

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Sat 2 nd	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Kathleen Byrne Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by First Saturday Devotions</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Oliver Nugent (RIP)
Sun 3 rd	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Martin Brown (RIP Anni.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Teresa Reddington and family
		12noon	Holy Mass	Thomas and Margaret McCarthy
		2.00pm	<i>Living Stations of the Cross</i>	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Willie Keogh
Mon 4 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Larkin, McLoughlin and Rogers families
		5.00pm	<i>Vigil and Reception</i>	Mary Ryan (RIP)
Tues 5 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Sheila Litterick (Ints.)
		10.00am	Funeral Service	Mary Ryan (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Des Ponsonby
Wed 6 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Deceased of O'Sullivan family
Thurs 7 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	6.45am	Holy Mass	Billy Daniels (Ints.)
		9.30am (<i>St Alban's</i>)	Holy Mass	Carmel King
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Jimmy and Jamsey McNamara (RIP)
Fri 8 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30pm	Holy Mass	Joe Noone (RIP Anni.)
		10.00am – 7.00pm 3.30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Children's Adoration</i>	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Johnney Rush (RIP)
Sat 9 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Helen Kelly Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Bernadette Ivers (RIP)
Sun 10 th	PALM SUNDAY	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Martin Kelly
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Edward Lawlor (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Margaret Teresa James (RIP)
		5.30pm	<i>Solemn Vespers</i>	<i>and Benediction</i>
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Eugene McGlynn (RIP)

This Fifth Sunday of Lent is also known as Passion Sunday, marking the beginning of Passiontide. The final two weeks of Lent are used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of Easter. It is a period of time to focus on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany him on his way to Calvary. During this time the Church's liturgy becomes more sombre and a sorrowful mood is reflected in the various practices that occur in the liturgy. The most obvious example of a more sombre mood is the veiling of statues and images. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

Living out the Stations of the Cross Youth Performance this Sunday at 2pm in St Dunstan's Church. A fantastic group of young people from our local Catholic schools have given up the last few Fridays to rehearse a powerful way of living out the Stations of the Cross. Please come along and prepare for Holy Week while supporting our youth performance. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Conference Room.

Solemn Vespers and Benediction: On Palm Sunday, next week, there will be a celebration of solemn Vespers and Benediction at 5:30 pm. This will be a wonderful way to begin our path through Holy Week with the Lord.

For parents at Mass who are trying to cope with a crying baby and feel the need to 'dive out' for a moment, please feel very welcome, if you wish, to use the side chapel in St Dunstan's. There are speakers in the chapel, so you won't miss any of the Mass!

Church opening. Since the advent of the pandemic St Dunstan's church has been closed outside of Mass times. The church will open at 9am as usual (and now including Tuesday and Thursdays) and will remain open until 12.30pm for those who wish to come and say a prayer before the Blessed Sacrament or light a candle. Hopefully the church will be used enough to prevent misuse! The toilets won't though be open during these mornings.

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new tax year have been available by the church entrance for a couple of weeks now. If you haven't collected yours, they will now be available from the Parish Office in the presbytery. You can also ask at the Office if you would like to Gift Aid and would like some giving envelopes or would like to set up a standing order.

Proud 2 Profess on the 9th April at Oscott College. It is a free event, and it will be a day of fun, faith and community. There will be a host of workshops, games and discussions ending with Mass. The event is for young people aged 12 upwards. If any young people are interested in attending, please contact Nikki Stewart nikz.stew@gmail.com to book your place and for further information.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham. There is the Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday May 14th. There will be coaches leaving locally. Please contact Fr Philip Griffin at Our Lady's, Stourbridge, on 01384395308 for information.

The SVP hopes to sponsor another series of "Funday and Lunch" at Manningford Hall, Druids Heath, for parents and children from struggling families over the Easter holidays. If you would like to help us fund this, please donate through the SVP box in the church wall, by using the contactless terminal in the porch or by bank transfer to *SS Dunstan & Jude SVP Sort code 60-60-04. Account 46082956.* If you would like to help out, please talk to Andy Gudge on 07855 824434.

Donations: if anyone has spare toys or books suitable for a 3-year-old and a baby of 8 months, could you please call Karen on 07816 686 849. They are much needed at a women's refuge.

We pray for those who have died recently: Ian Banbury, Ralph Pollett (Requiem Mass 12th April at 1pm), Terea Griffin, Sue Scott, Mary Ryan, and Bridie Cullen.

We prayer for those to be Baptised today: Ezekiel Davis at St Dunstan's.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is this Tuesday at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church. If you would like to come to this meeting, 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 Mass every Monday when we reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel and how it inspires and informs everyday life with its joys and challenges.

Easter singing group. The group will be meeting again on Tuesday evening after Mass at 7.30pm.

Little Lambs: A chance for a coffee and chat with other parents, grandparents and carers whilst the children play in a COVID safe environment. Come and join us in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday.

Foundation Governors at St Alban's Primary School. There are currently two vacancies for Foundation Governors which is a voluntary role at school. If you would like further information and an application pack, please email Mrs Birdi on r.birdi@stalbanrc.bham.sch.uk

Challoner Training School are working with schools in the Birmingham area to help new trainee Teachers into the rewarding teaching profession. There are Primary and Secondary School Direct places available. They are also offering School Experience Days to gain an insight into life in a school on Wednesday 27th April 2022. Please visit www.bctsa.org for more information, or email trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Free Workshop Run by Stage 2 Youth Theatre on Saturday 9th April at the Brandwood Centre on Allens Croft Road from 1-3pm and 3.30-5.30pm for young people aged from 7 to 21 years old. You can attend one session or both. For further information, please call 07951 122 932.

PREPARING FOR EASTER:

Stations of the Cross: St Dunstan's: Fridays 7.30pm
St Jude's: Tuesdays 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: St Dunstan's: Fridays 10am – 7pm. There will be a short period of Adoration for children straight after school at 3.30pm.

Lenten Soup Lunch: Fridays at 12.30pm in the Conference Room. Donations are for CAFOD, and Fairtrade goods will be available for purchase.

Early Morning Mass: St Dunstan's: Thursdays 6.45am followed by tea, coffee and toast in the Conference Room.

Easter Cards with Mass times for the Easter liturgies are now available in both churches. Also, during Holy Week, there are the following Masses:

Monday (11th April) 9.30am and 7.00pm at St Dunstan's.
Tuesday (12th April) 10.00am at St Jude's and 7.00pm at St Dunstan's
Wednesday (13th April) 9.30am and 7.00pm at St Dunstan's.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their
choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

The Parish Office is open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to 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 pre-arranged appointment.*

If you have an enquiry: please phone or email first to see if it can be sorted in this way.

Masses can be requested by dropping off an envelope at the presbytery or given to one of the priests. If you wish to request a particular date, then this is best done by coming to the office at the above times or by writing your telephone number on the envelope.

GUIDANCE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

There have been occasions where people have walked away with the sacred host without consuming it.

It is very important for the respect we ought to give to the most Holy Sacrament, that:

1. You remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before receiving communion so that you can receive.
2. If you do receive the Holy Eucharist in the hand, consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest.
3. It is also respectful to leave a reasonable space before the person in front of you. There's no rush, and we won't run out of the Blessed Sacrament.

COVID ARRANGEMENTS

1. Entry into Mass will remain through the one entrance, but after the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses at St Dunstan's, exit will be via both doors. At St Jude's, entry and exit will be through the main doors.
2. Both churches will have two 'zones.' The left-hand side as you come into church will be socially distanced, marked up as they have been previously. The right-hand side as you come into church will not be marked up and people will choose their own seats.
3. Use of hand sanitiser will be encouraged as we come into church, as still are the use of face coverings.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 470.60	£ 65.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 691.83	£129.97
Standing Orders for February	£1,439.00	£312.00

MASS TODAY

MUSIC AT SOLEMN MASS

Hymns: 237
840
844

Organ Voluntary: J.S. Bach, Fugue from Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 582

THE COLLECT

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (43:16-21)

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 125*

R: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (3:8-14)

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look

on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –
come back to me with all your heart,
for I am all tenderness and compassion.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (8:1-11)

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.