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The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude



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Sunday 7th January – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sat 6 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Martin Kearns (RIP)	
		11.30am-12.30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by First Saturday Devotions</i>		
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm Confessions at St Dunstan's 3.30pm Confessions at St Jude's			
		4.00pm (St Jude's)	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Richard Dickinson and Sean Norri (RIP)	
Sun 7 th	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Helen Beirne	
		10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy	James (Jim) Kenny (RIP)	
		12noon	Holy Mass	Liam Corcoran (RIP)	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Nora Tighe	
Mon 8 th	The Baptism of the Lord	9.30am	Holy Mass followed by the Rosary	Dennis and Dora Mulvihill	
Tues 9 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Fr John Waters (Ints.)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Eddie Mooney (RIP)	
Wed 10 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Alex Hall (RIP)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Erik (RIP)	
Thurs 11 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am (St Alban's)	Holy Mass	Sarah Conway (RIP)	
		11.00am	Holy Mass	Sean Flemming (RIP)	
Fri 12 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass		Martin family (Ints.)	
		6.15pm – 6.45pm	<i>Confessions</i>		
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Collum Conway (RIP)	

Mass Intentions for next weekend: St Dunstan's: Saturday 11.00am, Anne Harkin (RIP), 5.30pm Louise Doherty (RIP Anni.), Sunday 10.30am David Allen and Larkin family, 12 noon Michael Duffy (RIP), 6.30pm Mogue O'Reilly (RIP). **St Jude's:** Saturday 4pm People of the Parish, Sunday 9.15am Len Johnson.

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, Geraldine Browne, Helen Ellard and Philomena Rattray (*Requiem Mass on Wednesday 24th January at 11.30am at St Dunstan's Church*).

We pray also for those who anniversaries occur in January: 1st Kevin Scott (2014), 7th Nora Tighe (2019), 11th Harry Siviter, 15th Bridget Fryer (2020), 17th Paul Meehan, Sheila Powell, Anthony Morrissy (1974), 18th Rose O'Connor, 19th Billy Morrissy (2018), 20th Hal and Eileen Box, 21st Elvira Peiro, 24th Margaret Cooke, Sally Graham, 25th Adrian Holleran, 26th Aleykutty Mathew, James O'Connor (1984).

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

ETIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

It has been one of the old traditions of the Church to bless chalk at the Masses of the Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk to invoke a prayer of blessing on your home for the New Year that has just begun.

You use the blessed chalk to write above the doorway to your home **20+C+M+B+24** in the order below. As you do so another says the prayer of blessing:

The three wise men

(C) Caspar,

(M) Melchior, and

(B) Balthasar, followed the Star to God's Son who became man

(20) Two Thousand and

(24) Twenty-Four years ago.

+May Christ

+bless our home

+and remain with us throughout the new year.

+ Amen.

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. Bless this household with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your commandments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be.

Welcome to Mass! Chalk will be blessed at Mass for the blessing of your homes for the New Year. The prayers for this are above.

Archbishop's Visitation 10th/11th February: The visitation of the parishes of our deanery by the Archbishop or the area Bishop for this area have begun. The Archbishop will be visiting our Parishes for the weekend of 10th and 11th February. He will be preaching at all the Masses of Sunday that weekend. One purpose of the Visitation to the Deanery 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. The Diocesan vision holds four elements:

Evangelisation – as individuals and as parish to be bearers of the Good News of Christ's gospel.

Formation – how the parish can help us all to deepen our understanding of the faith and therefore our personal relationship with God, and to grow leaders in our churches, schools and families through spiritual and pastoral formation.

Liturgy and Worship – invigorating and deepening our worship and sacramental celebrations. Encouraging ourselves and others in our life of prayer.

Social Outreach – building up the common good through charitable outreach in the giving of our time, our resources and our love to those who need it most. Inviting others to join us in charitable work.

These four elements together are found in each parish community so that as a diocese we will be: Faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

If you, or somebody you know, are sick and would like the name to go in our weekly bulletin so parishioners can pray for them, please contact the Parish office between 10am and 12.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Live Streaming at St Dunstan's: This is still work in progress while the engineers sort the sound cable out, but you can see the live stream on our YouTube channel. Put @stdunstansstjudes9955 into your internet search bar.

Bowling for Altar Servers is being arranged for Sunday 21st January. Meet at 2.30pm at Acocks Green Bowl. Altar servers must be accompanied by at least one family member. Bowling is free for altar servers but if the accompanying adult would like to play, they will need to pay for themselves. If you would like to come, please write your name on the list in the Sacristy by Sunday 14th January.

We welcome into the family of our Parishes Freddie and Tommy Savastio who were Baptised at St Dunstan's last weekend.

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 9.15am 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 starts on Tuesday, 9th January at 7:45pm in the Conference Room. 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.

Bereavement Group: A cuppa and a chat will be available on Saturday 13th January in the Conference Room at 11:30am, after the 11.00am Mass. If you, or someone you know, has suffered a bereavement, you are very welcome to come along. We can make this journey together.

Urgent: Youth Group Leaders need more people to help with the running of Youth Group **from January**. If you are interested, there will be a meeting in the Conference Room on Sunday 28th January after the 6.30pm, Mass.

8 Day Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni 8th – 15th October: see a vast wealth of religious shrines, ancient and beautiful architecture, Renaissance exhibitions, exquisite food and good wine. Rome, Assisi and San Giovanni has something to offer everyone. Starting off in Rome – experience the General Papal audience with Pope Francis (given he is in residence). Also, a guided visit to see the four major Basilicas of Rome. Move on to a historical city pervaded by the spirit of St. Francis, viewing the Basilica of St Francis and his tomb. The pilgrimage finishes in San Giovanni to see the Shrine of Padre Pio, his cell and where he said Mass. From £1,797 per person, half board. To book, visit www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/RS0924/

HCPT Group 712: The group will travel to France on Easter Sunday 31st March, returning on Saturday 6th April. Young people aged 16 and above who would be interested in joining the group for Easter 2024 should email Deacon Tim: group712@hcpt.org.uk.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid:	£414.00	£116.95
Non-Gift Aid:	£712.88	£156.72
Contactless:	£110.00	-
QR Code:	£ 44.00	-
December Standing Orders	£1,600.00	£400.00



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ST DUNSTAN'S CAR PARK

The ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) Pay on Entry and enforcement is now in place. Please park in designated car parking spaces only and not on the footpaths, in front of the gates leading to Kingsfield Road, or in front of the priest's garages as you will receive a parking charge notice.

The payment machine **will accept all card payments, Apple and Google Pay but not cash.**

There are two tablets in church, similar to those you see in pubs, where for Mass or adoration on a Friday, you must enter your full vehicle registration **when you arrive**, and you be allowed to park for free while attending Mass or adoration up to a maximum period of 2 ½ hours.

Parking for Sunday morning Masses will be free without the need to enter your registration number into the tablet, but you must enter your registration number for Sunday evening Mass.

We will have the facility to exempt cars from parking charges if attending some Parish events.

Taxis or families dropping off or picking up will have a 10-minute grace period where they are allowed to park appropriately, for free, only whilst dropping off/picking up to and from church. If they park for longer, they will be expected to pay for the convenience.

Any vehicle that parks for longer than 10 minutes, without a valid permit or paid for parking session will be subject to a PCN (Parking Charge Notification). The PCN is £100 reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days and will also carry a right to appeal if the motorists feels as though they have been issued the PCN incorrectly, has had an emergency or broken down.

COLLECT

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (40:1-5,9-11).

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you;

Camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13)

R: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R:**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R:**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R:**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (3:2-3,5-6).

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12).

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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