

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Second Sunday of Lent

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Sat 27 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Claire Wade (RIP) and Pro Populo
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Liz Murray (RIP)
Sun 28 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Maureen Stafford (RIP Anni.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	James (Jim) Kenny (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Fr Pat Joyce (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Phelan McCaffrey (RIP)
Mon 1 st	Feast of St David	9.30am	Holy Mass	Nan Dirrane (RIP)
Tues 2 nd	Feast of St Chad	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	Hilda Walsh (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Michael Butler (RIP)
Wed 3 rd	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	James Haverty (RIP)
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Thurs 4 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	6.45am	Holy Mass	Thomas
		11.00am	Funeral Service	Margaret Wilkins (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	C. T. Thomas (RIP)
Fri 5 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Sally Moriarty (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Stephen Walk (RIP)
Sat 6 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (Ints.) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	Estrella and Ricardo Victorio (RIP)
Sun 7 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Kathleen and James Jennings
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Martin Mannion (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Martin Wood (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Frank Lydon (RIP)

WELCOME TO MASS. Please take note of the guidance below to ensure that we make each other as safe as possible. We remember in our prayers those who are not with us due illness or because they are isolating. They are very much part of the prayers and the sacrifice we offer today.

A reminder of the guidelines for the celebration of Mass during this time of pandemic.

- Please use hand sanitizer when arriving and leaving.
- Wear face coverings in church unless age (younger children) or medical conditions preclude this.
- Keep social distance at all times – especially being mindful when moving about for Holy Communion or leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system around church.
- If you will not be receiving holy communion or coming forward for a blessing mention this to a steward and they will find you a seat where you won't block others in.
- Do not leave newsletters you have used in church, but always take them home with you.
- Remove face covering immediately before receiving Holy Communion in the hand and replace after receiving the Sacred Host.
- Do not gather in groups outside church with those outside your 'bubble' for conversation without keeping a good distance.

Some of these – especially the way of receiving Holy Communion and wearing face coverings – a few have found onerous. Nevertheless, it is a price worth paying for the continuation of public worship.

This Friday is World Day of Prayer (formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer) and the ecumenical service this year has been prepared by women from Vanuatu (an archipelago in the South Pacific) on the theme of "Build on a Strong Foundation". The service of course cannot take place this year, but you may like to remember this world-wide community in your prayers.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES

Reflecting on the demand on places at Mass on Ash Wednesday recently it seems prudent to issue tickets for the main Masses and Liturgies of Palm Sunday, the Sacred Triduum and Easter Day - much as we did at Christmas. This will mean that, not only do we prioritise those who usually come to Sunday Mass in our churches, but that the congregation at these Masses can be spread out across the various Masses to ensure that Mass continues to be as safe as possible, and people feel safe.

At St Dunstan's: Before and after Mass next weekend and the following weekend (13th 14th March) - *that means the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday Masses* - two stewards will be in the **Conference Room** where you can collect tickets for Masses at St Dunstan's. Please help our stewards by waiting to be called in.

At St Jude's on these same weekends, there will be two stewards in the **porch area** before and after the Sunday Masses where you can collect tickets for the Masses and Liturgies at St Jude's. We thank them for this extra commitment.

To avoid confusion – tickets for St Dunstan's will be available at St Dunstan's, and for St Jude's at St Jude's.

Palm Sunday – Masses at usual times.

Maundy Thursday Mass – 7.30pm in both churches.

Good Friday Liturgy – 3pm in both churches.

Easter Vigil - 8pm in St Dunstan's.

Easter Sunday - Masses at the usual times.

NB: Other services – eg, Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross will not need tickets.

When you come for your ticket, you will be asked which Masses or liturgies you would like to attend; how many tickets you would like; your name; any access requirements; and if anybody you are coming to Mass with is mask exempt, so that spacing can be allocated appropriately.

Please read the following so that you are clear in your mind.

- There will be a different ticket for each of the services, so a ticket for Maundy Thursday will not get you into Good Friday. You need one for each. Obvious we know – but worth saying!

- Please understand that it might not always be possible to attend the Mass at your preferred time – or place - if the building has already reached capacity.

- Initially, until we are sure of demand, there will be a limit of one Easter Vigil/Easter Day Mass per person/family.

- You can collect tickets for those in your 'bubble' who will be sat with you in church at Mass (in accordance with government regulations), but not for other people/groups. They will need to come themselves.

- The seat allocations will be sorted out when you collect your tickets. Stewards will have a plan of where people will sit which maximises capacity and accommodate special needs...so no 'usual seats'!

- You will need to be at church 20 minutes before Mass begins. The logistics for Mass will be quite complex, and we will all need patience. If you come late, then you may not be able to enter church.

- If you have taken tickets for a Mass, and then can't go, please return ASAP to the presbytery in an envelope with your name so that they can be redistributed to those without. It was a shame that, at Christmas, a number of people had tickets and chose not to come, and a few didn't have tickets who wanted to come, leaving spare spaces.

-if you have any symptoms of COVID19 please do not attend Mass.

As usual the 'Walk with Me' books are available for you to take.

Church Readers Needed. If you have previously read in either St Dunstan's or St Jude's and would like to re-join the rota, or if you would like to start reading in church, please contact the Parish office.

Works of charity - Helping Others During Lent with the SVP. As well as giving up something we enjoy for Lent, we are also called to do something for those in need. The SVP continues to provide food for struggling families - particularly via the "bank" at St. Jude's School. It would be wonderful if you could help us supplement this by providing some hygiene and sanitary items (e.g. shower gel, shampoo, soap, and women's sanitary products) and drop them off in the Church entrance (box under the stairs) before weekend Masses.

Another way to help would be to keep a large cardboard box in your household and, each day during Lent, adding an item for the "foodbank; suggested goods – cereals, tea, coffee, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, hygiene products. The boxes could be brought to Church during the last week of Lent or, if need be, we can collect them.

This weekend, we will be collecting your envelopes for CAFOD family fast day donations at the end of Mass. The fast day is a day when we are invited to pray, fast and give, to help people like Abdella. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him 10 hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Please give what you can to reach vulnerable communities around the world to have water and provide vital support. Please give generously. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/give, or give via text: Text LENT10 to 70460 to donate £10, or LENT20 to donate £20, or LENTNOINFO+ amount if you don't want to receive marketing communications.

Also for Lent, Brian and Jackie Trewby are undertaking the CAFOD Lent walking challenge - to walk 400,000 steps before Easter! If you would like to see how they are progressing and donate to CAFOD through their Justgiving page, please follow the link below: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/well-wishers2022>

A team who works as part of the Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries has created a programme for children called the "little Evangelist". During the pandemic they have launched a YouTube channel named 'Little Evangelist'. They release videos each Saturday which journeys through the books in the bible beginning with Genesis. The idea behind this is to bring Jesus to our children and teach them Christian morals. Also, every Sunday they have children's liturgy on their website, including the readings of the day and activities for children. Please visit the website for more fun facts and information: www.littleevangelist.com

We pray for those who have died recently: Fabienne Wright, Aninha Cruz, Margaret Wilkins, Marie Reid, Fr Oliver Kemp, Mary Coffey, Eileen Middleton and Ann O'Sullivan (Requiem 11th March).

Queen Elizabeth and Birmingham Women's Hospitals and St Mary's Hospice. If you know that you (or a family member or friend in the parish) will be going to hospital for significant treatment, it is important to have confession with anointing of the sick from one of the priests here, as well as Holy Communion at Mass, before you/they go into hospital as these sacraments are not presently readily available during your stay. Just have a

word after Mass or ring or email the presbytery. This problem has been somewhat exacerbated by the pandemic as no casual visits by family or clergy are permitted - and then only on very specific grounds – to try and reduce the danger of infection to patients. **There is a cover rota provided by priests around the area. This is for emergency use only when there is danger of death. Such visits are arranged from the hospital so that the priest on call will be allowed admission.**

Government restrictions for funerals stipulate a maximum of 30 attending.

Confessions are at the normal advertised times. Social distancing means using the side chapel at St Dunstan's. **Please keep the time spent in the confessional to a minimum (5 minutes max) to both make it as safe as possible, and so that others have opportunity for the celebration of this sacrament.**

Church Cleaning will take place on Wednesday after Mass. If you can help you will be very welcome.

Please note that the toilets are presently closed due to COVID regulations, and the side chapel is out of bounds apart from for Confession.

Weekly offerings can be placed in the baskets in church during Mass, or posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Please place offerings in either the usual Gift Aid envelopes or a plain envelope marked 'St Dunstan' or 'St Jude'. Standing orders are also a great way of giving.

COLLECTIONS		
	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 940.50	£ 203.20
Non-Gift Aid	£ 676.27	£ 63.00

The Parish Office will be open from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Wednesday and 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 re-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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain, he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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.