



**St Dunstan's Church**  
Kingsfield Road,  
Kings Heath, B14 7JN



**St Jude's Church**  
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Maypole, B14 5PE



## The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude

**Parish Priest:** Fr John Peyton  
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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
Third Sunday of Advent

**Sunday Mass**  
Missal Readings: 9 (Year A)

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Lucy</i>	11:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Michael O'Looney (RIP)
	4:00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Nancy Dolan (RIP)
	11.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Catherine Sugrue (RIP)
	5.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Ryan family
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Fr Tony Rohan (RIP)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Margaret Crotty (RIP), Ellen Connolly (RIP), Patrick Crotty (RIP) and Delvin King (RIP)
	7:00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Maureen Crilley (RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anni.)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Sapientia</i>	9:30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Jamie Maloney (RIP)
	7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Geraldine McGee (RIP Anni.)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Adonai</i>	6.45am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Ted Smith (RIP)
	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Peggy Costello (Ints.)
	11:30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Michael Reddington (RIP)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Radix Iesse</i>	9:30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Alfred Nicklin
	7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	John and Mary Collins (RIP)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Clavis David</i>	11:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Des O'Leary (RIP)
	4:00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>O Oriens</i>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Patricia Moran
	11:30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Tom Flaherty (RIP Anni.)
	5.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Patrick Shortt (RIP Anni.)

### PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office is located at St Dunstan's Presbytery and is open for general enquiries between 10am and 12.30pm. The office can also be contacted by calling **0121 444 1386**, or by emailing **stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk**, and we will get back to you during office hours.

**Parish Website:** [www.stdunstanandstjude.co.uk](http://www.stdunstanandstjude.co.uk)

**Parish Facebook:** St Dunstan and St Jude's

**Parish X (Twitter):** stdunstanandstjude

**Live Stream:** Please go to the Parish website to view the livestream at St Dunstan's and St Jude's.

### TIMES OF CONFESSION

**St Dunstan's:** Fridays 6.15pm – 6.45pm.  
Saturdays 11.45am – 12.30pm.  
Saturdays 3.30pm – 3.50pm.

**St Jude's:** Sundays 9.30am – 9.50am.

If you are unable to come during these times, then please send an email to arrange an appointment with one of the priests.

### TIMES OF ADORATION

**St Dunstan's:** All day Fridays 10am – 6.30pm and Saturdays 11.30am – 12.30pm.  
First Friday of the month: 10am Friday – 10.30am Saturday.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:** Catherine Gilks (Sugrue) (*Requiem Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at St Dunstan's Church*), Valerie (Anne) Lennon and Anne Whelan.

**We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur during this week:**

13<sup>th</sup> Martin McTierney (2024)

14<sup>th</sup> Tess Gannon (2023)

15<sup>th</sup> Joyce Oakley (2011)

16<sup>th</sup> Paul Kearns (2016), Julie Dawson & family (2023)  
Ada Lane (1989)

18<sup>th</sup> William Stirlane (2006), V.M Michael

19<sup>th</sup> Patrick Anthony Fennessy (2023), Sandra & PG  
Dougman (2010), Ellen Kenna (1986)

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.***

### THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

**Please pray for the sick of our Parishes:** Peggy Lawlor, Kate Edwards, Maureen McGlone, Joseph Guiden, Bridget McCann, Mary Rogers, Mary Philpott, Kath McAvinney, Kathy McQuillan, Barbara Brennan, Kevin Ryan, Eamonn Duffy, Bridget Brennan, Mary McGowen, Vincent Beirne, Carl McGovern, Mary McFarland, Danny and Ellen Heraghty, Hugh Doherty, Mary Wootton, Michael Masterson, Mairead Murray, Paul Holleran, Mick Farmer, Una Monahan, Cath Soubhi, John Gillen, Donna Dayus, Teresa Clifford, Pat Keevney.

### FINANCES

Collections last weekend:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
<b>Gift Aid:</b>	£287.00	£312.00
<b>Non-Gift Aid:</b>	£409.30	£112.34
<b>Poor Parishes:</b>	£523.80	£ 95.51
<b>Contactless:</b>	£134.00	£ -
<b>Online:</b>	£ 23.50	£ 5.00



You can donate to the Church (with or without Gift Aid) using this QR Code. Do this by scanning this code with the camera of your phone.

There will be a **second collection this weekend** for Church Christmas Flowers, and **next weekend** for the Fabric Fund.

### SAFEGUARDING

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 Representatives are Annette McGrath and Judith Allan. They can be contacted at: [sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Welcome to Mass today!** Today, there will be the Blessing of the Bambinelli. This is a simple way in which we can connect our own nativity scenes at home to the celebration of Christmas in our churches. The prayer of blessing that we will use was composed by Pope Benedict, and it will say: *'We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus, who is about to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes.'*

**We welcome into our Parish family** Joshua O'Hannigan, and Lucas, Max and Aoife-Bella Marum who were Baptised at St Dunstan's last weekend.

**Christmas Mass cards** are available from both churches this weekend.

**Christmas offering envelopes** are available at the back of both churches. Do please use them – especially if you are away at Christmas and wish to make a donation towards the support of your priests.

**The Christmas Tree by the contactless machine in St Dunstan's and Christmas tree in the porch at St Jude's are looking a bit bare.** Would you like to help us finish filling them? There are labels next to both trees so you can write a prayer, or perhaps the name of a loved one you wish to pray for this Christmas. Let's see how much we can fill the trees.

**Christmas cards:** One of the parishioners at St Dunstan's has made a lovely stand for people to leave Christmas cards for other parishioners. It is by the glass doors leading into the Social Centre. Is there anybody at St Jude's who would like to volunteer to organise something similar there?

**Window** our Parish magazine on sale this weekend after all Masses. Lots of news about the parish and informative articles. Still only £1.

**Parish Tote:** The numbers drawn this week were 02, 03, 11, and 22. There were no winners this week.

**In the month of December,** devotions to the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady will be prayed in the main body of the church every Friday at 6:15pm.

**The last Rorate Caeli Masses** is this Thursday at 6.45am in St Dunstan's. This is an ancient tradition of the Advent season where Mass is offered in candlelight, awaiting the dawn.

**Lectio Divina:** 10.15am on Mondays in the Conference Room. Lectio Divina is a Christian practice of reading the Bible, meditating, and praying. It's a contemplative way of reading scripture that's meant to help people deepen their relationship with God.

## CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

St Dunstan's Christmas Church cleaning, including brass cleaning, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. Many hands make light work, so if you can spare an hour or two, please come along and help.

**Legion of Mary:** The adult Legion of Mary continue to meet on Monday evenings at 6.15pm in St Jude's church and at 11.15am on Wednesdays in St Dunstan's Conference Room.

**Junior Legion of Mary** at St Dunstan's on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Conference Room (last session before Christmas).

**Rosary Prayer Group to intercede especially for anyone who is suffering from addiction** – every Thursday in St Jude's Church from 1pm – 2pm.

**45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Jude's Church 2026** – As Covid restrictions were in place we could not celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St Jude's Church. Do you have any ideas how we can celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary? Please either let Fr John know or email the Parish Office.

**Save the Date for Lourdes 2026** - Make next year your year to visit Lourdes and be a part of this special spiritual journey. The dates for the next Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Birmingham are Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The annual pilgrimage will return to Lourdes under the leadership of His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans. You are invited to make initial enquiries about the pilgrimage via the Lourdes Administrator, Kath White: [admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk) or call 0121 230 6288.

**Could you be a healthcare volunteer in Lourdes?** Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on next year's Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new, please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage)

## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

### ***Penitential Services***

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm, St Dunstan's  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Rednal  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm, Our Lady of Fatima, Quinton  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 6pm, St John Fisher, West Heath

### ***Confessions***

*St Dunstan's*

Saturdays: 11.45am-12.30pm *and* 3.30pm - 3.50pm  
Christmas Eve: 2.00pm - 2.30pm

*St Jude's*

Sundays: 9.30am – 9.50am

## CHRISTMAS EVE WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

5.00pm	St Dunstan's	First Mass of Christmas with Nativity ( <i>Family Mass</i> )
5.00pm	St Jude's	First Mass of Christmas with Nativity ( <i>Family Mass</i> )
11.30pm	St Dunstan's	Carols
Midnight	St Dunstan's	Midnight Mass

## CHRISTMAS DAY THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

8.30am	St Dunstan's	Dawn Mass with Carols
10.00am	St Jude's	Christmas Day Mass with Carols
11.30am	St Dunstan's	Christmas Day Mass with Carols

## FEAST OF ST STEPHEN (BOXING DAY) FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

11.00am	St Dunstan's	Holy Mass
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## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

### **Christmas Raffle** **Have you got your tickets?**

**Please return your money and counterfoils  
by 12 noon on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Great prizes to be won! £1 per ticket.

Tickets can be purchased at both churches and  
from the Parish Office.

Winners will be announced on the 18<sup>th</sup> December  
after the carol concert in St Dunstan's.



### **Carol Concert and Christmas Raffle Draw** **St Dunstan's Church** **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**



Doors open at 6.30pm, Carol Concert at 7pm  
followed by mince pies, mulled wine and the  
Christmas Raffle Draw.

Free entry and free parking available for people  
attending this event.

Donations in support of the of the  
crib collection welcome.