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

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023 www.stdunstanandstjude.co.uk

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	11.00am	Holy Mass	Danny McCaffrey Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Patricia Burns (RIP Anni.)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Andrew and James Pye (Ints.)
	ORDINARY TIME	10.30am	Holy Mass	Martin family (Ints.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Andy Howard
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Jerry Kerr
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	Robin Xavier (Birthday Ints.)
		5.30pm	Vigil and reception	David Hood (RIP)
Tues 21st	Feria	<b>10.00am</b> (St Jude's)	Requiem Mass	David Hood (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Kaye Smith (RIP)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP)
	WEDINEODIN.	12 noon (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Eileen Kilkenny (RIP Birthday)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Joan Murray
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday after Ash Wednesday		No morning Mass	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Ann Hayden (RIP)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday after Ash Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Mass	Margaret Morrissy (RIP)
	,		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Dunstan's after Mass until the evening Mass	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Noel Healy (RIP)
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jonathan Keelan (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	David Kirk (Ints.)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Thomas Wren (Ints.)
	J	10.30am	Holy Mass	Annie Thomas (Ints.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Marie Kennedy (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Danny Gilmore (RIP)

## Lent begins this Wednesday!

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Walk With Me books are available after Mass today.

# What are your Lenten resolutions? Decide today!

**Prayer:** Attend a weekday Mass: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday or Saturday; Visit to the Blessed Sacrament on a weekday morning; Attend a Lent course; Stations of the Cross; rosary; scripture reading; Walk with Me; a Lenten book, etc, etc.

**Fasting:** Give up something..... that you will miss! Alcohol, chocolate, meat etc, etc

**Almsgiving/Works of Mercy**: give to charity money saved from what you give up; give an extra donation to a favourite charity or to those who support those in special need; visit the sick or those in need; join the SVP; host a Friday Soup Lunch in the Conference Room, etc, etc.

Lenten Lunch on Fridays of Lent (beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> March) 12.30-1,30pm. Proceeds to the Earthquake Appeal.3<sup>rd</sup> March). We have volunteers to do the first two Fridays. If you can volunteer to provide, soup, bread etc on one of the following please speak or email Dawn at the office so we can coordinate it. Dates that need covering are March 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Earthquake Appeal:** Thank you to all those who contributed to this collection last weekend. At St Jude's £250.74 was collected, and at St Dunstan's £2180.12 was collected. A tremendous effort. The money will be sent to *Aid to the Church in Need* which is supporting the Church in Northern Syria where churches, schools, monasteries and convents are all being used to shelter and feed the thousands made homeless by the devastating earthquake. If anyone missed the collection last week, and would wish to contribute, then just put your donation in an envelope marked Earthquake Appeal and put in the collection bag or post through the presbytery.

Children's Liturgy will re-start at the 10.30am Mass next Sunday in the side chapel at St Dunstan's. It is aimed at children up to the first communion year only. The children will be welcome to go to the liturgy after the Collect and return for the Offertory.

Car Parking. At St Dunstan's the parking can be a bit difficult at times, but please remember that the area in front of the gates into Kingsfield Road is an emergency vehicle entrance as well as an exit for funeral courtèges. There are no parking places marked there for that reason, and so it would be helpful to keep it clear. Those with mobility problems have also asked that the disabled spaces be left for those who have need of them. Also, it would be helpful to follow the directions of the car park attendants.

**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 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.

Lent Course for 2023: Churches Together invite you to join an ecumenical group, meeting on-line or in church, to chat and pray with Christians from local churches. This year we are following Dust and Glory, an offering of 40 daily reflections, prepared by the Church of England, on faith, failure, and forgiveness, that invites you to find God in the mess of everyday life. A booklet is provided to read the reflections at home; we then meet weekly to share our thoughts and pray together. Courses start:

Monday 27th February, 11.00am, at All Saints Church;

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, 8.00pm, on-line led by New Life Baptist Church;

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**, 10.30am, at New Life Baptist Church;

**Wednesday 1st March**, 7.00pm, in St. Dunstan's Conference Room.

Please contact Deacon David to confirm your choice of start date by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February on 242 5641 or email fairbo28@gmail.com.

Sacramental Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools: If there are any children at non-Catholic schools who would like to be prepared for the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. Please would parents ring the Parish Catechist Nuala Bielby, on 689 2917 as soon as possible. Children must be at least 8 years old.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** Joseph O'Neill, David Hood, John Creamer (*Requiem Mass on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at St Dunstan's*), Canon Gary Byrne and Anne Sheehan.

We pray for those who are being Baptised today: Cole and Evangeline Gall at St Dunstan's.

**The Next Baptism Preparation Meeting** is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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. This will be the last preparation meeting until May.

**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 word.

**Living and Praying in the Divine Will** – inspired by the servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. Introduction and program will start this Wednesday from 1pm – 3pm in the Conference Room.

Women's World Day of Prayer will this year be held in St Dunstan's Conference Room at 3pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It is a really special occasion when women from the local churches gather together to worship, pray and sing. For the first time, the girls of the Mini Vinnies will be joining us. It would be lovely if as many parishioners as possible could participate in the hour-long service. If you would like to do a reading, please also come to the preparation meeting this Friday at 2pm. Everyone is very welcome, and we are hoping for a bevy of St Dunstan's ladies to support this warm and friendly occasion.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The theme is to help communities who are threatened by global warming. There will be a second collection the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Brian and Jackie Trewby are undertaking The Big Lent Walk to raise funds for CAFOD again this year. They are hoping to walk 400kms over the 40 days of Lent. If you would like to make a donation please either follow this link: the link https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/brian-and-jackie-trewby/post/2621340 or email trewbys@hotmail.co.uk so they can email you the link personally. Cash donations will also be gratefully received. Thank you.

**40 Days for life kick-off event:** Sunday 19th February, at 3.30pm in the parish hall of St Joseph and St Helen's Church, Station Road, Kings Norton. 'Is the law our enemy or our friend? A lawyer's guidance for pro-lifers' - Come and listen to Jeremiah Igunnubole, legal counsel for ADF, explain the implications of buffer zones/PSPOs and how we can respond. For more details or to get involved in 40 Days for Life contact Isabel on 07773 501721. The vigil begins on Ash Wednesday.

Thank you to everybody who has signed up for Gift Aid. Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of giving to charity. It is a scheme administered by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate if you are a UK taxpayer. So, for example, if you donate £20, we can claim an extra £5, making your gift worth £25.

As we are approaching a new tax year, if you would like to sign up for Gift Aid, we can help you with this. There is a simple form to complete, and you can either have a box of envelopes or donate by Standing Order. If you would like to sign up, please contact Dawn in the Parish Office leaving your name, address and telephone number.

Also, there may be people who have had a change of circumstances over the last year or two and are no longer able to Gift Aid their donations. Please let the Parish office know if this is the case, and we will take you off the Gift Aid system.

## **COLLECTIONS:**

 St Dunstan's
 St Jude's

 Gift Aid
 £ 497.00
 £ 291.50

 Non-Gift Aid
 £ 686.57
 £ 160.67

There will be a second collection **this weekend** for the **Fabric Fund**.

# Charity Auction

All proceeds go to St Jude's floor repair fund

In the Conference Room at St Dunstan's on Saturday 4th March

Doors open at 11.30am for 12noon start

Do you have an item you could donate?

Items should be dropped to the Conference Room from 10.30am to ensure these can be labelled correctly. If you would like to add a reserve to your item, please let us know at this time.

- √new/nearly new household items, eg, vases, pictures, handbags, mirrors
- ✓ unwanted gifts
- √ books in good condition
- × electrical items
- \* toiletries or food items
- \* large furniture items

Everyone is welcome to attend the auction and bid on items that take your fancy whilst having some fun! Refreshments will be available.

Any unsold items must be collected by the owners at the end of the auction.

We look forward to seeing you all and raising some much-needed funds for St Jude's repairs.

## **MASS TODAY**

## **HYMNS AT SOLEMN MASS**

Entrance: 468 Offertory: 644 Communion: 660 Recessional: 328

## **MASS SETTING**

Sanctus: 506 Angus Dei: 509

## COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.

# St. Ló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cámus te. Grá-ti- as á-gimus ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri- am tu- am. Dómi-ne De-us, Rex cæ-léstis, De-us Pa-ter omní-pot-ens. Dómi-ne Fi-li unigé-ni-te Je-su Christe. Dómi-ne De-us, Agnus De-i, Fí-li-us Pa- tris. Qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi, súsci-pe depre-ca-ti-ó-nem no-stram. Qui sedes ad déxte-ram Patris, mi-se-ré-re

## A reading from the book of Leviticus (19:1-2, 17-18)

no-bis. Quóni- am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus Dómi-nus.

Tu so-lus Al-tíssimus, Je-su Christe. Cum Sancto Spí-ri-tu,

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

in gló-ri- a De- i Pa- tris.

(Psalm 102)

## R: The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *R.* 

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *R*.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.** 

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. *R*.

# A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (3:16-23)

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

## Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

# A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:38-48)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good. and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries.