

# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass with Consecration of the Altar	Tommy Reddington (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	Mary, Tom and Martin O'Keefe (RIP)
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Frank Traynor (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Paddy Collins (Anni.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Mary Kealey (RIP)
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Peter Joyce (RIP)
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Janet Faulkner (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Louise Sullivan (RIP)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>St Leo the Great</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Legion of Mary
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Des McGarrity (RIP)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>St Josaphat</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Martin O'Keefe (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Brigis Attracta and Stephen Jones (RIP)
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Sinead Free (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Teresa Creamer (Anni.)
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Bill Murphy (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Johnny Darcy (Anni.)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Thomas and Margaret McCarthy
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (RIP)

**Blessing of the Graves** – an annual event when we can gather together to pray for departed relatives and friends and commend to the Lord's mercy. There will be a short service for the faithful departed at 2pm at each cemetery, and the timetable this year will be as follows:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Brandwood End & Quinton  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Widney Manor & Lodge Hill  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Kings Norton & Robin Hood  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Wythall & St Nicolas.

For those who wish to buy grave votive lights to light at the blessing, they are available from the piety stall.

**There will be a basket at the exit from Mass today for today's Second Collection.** This is for the *Johnson Association* - an important annual collection which provides material help for sick and/or retired priests of the diocese. Priests are often very limited in the provisions they can make for retirement, as priests' income is pretty intermittent, and they usually don't have a house to go to. Therefore, such priests depend on our generosity for their support in their later years. There are leaflets explaining this fund and gift aid envelopes if you wish to gift aid your offering.

### 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.

Although a number of parishes have lifted the social distancing, we have it kept this in place. The spacing markings have now been removed from St Dunstan's, but 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. This arrangement will be reviewed over the coming weeks.

**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 that you consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest. Please also remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before so that you can receive.
- 2) **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**

**Contactless Payments.** You will find our new contactless terminal in the new entrance to St Dunstan's church. Use your contactless debit, credit card or smart phone or device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

**Parish Census** During lockdown, when contact with parishioners was mainly by phone, it became apparent that we didn't have contact details for a number of parishioners, or that contact details were out of date where people had changed phone number or moved house. It has been a few years since we did the last census, and we have a new database in the office so thought it would be a good opportunity to have another census. Stewards will have forms to give out and if **all parishioners and regular church attenders** could please take a form and return your completed form to the box in either church. You can also find the census form on the home page of the parish website if you would prefer to complete the form and email it back to us.

**More help needed!** Currently a small number of individuals are trying to maintain the exterior and grounds of our churches. Tasks include gardening, litter picking, painting, clearing leaves and gutters, minor building repairs, clearing graffiti and so on. We would like to put together a new list of willing volunteers with skills and availability whom we could contact as needs arise. If you can offer any help at all, please contact Ray Bielby on 07552192030 – many hands make light and friendly work!

**Children's Liturgy.** We are looking at re-starting children's liturgy on the first Sunday in advent. If you previously helped with this and would like to help again, or if you would like to start helping, please contact the parish office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. For those who are interested, there will be a Zoom meeting to go through a few ideas.

**The next Baptism Preparation Meeting** is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 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.

**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 and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges. All welcome.

**Sycamore Course.** This is an ideal course for those who are curious about our faith or who have perhaps not had much chance to learn about our faith. This Thursday, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass.

**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.

**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.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** Eugene McGlynn, John Lynden, Margaret Oakley, and May O'Rafferty.

**We pray for those who will be baptised today:** Chloe Fletcher at St Dunstan's.

**Youth Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November.** Are there any of our younger parishioners who would like to take part in the 12 noon Mass on Youth Sunday? Please contact Charly charlotte@urbanheard.co.uk. There will be pizza in the Conference Room afterwards, all ages welcome.

**WINDOW Parish magazine:** the December issue is now being assembled. The deadline for articles, news, pictures or jokes is the 28th November. Send to robertwilcher@btinternet.com or 179, Alcester Road South or drop into the presbytery marked WINDOW.

**Journey in Faith for young Catholics** There is a monthly programme called 'Journey Deeper with Christ' aimed to bring people closer to Christ and the faith. The sessions will take place on the last Saturday of each month at 2pm at Our Lady of Assumption Church, 82 Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham, B44 9SP. There is group sharing, prayers, live praise and worship, adoration, classes on faith and so much more, so if you are interested, would like to help or know someone who would benefit from this, then please go along.

**Traidcraft Charity Christmas cards and crafts.** Proceeds from card sales go to CAFOD, Christian Aid and the development charity Traidcraft Exchange. Catalogues and cards will be available to order after 10.30am Mass each Sunday until the 12<sup>th</sup> December, or from 179 Alcester Road South.

**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.

**S**anctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us  
Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt caeli et terra gló-ri-a  
tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit  
in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excé-l-sis.

### COMMUNION HYMN

1. Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.
2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease  
and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.
3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.
4. Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

*The voluntary that will be played today is J.S. Bach, Fugue from Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542*

### COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£680.00	£ 83.00
<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	£551.74	£106.50
<b>October Standing</b>	£1,344.00	£272.00
<b>Orders</b>		

*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

*Kings 17:10-16*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth." The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 9:24-28*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with

sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,  
keep faithful, and I will give you  
the crown of life.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

*Mark 12:38-44*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

## 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.