

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 21 st	<i>St Pius X</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Bill McGown Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	Kathleen and Peter Brand (RIP)
Sun 22 nd	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Mary Dunleavy (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Margaret and family (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Tony Mooney (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Sister Hilary (Ints.)
Mon 23 rd	<i>St John Wall</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Des O'Leary (RIP Anni.)
Tues 24 th	St Bartholomew	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Tommy Joyce (RIP 1 st Anni.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Eddie Beatty (RIP)
Wed 25 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Michael O'Looney (RIP)
Thurs 26 th	Blessed Dominic Barberi	7.00pm	7.00pm	Mary Masterson (RIP)
Fri 27 th	<i>St Monica</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Faul
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Susan Budding (Ints.)
Sat 28 th	<i>St Augustine</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Maria Victoria Ennis Pro Populo
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Sun 29 th	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Deceased members of Carney family
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Felicidad and Ricardo Victorio
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Jim Lyons (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Lena Lyons (RIP)

This Thursday is the Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Dominic was born into a poor Italian family. He was orphaned as a child and brought up by an aunt and uncle who raised him on their farm. The family was too poor to afford schooling for him, and he spent most of his early years shepherding sheep. He had a call to serve God as a missionary, and due to his role in life, very much saw it as bringing back stray sheep to the Lord. For some mysterious reason he also felt God was calling him to minister in England. He became a priest of the Passionist Order and did eventually make his way to England, establishing a community at Aston Hall near Stafford in 1842. His welcome from the local populace was not warm, but he persevered and won many converts by his patience, forbearance, and kindness. The most famous convert he received into the Church was St John Henry Newman in 1845. Fr Dominic gave his all to the mission placed into his hands and died in 1849 in Reading at the age of 57. Fr Dominic was, with his minimal grasp of English, a rather surprising figure in the revival of English Catholicism, but it reminds us that what is achieved is what the Lord achieves through His gifts of grace.

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.

Jam is back! Ewa van Lierop's delicious jams, marmalades and chutneys will be on sale next Sunday. All proceeds will go to the Jane Smith Education Fund through which we are currently funding Loreto Sisters' schools in South Sudan.

Church Readers at St Dunstan's and St Jude's. If you used to read at Sunday Mass and would like to re-join the rota, or if you would like to start to read at Mass, please could you email the Parish office. It would be great to have a few more readers on the rota. Also, it seems a good time to restart the readers at weekday Mass. If you would like to offer, please let the office or Fr Philip or Fr John know.

Gift Aid Envelopes. There are still a number of Gift Aid boxes that haven't been collected for both churches. If you normally have a box of envelopes and haven't yet collected these, please could you collect your box from the Parish office either on a Wednesday or a Friday. Donating through Gift Aid means we are able to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. If you are a tax payer and you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers: Please have a word with Fr Philip or Fr John, or email the Parish office, if you would be willing to help with Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. There are basic safety guidelines for this during the present time to make sure that such things are as safe as possible.

We pray for those who have died recently: Mary Masterson (Requiem 2nd September at 10.30am), Baby Emma Rose Boulton, Noel Anderson, Sr Joan Coffey.

We pray for those who are being Baptised today: Amarachukwu Naomi Picton at St Dunstan's.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 3rd – 5th September 2021. The final payments for the Walsingham Pilgrimage must be made by Friday 22nd August. The total cost of a standard single room is £170, and the cost of an ensuite room is £200 (remember to deduct any deposit you have paid from the total amount). Payments can be made by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to 'St Dunstan's Church'. Place your payments in an envelope marked 'Walsingham' with your name, address and contact number and post or hand into the Presbytery. Please let Isabel O'Connell know if you have any dietary requirements on 07758004306.

March for Life UK will take place on Saturday 4th September in central London from approximately 10am – 4.30pm. To ask for coach details or to book a seat, contact Brian Healy at brianhealy@talktalk.net or

phone 07726311261. Recently there was the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK (last year saw 210,860 abortions in England and Wales as well as the introduction of home/DIY abortions. Let's do our part in turning the tide in our nation. More information, or to give a donation, please visit marchforlife.co.uk or contact Isabel on 07773 501721 / izzyvs@gmail.com.

Are you or anyone you know living with dementia?

The Birmingham Irish Association run a weekly group in St Dunstan's Conference Room so people with Dementia meet other people with Dementia for socialisation and fun activities. If you or someone you know may be interested in receiving support please contact: Ruth Geoghegan, ruth@birish.org.uk or 0749571170.

Communion Hymn

**Jesus! my Lord, my God, my all!
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And, how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope or thought?**

*Sweet Sacrament! we Thee adore!
O, make us love Thee more and more!*

**Had I but Mary's sinless heart
To love Thee with, my dearest King!
O with what bursts of fervent praise
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing!**

**O see! within a creature's hand
The vast Creator deigns to be,
Reposing infant-like, as though
On Joseph's arm, or Mary's knee.**

**Thy Body, Soul, and Godhead, all!
O mystery of love divine!
I cannot compass all I have,
For all Thou hast and art are mine!**

**Sound, sound His praises higher still,
And come, ye angels, to our aid,
'Tis God! 'Tis God! the very God
Whose power both man and angels made!**

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.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£464.50	£ 66.20
Non-Gift Aid	£592.62	£ 67.91

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 will be open from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Wednesday and 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 re-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.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'