

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Sat 18 th	<i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Adonai</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Darcy, Stanley, Mannion and Feery families 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	Vigil Mass	Michael and James Cook (ints.)
Sun 19 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>O radix Jesse</i>	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 10.30am 12noon 6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Miguel Pomelo (RIP Anni.) Alfred Nicklin Timothy Lyons (RIP) Margaret and Patrick Crotty (RIP) and Ellen Connelly (nee Crotty)
Mon 20 th	<i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O clavis David</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Holy Mass Requiem Mass	Des O'Leary (RIP) Geraldine McGee (RIP)
Tues 21 st	<i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Oriens</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 7.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Hilda and Edward Walsh (RIP) Pat Shortt (RIP)
Wed 22 nd	<i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Rex gentium</i>	9.30am <i>6.00pm</i>	Holy Mass <i>Vigil and reception</i>	Annie and Ned Sheridan (RIP) Kathleen Withers (RIP)
Thurs 23 rd	<i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Emmanuel</i>	6.45am 10.30am 7.00pm	Rorate Caeli Requiem Mass Holy Mass	Hall Green School Kathleen Withers (RIP) Tom Flaherty (RIP)
Fri 24 th	Christmas Eve	5.00pm 6.00pm (<i>St Jude's</i>) 7.00pm Midnight	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Tony Hayde (RIP), Hayde and Purcell families Alice Rattray Byrnes family Edward Lawlor (RIP)
Sat 25 th	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.00am 10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Farrell family Mark Woodcock (RIP) Larkin, McLoughlin and Rogers families

Sun 26 th	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	9.15am (St Jude's) 10.30am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass <u>No Evening Mass</u>	Deceased of Brosnan and Slattery families Dorothy Moloney (RIP) Mary Masterson (RIP)
Mon 27 th	Feast of St John the Apostle	11.00am	Holy Mass	Edward Lawlor (RIP)
Tues 28 th	Feast of the Holy Innocents	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary and Paul Collins (RIP)
Wed 29 th	Feast of St Thomas Beckett	11.00am	Holy Mass	Colette Hickey (RIP)
Thurs 30 th	<i>Sixth Day on the Octave of Christmas</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Rose Bradley (RIP)
Fri 31 st	<i>Seventh Day on the Octave of Christmas</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Margaret McNamara and family
Sat 1 st	SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD	11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kevin and Baby Victoria Scott (RIP) Mrs Sheridan (RIP)
Sun 2 nd	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	9.15am (St Jude's) 10.30am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass <u>No Evening Mass</u>	Joe Regan (RIP) Brian McDaid (RIP Anni.) Louise Doherty (RIP Anni.)



**Fr Philip, Fr John, Deacon,
David and Dawn
wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas.**

Please note – as there will be one priest in residence over the Christmas and New Year Bank Holiday weekends - **there will be no Sunday evening Masses at 6.30pm on Sunday 26th December and Sunday 2nd January.** Sunday evening Mass will resume on Sunday 9th January. Office staff will also be on their Christmas break between Christmas and New Year. If you need to contact a priest in an emergency, please call the number on the front page of this bulletin.

Christmas Masses: There is a ticket system in place for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day again this year. This is to ensure that we gather together safely for Christmas with congregations spread equally as possible over the 7 Christmas Masses.

Free tickets will be available before and after all Masses **this weekend.** There are tickets left for:

- **Midnight Mass at St Dunstan's**
- **9am and 11am Mass Christmas Day at Dunstan's.**
- **10am Christmas Day at St Jude's.**

Stewards will be in the new entrance at St Dunstan's and in the porch area at St Jude's where you can collect tickets. **Please collect tickets this weekend!**

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

-There will be a different ticket for each of the Masses, so a Midnight Mass ticket will not get you into Christmas day at 11am. Obvious we know – but worth saying!

- You will only be able to get tickets for Masses at St Dunstan's from St Dunstan's and tickets for St Jude's from St Jude's.

- Please understand that it might not always be possible to attend the Mass at your preferred time.

-You can collect tickets for those who will be sat with you in church at Mass, but not for other people/groups. They will need to come themselves.

- You will need to be seated in church 20 minutes before Mass begins. Any surplus places can then be made available. If you come late, then your seats may well have been taken!

- If you have taken tickets for a Mass and then can't go, please return to the presbytery so that they can be redistributed to those without.

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

These procedures are even more necessary with the increase of infection rates at the moment. The evidence regarding the vaccine and the prevention of serious illness is now very clear. Do think seriously about getting the vaccine or booster if you are eligible, both for your good and that of your family and neighbours.

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

As the Covid virus is still circulating in our community the diocese is recommending continuing with **social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church.

Please consider other people and leave some space from the person next to you. Please also only sit on the pews with the green ticks on.

Receiving Holy Communion. There have been increasing occasions where people have walked away with the sacred host without consuming it. So:

1. **It is very important for the respect we ought to give to the most Holy Sacrament, that if you do receive the holy eucharist in the hand, consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest. Please also remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before so that you can receive.**
2. **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**

Christmas Offering envelopes are available at the back of our churches. This is the bi-annual offering (along with Easter) which forms the main source of income for the priests of the parish.

Christmas Together King's Heath. Are you on your own for Christmas? If so, there is a warm welcome to join others for Christmas Dinner at New Life Baptist Church, King's Heath (opposite Asda). If you aren't able to get there, a Christmas dinner could be delivered. A contribution of £5 is requested to help with costs. To book a place, please ring 0788 255 5146 or email christmastgetherkh@gmail.com

Can anyone spare a couple of hours on Christmas Eve to help prepare vegetables for this Christmas Dinner at the New Life Baptist Church? If so, please contact Nuala on 689 2917.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you, or someone you know, is sick or can't leave the house and would like Holy Communion, would you let one of the priests know, or email or call the presbytery.

We pray for those who have died recently: Bridie Heffernan, Daniel Kelleher, Kathleen Withers, Anne Courbet, Geraldine McGee, Eugene McGlynn, and John Lyden.

We pray for those being Baptised today: Jude and Iris Hinde at St Dunstan's.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 1st February after evening Mass 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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

FIRST READING

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
Shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine that your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: *You did not want* what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and *you took no pleasure* in them; and then he says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

COMMUNION HYMN

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail" said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady," Gloria!
2. "For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Emanuel, by seers foretold;
Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria
4. Of her, Emanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever
say:
"Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

The organ voluntary after Mass today is: J.S. Bach, Wachtet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£560.50	£ 85.20
Non-Gift Aid	£862.57	£100.85
Church Christmas Flowers	£NA	£ 52.56

There will be a second collection this weekend for **the Jubilee Fund at St Dunstan's and the Fabric Fund at St Jude's.**

Standing Orders are a great way to make regular donations. If you would like a standing order form for either church, please contact the Parish office.

