allowing every drop of precious rain through. By selling the produce she grows, Lokho is saving for when there are no more rainy days. She has gained resilience and hope, knowing she can feed her family. **There will be a retiring collection on your way out of church this weekend.** Gift Aid envelopes are available in both churches if you would like to take one to return next week.

**World Day of Prayer:** A heartfelt Thank You to everyone who joined in our World Day of Prayer service last Friday. It was lovely to have the enthusiastic participation of the children from St. Dunstan's and St. Jude's, and the students from Bishop Challoner schools and we're very grateful to their staff who arranged their participation. A Huge Thank You, also, to Geraldine Price who accompanied us so beautifully on the organ.

# LENT

- There are opportunities for **Stations of the Cross** (Tuesdays after Mass at St Jude's, and Fridays at 6.15pm at St Dunstan's), as well as frequent celebrations of Mass.
- There is the **Early Bird Mass** on Thursday mornings at 6.45am with tea/coffee and toast available in the Conference Room afterwards once again.
- Mondays at 7.30pm, evening Mass at St Jude's.
- There is also the return of the Lenten Soup Lunches which are on Thursdays after morning Mass. The soup lunches will be raising money for CAFOD. We are looking for volunteers to make/bring soup and invite you all to come and join us for a simple lunch. Please email the parish with the word SOUP in the subject box, if you are able to make soup. The dates are: 20<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> April,17<sup>th</sup> April. We pray that we may allow our hearts to be touched at Lent by the cry of our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Amen.

**For personal devotion,** you might like to take the Walk With Me booklet available at the back of church that will be an invaluable daily guide through this sacred season. Also, we are so fortunate that St Dunstan's church is open each day for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Do make good use of these open doors, especially during this season of Lent.

**Parish Lenten Alms Project.** The money that you are saving through your various Lenten practices can be given in at a collection at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday night. Fr John is proposing that this money will go to the Parish of Fr Herman Kihuha in Murang'a Diocese, Kenya. I spent some time with Fr Herman last summer. His parish has many needs.

**Our 'Scripture Seeker'** gatherings continue with Fr Toby in the St Dunstan's Conference Room at 5.45pm:

# This Wednesday

The Intimacy with God we were made for: The Garden of Eden, Our Recreation in the New Heavens and the New Earth (Isaiah 65:17-25), and John the Beloved Disciple.

### Wednesday 2nd April

Preludes to the Passion: Abraham and Isaac & Moses and The Exodus.

### Wednesday 30th April

Mission in the Early Church: Learning from the Acts of the Apostles.

This Friday, Fr Toby is off with a group of pilgrims to the Ignatian places in Spain, they assure you of their prayers and ask you to pray for them. There will no 11.30am Mass on Thursday morning or 9.30am Mass at St Dunstan's on Friday. The Mass intention for Alan Forbister has been moved from Thursday at 11.30am to the 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7pm. The Mass Intention for Tyd Rose has been moved from Friday at 9.30am to the 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9.30am.

New Stations of the Cross booklets with the St Dunstan's stations and reflections by Deacon Martin are available from this weekend at the piety stalls of both churches. Each one includes a link to a recorded copy of the Stations for those who may struggle to read the texts. They are £3 each and all proceeds go to the parish and the SVP.

**Music for Holy Week and Easter at St Dunstan's:** As in previous years we are hoping to gather a group of singers to enrich our Holy Week liturgies. All ages and abilities are welcome. We will meet on the Fridays of Lent after the 7:00pm Mass, beginning this Friday, 14th March.

**On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, there will be confession at 10.30am before the 11.00am Mass, but **no confession between 11.45am and 12.30pm.** 

**Parish Tote:** The numbers drawn this week were 08, 09, 14 and 19. There were no winners this week.

**Parish Film Club:** After the success of Babette's Feast, the next film will be the 1933 adaptation of Little Women, based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott and starring Katharine Hepburn, Joan Bennett, Paul Lukas, Frances Dee and Jean Parker. All are welcome! Ticket price will be £4 including pizza. Tickets are available after Sunday Mass at St Dunstan's and St Jude's, and from the Parish Office.

Life Teen Summer Camp at Alton Castle! To help with the costs of summer camp, there will be a cake sale on the weekend of the **29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March** organised by the people going on camp. Please do support this if you can.

**Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony** – a consecration to Jesus through Mary – takes place at St Dunstan's, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3pm. It will include Mass. All are welcome.

**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. If you would like the Legion of Mary to bring the statue of Our Lady to your home to help with the praying of the Rosary, please contact Michael O'Sullivan on 07769 343899.

The **Junior Legion of Mary** will now start at St Dunstan's, meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the Conference Room – starting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Novena Mass, Monday mornings at 9.30am.** If you would like to place a prayer of petition or thanksgiving in the box besides the picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, they will be prayed for and/or read out at our weekly Novena Mass.

**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.

**St Alban's Stay and Play**: Tuesday mornings 9.05am to 10.30am. This Tuesday, there will be a Spring celebration so why not go along and join in the fun!

**Journey in Faith** on Tuesday at 7.45pm 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.

**Foodbank Appeal:** A huge "Thank You" to everyone who contributed goods for the Women's Refuge! We no longer need crockery, pots, pans, cutlery and other housewares, but if you are able to donate any items, we DO need......

Long-life milk, tea, coffee, tinned meat and fish, tinned soups, tinned vegetables, cereal, sugar and toiletries. All these can be left in the basket under the stairs at the back of the Church. **Darren Hogg Organ Recitals:** Friday 21st March, 1:00pm-2:00pm, Bournville Friends Meeting House (B30 1JT). Admission free with a retiring collection. Friday 28th March, 1:15pm-2:00pm, St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton (WV1 1TY). Admission free (same as Bournville). All are welcome to either or both of these if you are free.

Thank you to everybody who has signed up for Gift Aid. As we are approaching a new tax year, if you would like to sign up for Gift Aid, we can help you with this. Please write your name, address, and either email address or contact number on the sheet in church and indicate whether you would prefer to have a box of envelopes or donate by Standing Order.

If you are a Gift Aider and donate by Standing Order and would like to continue to Gift Aid your second collection donations, please use the contactless machine in St Dunstan's Church, or use the QR code on the newsletter.

# SOCIAL EVENTS

We have an exciting six months ahead with Parish events. We hope you will be able to join in the fun.

**Saturday 26th April - Children's Easter Egg Hunt** after 11.00am Mass. Hot cross buns, tea and coffee. Tickets £2 per head.

**Saturday 17th May - Eurovision Pizza Party.** Tickets £10 per head to include Pizza.

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday Family Fun Day. 11pm - 4pm. BBQ and Children's Talent show.

**Saturday 21st June – Wicked Film Night** from 5.30pm in the Social Centre. £2 per person.

**Saturday 12th July - Parish BBQ.** In the Presbytery Garden following the 11.00am Mass - £10 adult £5 Child.

Monday 25th August Bank Holiday Monday - Charity Car Boot Sale and Tabletop sale. 10am to 4pm.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December Parish Christmas Party at Kings Heath Cricket Club.

We are looking for suggestions for the following six months. If you have any ideas, please place them in the suggestion box in either church.