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**The Parishes of
St Dunstan and St Jude**



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Sunday 4th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 3 rd	<i>St Blaise</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Fr Sean Grady (Ints.)	
		11.30am-12.30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm Confessions at St Dunstan's 3.30pm Confessions at St Jude's			
		4.00pm (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	
Sun 4 th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Margaret and Joe Shannon	
		9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Kathleen Bowyer (RIP)	
		10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy	Teddy Byrne (RIP)	
		12noon	Holy Mass	Eileen Dixon (RIP Anni.)	
		5.00pm	<i>Vigil and Reception</i>	Catherine Graham (RIP)	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Patrick Egan	
Mon 5 th	<i>St Agatha</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass followed by the Rosary	Celia Cummins	
		11.00am	Requiem Mass	Catherine Graham (RIP)	
Tues 6 th	<i>St Paul Miki</i>	9.30am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Philomena Tracey	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Peter Hammond (RIP)	
Wed 7 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Martin family (ints.)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Vincent Barron (RIP)	
Thurs 8 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am (<i>St Alban's</i>)	Holy Mass	Tom, Geraldine and Michelle Mannion	
		11.00am	Holy Mass	Charlie Leydon (RIP Anni.)	
Fri 9 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass		Gerard Creegan (RIP)	
		6.15pm – 6.45pm	<i>Confessions</i>		
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Liam Flynn (RIP)	

Mass Intentions for next weekend: St Dunstan's: Saturday 11.00am Celia Cummins, 5.30pm Helen Hunt (RIP), Sunday 10.30am Bridie O'Shea (RIP), 12 noon Mr Cunningham, 6.30pm Dermot and Julia Murphy.
St Jude's: Saturday 4pm People of the Parish, Sunday 9.15am Hilda Walsh (RIP).

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Josephine Allen, Catherine Graham, Denise Stanley, Helena Lazarz, John Collins, Hannah Harman (*Requiem Mass on Monday 4th March at 11.00am at St Jude's Church*), and Marie Chatten (*Requiem Mass on Wednesday 28th February at 11.00am at St Dunstan's Church*).

The Requiem Mass for John Collins will take place at St Edward's on Thursday 15th February at 10.30am.

We pray also for those who anniversaries occur in February: 2nd Eddie Kelly, Mary Ann Kelly (1966), 5th Lizzie Joyce, 6th Eileen Dixon, 7th Sr Gemma Velleringhattu, Kuriakose Chirappurayidom, V M Kuriakose, 10th Hilda May Walsh (2015), 14th Amy May Siviter (1977), 15th Denis Drew (2016), 17th Noel Stanley (1st Anniversary), Margaret O'Sullivan, 19th Rhys Jones (2011), 20th Lionel Joseph Plettell, 22nd Ann O'Sullivan (3rd Anniversary), Joan Kathleen Greer (2002), Ernest St John McElwee (1978), Margaret Morrissy (2013), Catherine Peyton (2001).

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes: Michael Martin, Noreen Winhall and Paul Holleran.

Hello and Welcome to Mass!

If you have a relative in hospital and they would like a visit from a priest could you please either let the ward staff know, or contact the Parish Office and we will make sure they are visited. Generally, this will be by the Hospital Chaplain rather than the Parish Clergy, especially when the hospital is outside of the Parish boundary.

Lent Groups for 2024: Churches Together invite you to join an ecumenical group, meeting on-line or in person, to chat and pray with Christians from local churches. This year we are following a York Course called *On the Third Day*. "How can we re-capture the explosive power of the resurrection that ricocheted around the world? How can we live in the glow of resurrection and be an Easter people? How can 'there and then' become 'here and now'? That's what the *On the Third Day* course sets out to explore and discuss."

Five-week courses start: Monday 19th February, 11.00am, at All Saints Church; Tuesday 20th February, 8.00pm, On-line led by New Life Baptist Church; Wednesday 21st February, 10.30am, at New Life Baptist Church; Thursday 22nd February, 12.15pm, in St. Dunstan's Conference Room. Contact Deacon David to confirm your place by Sunday 11th February on 07948379545 or email fairbo28@gmail.com

A Lenten Proposal – Fr Toby is ready to journey with a group of adult parishioners that want to go on a deeper journey of *personally* encountering the Lord Jesus this Lent. This is an adventure inspired by the first stage of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St Ignatius of Loyola. It involves a commitment to daily prayer (at least 30-60mins a day for 5 days a week) and typically concludes with a whole-life General Confession (if desired, and with any priest of your choosing) whereby the one who brings the totality of their sinfulness and brokenness is met by the even greater all-embracing mercy of God. If you think you might be interested and would like to hear more, please come along to the Conference Room on Tuesday 13th February at 6pm. Each step of the journey will then be introduced weekly each Tuesday evening at 6pm throughout Lent (beginning Tuesday 20th February).

Lenten Soup Lunches? If there are volunteers willing to offer a soup lunch on Friday lunchtimes, during Lent, then please can you contact the Parish Office, and we can attempt to co-ordinate a rota.

Second Saturday 11am Mass at St Dunstan's: Starting on Saturday 10th February, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at this Mass. If sick and housebound parishioners would like to attend this Mass but would need transport, please let the Parish office know. After this monthly Mass, refreshments will be served in the Conference Room.

Upcoming Visitation of Archbishop Bernard Longley: The Archbishop will be visiting our Parishes next weekend. He will be preaching at all the Masses of Sunday that weekend. One purpose of the Visitation to our Parish is to ponder the Diocesan vision as the Diocese moves forward into the future and what that will mean for the Catholic community in our Parishes.

After the 5:30pm Mass at on the 10th February, there will be a general Parish meeting in the Parish Centre at 6:30pm. This meeting is an opportunity to be with our Archbishop and to discern with him the vision for our Archdiocese and how it can be implemented in our local area. This includes how we might use our resources and gifts, as well as how the challenge of this undertaking might be shared with other Parishes in the locality, working co-responsibly as a cluster.

There will also be a shared supper that the Archbishop will be invited to join us for. There are some slips with food suggestions on the noticeboards in church, please take one of these if you can contribute.

Youth group is back with a new look! It will be weekly on Sunday's 5-6.15pm in the Conference Room and for those who would like to attend the 6.30pm Mass afterwards, there will be an opportunity to read, bring up the offertory, and any musicians can join the music group. We will begin with gusto on **Sunday 25th February** when we will begin preparations for the living Stations of the Cross which will be held in St Dunstan's Church on Palm Sunday.

Parents/guardians dropping young people off are welcome to stay for a chat tea, coffee and cake which will be available in the new entrance of church.

A call for musicians! A small group of friendly musicians have started playing music at the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday evenings. They would love to have new faces come along, so whether you sing or play an instrument, do drop James a message on 07930 608626 or come and chat to us to find out more. There's rumour that some practice sessions have involved food too!

If you are a musician that also has time available in the course of the working week, could you also email the parish office, as this might be useful both to the Parish and our Parish Schools moving forward.

Italian Evening (Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm): During his seven years living in Italy, Fr Toby, learnt more than just how to be a priest. He is offering an authentic Italian Evening with a 3-Course meal, wine-pairing, and some stories from his travels. This is limited to thirty spaces, offered on a first come first served basis (last few spaces remaining!). Any profits will go to the Parish. Tickets cost £30 per head. To get your space, please put your £30 in an envelope bearing your name, the words 'Italian Evening' and your phone number. Please send these to the Parish Office and we will confirm your place.

Any Social Suggestions for Our Parishes can be sent to Sue Allen directly at: sueallen30@gmail.com

Baptisms: Parents who wish to have their children baptised should leave their name and telephone number at the Parish office and Fr John will get in touch.

Legion of Mary meet on Saturday mornings at St Dunstan's in the Conference Room at 9.30am and Monday evenings at St Jude's in church at 6pm. Everybody is welcome to come along.

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.

Journey in Faith at St Jude's Primary School on Tuesday at 8.45am, and in the Conference Room next to St Dunstan's Church on Tuesday at 7:45pm. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, you will be very welcome.

Living and Praying the Divine Will in the Conference Room on Wednesday at 12noon.

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.

Walsingham Pilgrimage Friday 31st May – Sunday 2nd June. £265 per person for an en-suite room. This includes transport and accommodation with breakfast and dinner. To secure your place, a non-refundable deposit of £30 is required ASAP. The balance must be paid by Friday 15th May 2024. Payments are by cash or cheque (cheques payable to 'St Dunstan's Church'), placed in an envelope marked 'Walsingham'. Please include your name, address, and contact number and hand in to the presbytery. Please let Isabel (07758004306) know if you have any special requirements e.g. diet or mobility, or if you require more information.

ST DUNSTAN'S CAR PARK

- Please park in designated car parking spaces only, not on kerbs or paving, in front of the garages, or in front of the funeral gate.
- There are two tablets in church, similar to those you see in pubs, where for people attending Mass or adoration on a Friday, you must enter your full vehicle registration **when you arrive** (this **must** be within 20minutes of entering the Car Park), and you will be allowed to park for free while attending Mass or Adoration up to a maximum period of 2 ½ hours. If you are dropping somebody off in church and risk going over the 20 minutes, we strongly advise you to enter your registration number into the tablet.
- Parking for Sunday morning Masses will be free **until 2pm** without the need to enter your registration number into the tablet. You must enter your registration number for Sunday evening Mass.
- Following feedback, **we have increased the grace period to 20-minutes** to help with the dropping off/picking up people to and from church. If a car is parked for longer, they will be expected to pay for the convenience, or they will be subject to a Parking Charge Notification.
- **Fines:** we have received feedback that some people have received fines. If you have made a mistake entering your registration number, please call 0845 121 0065 and choose option 2. There is a long recorded message before you can leave a message. If you have received a ticket and have paid to park and believe you have unfairly been issued with a ticket, please visit <https://www.eurocarparks.com/appeal-a-parking-charge/> and complete the online form.
- **Please note that the running of the car park is managed by a third party and all appeals/voiding of fines must be made through them directly.**
As a Church we have opted not to profit from these fines.

Archdiocese of Birmingham organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you are interested, contact the pilgrimage office on Tel: 0121 230 6288. **Would you be willing to give up a week of your time to assist sick pilgrims in Lourdes?** If so, please email Kathryn, our Chief Nurse (chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk) or visit the Diocesan website for more information.

HCPT Lourdes Fundraiser: Following the success of their first cake sale, the sixth formers raising money for their pilgrimage to Lourdes would like to return with more cake! There will be a cake sale after the 10.30am and 6.30pm Masses on Sunday 11th February and after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 3rd March.

There is also a Ceili night at St. Anne's Parish Centre, Digbeth on Friday 23rd February from 7.30pm. Tickets £8, which can be bought at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/54020?> or email t.rowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Job Vacancy: The Archdiocese of Birmingham are looking to recruit a permanent, full time, Safeguarding Advisor. If you would like more information, please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid:	£445.00	£139.00
Non-Gift Aid:	£593.01	£235.92
LEPRA:	£232.02	£ 96.63

Contactless:	£100.00	-
QR Code:	£ 20.00	-



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MASS TODAY

COLLECT

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

A reading from the book of Job (7:1-4,6-7).

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'. Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'. Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (94(95): 1-2,6-9)

R: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R:**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R:**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (7:32-35).

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (1:29-39).

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude's operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative are Annette McGrath and Regina Darcy. They can be contacted at: sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.