

# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Sunday 23rd January 2022

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Sat 22nd	<i>Our Lady</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Josephine Evans (RIP) Pro Populo
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>	
		<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Maura Coughlin (RIP Ann)
Sun 23rd	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.15am</b> ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Mary Withers (Ints)
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Patrick and Nora Cooney (RIP)
		<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Sr Ursula Doherty (RIP)
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Fr Soji and the Punjab Mission
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	All missionaries and their work
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Conversion of St Paul (Feast)</b>	<b>10.00am</b> ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Pauline Doherty, Eddie and Maureen Power
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops.</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Naylor and Doherty Family (RIP)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Aninha Cruz (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann RIP)
Fri 28th	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Mary Masterson (RIP)
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Richard Lynch (RIP)
Sat 29th	<i>Our Lady</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Kate Reilly (RIP) Pro Populo
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>	
		<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Bernadette Andrews (RIP)
Sun 30th	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.15am</b> ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Carew and O' Leary Families
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Liam Burns JNR (RIP)
		<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Louise Sullivan (RIP)
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Martin Monaghan

Today – the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – is kept as the Sunday of the Word of God. The first part of the Mass is called the ‘Liturgy of the Word’. The scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass are, before anything else, an act of trust and faith – that the Lord through those ancient words speaks to us today. During Christmastide we heard the words of St John’s Gospel: ‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God...The Word was made flesh, he lived amongst us..’ In and through Jesus Christ God speaks! As we listen to the Word proclaimed today and everyday may we open our hearts to hear the ‘God who speaks’.

Although we are only at the beginning of the year, the process for sacramental preparation for this coming year has begun. Please remember all those, both adults and children, who are being prepared for the sacraments at the moment.

On the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> of February Bishop David Evans will be coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Dunstan’s for a large number of our young people. Numbers are still restricted at the moment due to the prevalence of the virus in the community, but we can still accompany them with our prayers.

### **First Holy Communion**

For children not in Catholic schools, or those who for whatever reason missed the sacraments earlier, preparation for **First Confession and First Holy Communion for Children** will start on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 11.45am to 12.45pm in the Conference Room and finish on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Parents are asked to stay with their children for the first session. For more information and to order the required books, please ring the Parish catechists Nuala Bielby on 689 2917 or Pat Thorpe on 449 4002.

For children in Catholic schools in the parish our schools have already begun the preparation and will be making their first confession in March, and first communion in June.

Due to the pandemic over the last two years, Masses of First Holy Communion have been celebrated in small groups at weekday Masses. Despite coming out of necessity, the overwhelming experience was that small groups of children making their first holy communion over the week at both morning and evening Masses was both more personal and reverent. All of us will have experienced huge crowds at First Communion Masses which lacked both of these things - sometimes markedly. At these special Masses the focus is the Mass as an act of worship, and the devout receiving of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time - which is obviously what it should be. Families may well gather then or later in the week to celebrate this important moment, and the children will be very welcome to wear their first communion clothes at the Sunday Masses at the end of that week, and so this celebration can be marked over a number of days.

**First Holy Communion Preparation** has become increasingly challenging for catechists and teachers over

### **GUIDANCE FOR MASS**

As the Covid virus is still circulating in our community the diocese is recommending continuing with **social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church.

**Please remember to bring a face covering with you to church.**

Please consider other people and leave some space from the person next to you. Please also only sit on the pews with the green ticks on.

**Receiving Holy Communion.** There have been increasing occasions where people have walked away with the sacred host without consuming it. So:

- 1. It is very important for the respect we ought to give to the most Holy Sacrament, that if you do receive the holy eucharist in the hand, consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest.**
- 2. Please remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before so that you can receive.**
- 3. It is also respectful to leave a reasonable space before the person in front of you. There’s no rush, and we won’t run out of the Blessed Sacrament.**

### **A Message from the Bishops of England and Wales:**

There is overwhelming evidence showing the effectiveness of vaccination in preventing serious illness, the further spread of the virus and ultimately death. The vaccination programme, therefore, serves the common good by protecting the population, especially the most vulnerable. Given that, at the present time, the numbers of people being infected is marked, a collective effort is needed to combat this virus.

recent years as so many of the children will not be brought frequently or even occasionally to Mass by their parents – if at all. It’s not surprising, then, that the focus and purpose of the gift of the Mass and the point of Holy Communion is so often lost - and replaced with other things that take on primary importance such as clothes and parties. Whilst these are fine in themselves – it isn’t what Jesus gave himself to us in the Blessed Eucharist for.

What we are hoping to do is recapture the beauty and wonder of the gift of the Holy Mass, and the amazing privilege of receiving this precious gift – which is the Lord himself.

**The Jubilee Fund** collection, for those not around last week, was established as St Dunstan’s looked towards its Golden Jubilee in 2018, conscious that much work needed to be done. This included the removal of the floor

and the replacement of the electric underfloor heating which was reaching the end of its serviceable life, and was extremely expensive to run. Also, the sanctuary was restored, and the tabernacle brought back. There was the construction of a new entrance with toilets etc, as well as external works on the car park and roof. Obviously, after such expense, and after the losses incurred during the pandemic, we need to build up our reserves as buildings of this scale always need investment.

As the Jubilee has gone, it seems appropriate to rename this fund, and it will become **the Fabric Fund** – not fabric in terms of cushions and curtains of course – but the structure of the church building itself and its maintenance.

Importantly, as it is collected for a specific purpose rather than a general collection, it means that the diocese can't get its hands on it through the levy system – which as our parish levy to the diocese is already extremely high – is important. Although times are hard for a number of us with increased bills, any money given to the Fabric Fund will solely be used to keep the church in good shape for the next 50 years.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** Eamon Glackin, Jim Ranford, John Brankin and Terry Nolan.

**The next Baptism Preparation Meeting** is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 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.

**We pray for those who are being Baptised today:** Vincent Etienne Maclaren at St Dunstan's.

**Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.** If you, or someone you know, is sick or can't leave the house and would like Holy Communion, would you let one of the priests know, or email or call the presbytery.

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

**Lectio Divina in the Conference Room following morning Mass every Monday.** You are invited to read and reflect on the Gospel of the day and think about God's word and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges.

**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 in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday.

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the Mass in person to have it said in either Oscott or a parish with fewer Mass intentions. Let the office or the priests know if this is the case. **Due to volume of requests for Masses** please understand that we haven't

## COMMUNION HYMN

This is my body, broken for you,  
bringing you wholeness, making you free.  
Take it and eat it, and when you do,  
Do it in love for me

This is my blood poured out for you,  
bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go,  
Do not forget me; then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
You're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!  
You are my branches; I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know  
You are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,  
And I have shown you how to be free;  
Serve one another, and when you do,  
Do it in love for me.

*The organ voluntary after Mass today is: Brahms 'Es ist ein ros entsprungen' (Behold a rose is blooming*

**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.

## COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£531.50	£60.00
Non-Gift Aid	£607.05	£74.00

*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

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## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Corinthians 12:4-11*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

*John 2:1-11*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.