

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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| Sat 20 th | <i>Easter Feria</i> | 11.00am | Holy Mass | Eugene Cooper Pro Populo |
| | | 11.30am-1.00pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | | 11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm | Confessions | |
| | | 5.30pm | Holy Mass | Ciara Ward (RIP) |
| Sun 21 st | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Michael and Patrick Kenny (RIP) |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Mass with <i>Children's liturgy</i> | Loughlin McManus (RIP Anni.) |
| | | 12noon | Holy Mass | Connolly family (Ints.) |
| | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass | Anne O'Brien (RIP) |
| Mon 22 nd | <i>Easter Feria</i> | 9.30am | Holy Mass | Patrick Scanlan (RIP) |
| Tues 23 rd | <i>Easter Feria</i> | 10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Dulcie Robinson (RIP) |
| | | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Dan Monahan (Ints.) |
| Wed 24 th | <i>Easter Feria</i> | 9.30am | Holy Mass | Liam Vasey |
| Thurs 25 th | <i>St Bede, the Venerable Priest</i> | 9.30am (<i>St Alban's</i>) | Holy Mass with May Procession in honour of Our Lady | Kitty Huttin |
| | | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Margaret and David Kirk (Ints.) |
| Fri 26 th | <i>St Philip Neri, Priest</i> | 9.30am | Holy Mass with May Procession in honour of Our Lady | Eileen McGlacken (RIP Anni.) |
| | | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Ray Bielby (RIP) |
| Sat 27 th | <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i> | 11.00am | Holy Mass | Mandy and Dawn Connelly (Ints.) Pro Populo |
| | | 1.30pm | Wedding service | Bernadette Shortt and Gary Polhill |
| | | 11.30am-1.00pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | | 11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm | Confessions | |
| Sun 28 th | SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST | 9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Eilish Byrne (RIP Anni.) |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Mass with <i>Children's liturgy</i> | Tony, Mary and Joe Cunneen |
| | | 12noon | Holy Mass | Mark Woodcock (RIP Birthday) |
| | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass | Al Coughlan (RIP) |

Welcome to Mass on this Seventh Sunday of Easter. Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Even though it was a moment of parting – that the disciples would never see the Lord's face again in this world, they went back to Jerusalem rejoicing as the Lord had promised the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. They gather together to wait and pray along with Mary the Mother of the Lord. The coming of the Holy Spirit wasn't a once in a lifetime thing – but that the Holy Spirit is here to stay, guiding, leading and inspiring the Church. We pray that the Church in our day may be open to the promptings of the Spirit, enabling her to proclaim the gospel in our own age with clarity and fervour.

Reflection - World Communications Day:

Today's theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart – 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live." The Pope, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales (and particularly here in the Archdiocese of Birmingham) will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: A good number of parishioners are going on pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine this coming Friday. Any parishioners who would like prayer petitions taking to the shrine, please drop them into the presbytery or hand to one of the priests in the coming days.

Final Arrangements for pilgrims! Please meet at the entrance to the church car park on Institute Road for 9.00am on Friday 26th May where the coach will be waiting for us. You will be given an itinerary, room details and further information about the weekend on the coach. Dietary requirements: Please let Isabel O'Connell know before Thursday 25th May if you haven't already done so her number is 07758004306.

We pray for Bernadette Shortt and Gary Polhill who are getting married next Saturday. All parishioners are welcome to attend the wedding service.

Thank you from the family of John Tierney to everybody for their kind messages of support. £536 was collected for the parish SVP from donations at John's requiem.

St Dunstan's church opening this week: Monday to Thursday, church will be open from 8.30am to 12.30pm, and on Friday, church will open at 8.30am and will close following the evening Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on Fridays between the two Masses, and on Saturday morning from the end of Mass until 1pm.

During the Easter Season we don't recite The Angelus, but instead we use the Easter Marian Anthem, the *Regina Caeli*.

6. **R** Egina cé-li * lætáre, alle-lú-ia : Qui-a quem me-
ru- ísti portáre, alle-lú-ia : Resurréxit, sic-ut di-xit, alle-
lú-ia : Ora pro nó-bis Dé-um, alle-lú- ia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sign of Peace. A couple of people have asked about the sign of peace during Mass that ceased during the Covid pandemic. It is an optional ceremony during Mass. Some people are great fans of it, others not so keen. Also, for those who receive holy communion in the hand, shaking hands immediately before isn't perhaps the most hygienic practice. Families/ friends are free to do what they wish of course – but it is those beyond those circles that calls for more sensitivity. Some parishes now have the practice of the sign of peace as bowing to the person either side, or turning to the person either side and saying 'peace be with you'. The sign of peace isn't an opportunity to greet or wave to those you know – that's for after Mass- but a reminder of the disposition of heart required for receiving Holy Communion – that we seek to Love the Lord our God, and our neighbour as ourselves. The most important part of the *Rite of Peace* is the exchange between priest and people: 'The peace of the Lord be with you always' 'And with your spirit' - in that it is the Lord's peace coming from the sacrifice of the altar that we receive – for Christ is our peace. If you have any thoughts on this, please have a word.

We pray for those who have died recently: Robin Shepherd, Mary Hatton (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on 31st May at 12.30pm*), and **Philomena Hollerhan** (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on 6th June at 10.30am*).

We pray for those who are being Baptised today: Nuala Henry at St Dunstan's.

The Next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Thursday 1st June at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church. If you wish to attend, 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.

Living and Praying the Divine Will in the Conference Room on Wednesday at 12.30pm.

Bishop Challoner Tea Party: The next tea party is this Wednesday from 1:30pm to 3pm in the 6th form common room. There will be tea, sandwiches, cake and bingo.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers/Children's Liturgy Leaders/Senior Altar Servers: If you have completed the online link which was sent to you by Angela Arkley, please arrange a meeting with Annette McGrath, our parish Safeguarding Representative, as soon as possible to complete your identity check. Thank you to all those who have already done this. Annette can be contacted on: 0121 444 7701 or sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk

Urgently Needed! Flower Team Volunteers: We urgently need volunteers at St Dunstan's to join our small flower team! If you can arrange flowers in a vase, then you're just the right person. Don't worry – you don't need to be an expert! Please message Bernard on 07505 363 791 if you are interested or would like to know more.



TODAY

In the Social Centre
Doors Open at 7pm
Bingo Starts at 7.30pm

COLLECTIONS:

| | St Dunstan's | St Jude's |
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| Gift Aid: | £449.00 | £ 86.00 |
| Non-Gift Aid: | £649.35 | £136.66 |
| Catholic Communications: | £357.08 | £ 85.26 |

*There is a second collection **this weekend** for the **Fabric Fund**.*

MASS TODAY

HYMNS

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| Processional: | 289 |
| Offertory: | 644 |
| Post-Communion: | 662 |
| Recessional: | 364 |

MASS SETTING

Kyrie *Cantor then All*

497

Ky-ri - e le - i - son.

Cantor then All

Chris-te e le - i - son.

Cantor

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| Sanctus: | 499 |
| Angus Dei: | 500 |

COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us.

Gift Aid: If you haven't collected your box, please could you do so today, so we are able to claim Gift Aid on your donations. **After this weekend, the boxes will be taken into the Parish office.**

Please could you let Dawn in the Parish office know this week if:

-You have had a change of circumstances and no longer require your envelopes.

-You have changed your address.

-If you have recently signed up to donate to church by Standing Order, and do not require your box for the second collection envelopes.

Church Donations: You can now make a donation to church using the QR code which you can find on the noticeboards in both churches. All you need to do, is open the camera on your mobile phone and scan the code. If you wish, you will also be able to Gift Aid your donations by following the instructions on your screen.



5. **G** Ló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus te. Ado-rá-mus te. Gló-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gimus ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex cæ-léstis, De-us Pa-ter omni-pot-ens. Dó-mi-ne Fi-li uni-gé-ni-te Je-su Christe. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus De-i, Fi-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe depre-ca-ti-ó-nem no-stram. Qui sedes ad déxte-ram Patris, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Quóni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus Dó-mi-nus. Tu so-lus Al-tíssimus, Je-su Christe. Cum Sancto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:12-14)

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 26)

R: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R:**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R:**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **R:**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (4:13-6)

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (17:1-11)

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.