

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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Sat 7 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Nora Tighe (RIP Anni.) Pro Populo
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by First Saturday Devotions</i>	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Margot and Hugo McCabe (Ints.)
Sun 8 th	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Colm and Stuart Smyth
		10.30am	Holy Mass	James Kenny (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Louise Doherty (RIP Anni.)
		<i>2.00pm</i>	<i>Children's Nativity in</i>	<i>St Dunstan's Church</i>
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Charlie Leydon
Mon 9 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Patrick Drury (RIP)
		<i>5.30pm</i>	<i>Reception and Vigil</i>	Mary Hill (RIP)
Tues 10 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Martin Mullen (RIP)
		11.00am	Funeral Service	Mary Hill (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	James De'Athe (RIP)
Wed 11 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Brian O'Neill (RIP)
Thurs 12 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am (<i>St Alban's</i>)	Holy Mass	Peter Farrelly (RIP Anni.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Kim (Ints.)
Fri 13 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Erica Rebeiro (Ints.)
		11.45am	Funeral Service	Elizabeth and Stuart Hughes (RIP)
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Dunstan's after Mass until the evening Mass</i>		
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Gladwyn and Joseph Banthenan
Sat 14 th	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Joseph Duffy Pro Populo
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by First Saturday Devotions</i>	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Vonnie McHugh (RIP)

Sun 15 th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Secundina Legaspi
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Jospeh Power (RIP Anni.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	James De'Athe (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Katie Carroll (RIP)

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the last day of the Christmas season. Although today's feast marks the event of Christ's Baptism when he was thirty years old, nevertheless it is, along with the visit of the Magi, one of the 'showings' or 'epiphanies' when God revealed himself in the face of his beloved Son: 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him' are the words we hear from heaven in the Gospel.

Although the baptism that Jesus received was the baptism of John the Baptist - the baptism of repentance – and not the sacrament of baptism we have received – nevertheless it is a good moment to remember in thanksgiving our own baptism. As we were baptised heaven spoke about us – this is my child, my beloved.

Although our magnificent Christmas trees will sadly soon disappear, the Crib will remain as a focus for prayer and devotion until the Feast of Candlemas (which was the traditional end of Christmas in earlier times) on February 2nd.

Friday just gone was the Feast of the Epiphany. One of the traditions of this feast is the Blessing of Chalk that you take to mark the lintel of your front door. In effect, it is a prayer of blessing for your home and all who live there as we begin a new year. There should be some chalk left at the back of the church with a copy of the prayer to be said as the door is marked.

There will be a second collection this weekend towards the cost of the church flowers for Christmas. Thanks to our flower arrangers for such a beautiful and festive display!

Thank you to all of those who gave so much in time and talent to enable the Christmas liturgies to be celebrated with great dignity. Thanks to the stewards who gave of their time to help with the Christmas Masses. Thanks to those involved in the liturgies themselves – our deacons the altar servers and our musicians. The church certainly looked beautiful for Christmas, so thanks to our dedicated cleaners and polishers and all involved with the decoration of the Christmas trees and Crib.

Very grateful thanks from Fr Philip and Fr John to you all for your very kind cards, gifts and Christmas offerings. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Crib Offerings will, this year, be going to 'Let the Children Live'. Fr Peter Walters from the charity came to speak to us a few weeks ago. This charity, founded from Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham, supports a home life, security and education for street children in Columbia, and tries to draw them away from lives of drug trafficking and prostitution.

Children's Liturgy. Parents have occasionally asked about the possibility of us beginning some form of children's liturgy again on Sunday. On a couple of occasions, we have had an appeal for help, but there hasn't been enough volunteers. It will be different than before in that it will be aimed at children up to the first communion year only and may take place in the side chapel rather than the Conference Room. This would mean that parents wouldn't need to miss the first part of Mass as happened before. There will also need to be the usual safeguarding checks. Is anybody willing to help? **Please speak to Fr Philip, Fr John, or contact the Parish office by Sunday 29th January.**

Thank you to everybody who came to our Parish Christmas party at the Irish Centre. The list of raffle prize winners is on the next page, if you have won a prize, please could you collect it from the Parish office this week. Also, there was a pair of glasses, a scarf, a glass, glass dish, two pairing knives, and a blue plate were left behind. Please could you collect these from the Parish office this week if they are yours.

St Dunstan's Church Open 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 evening Mass.

We pray for those who have died recently: Mary Hill (known as Bernie), Elizabeth and Stuart Hughes, Patricia Fahey (*Funeral Service at St Dunstan's on 17th January at 11am*), Mary Kerr (*Requiem Mass on Tuesday 31st January 11am*), Margaret Hayde, and Patrick Lyden.

The Next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Thursday 2nd February 2023 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 and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges.

Youth Club: For young people in year 4 to year 8 will be meeting this Friday from 6.30pm – 8pm in the Conference Room. Join us and meet other people sharing faith, fun and games. Everybody is welcome.

Maypole Methodist Church, 3 Sladepool Farm Rd. B14 5DJ, is open for community coffee on the Friday 13th January 10.30am to 12 noon. All ages are welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW

No.	PRIZE	TICKET NUMBER	NAME
1.	£500	5538	Theobista Samuel
2.	£250	2263	Teresa Charity
3.	£100	3004	Stephen Adams
4.	Hamper from Amblers	6974	Rajvinda Kaur
5.	Kenwood Mixer	7828	Teresa O'Connor
6.	Sunday Carvery for 4 from Kings Heath Cricket Club	8420	S. Higginbottom
7.	Free Range Chicken	6788	Noreen Ahern
8.	Becketts Farm £20	6116	Harry Parker
9.	Shellac Nails	8822	Helen Preece
10.	Tea Pot and Cup	6241	Marcella Walsh
11.	Make Up Set	7954	Keely Donohoe
12.	Jigsaw Puzzle	9568	Wayne
13.	Cadbury Collection	9058	Marie Dean
14.	Tin of Celebrations	2335	Mrs I Douglas
15.	Tin of Danish Biscuits	9719	Robert Aldridge
16.	Bottle of Aperol	1368	R. Stokes
17.	Bottle of Prosecco	7510	Morag and Astorre
18.	Bottle of Prosecco	8131	Mekde Lavit
19.	Bottle of Crémant	8564	Danuta Scott
20.	Gin Liqueur		Nikki Stewart
21.	Gin Liqueur	8462	Birmingham Children's Hospital
22.	Bottle of wine	6337	Pete Nolan
23.	Bottle of wine	6414	Luke Holleran
24.	Bottle of wine	6335	Jim Walsh
25.	Bottle of wine	8781	S McCarthy
26.	Bottle of wine	0780	Michelle Proust
27.	Box of Black Magic Chocolates	8618	Margaret McAssey

MASS TODAY

HYMNS AT SOLEMN MASS

Entrance: 172
Offertory: 880
Communion: 810
Recessional: 171

MASS SETTING

Sanctus: 506
Angus Dei: 509

COLLECT

O God, whose Only Begotten Son has appeared in our very flesh, grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed through him whom we recognise as outwardly like ourselves.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (42:1-4, 6-7)

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 28)

R: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord your sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.. **R.**

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-38)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (3:13-17)

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 479.00	£ 56.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 598.90	£ 153.90