

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Philip Harrop
Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr. John Waters
Deacon: Rev. Mr. David Fairbotham
Pastoral Assistant: Sr Catherine Burke

Telephone: 0121 444 1386
Email: stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk
Facebook: St Dunstan and St Jude's
Parish Twitter: stdunstanandstjude

Sunday 19th September 2021

www.stdunstanandstjude.co.uk

Sat 18 th	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Sue Blake Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Conway family (Ints.)
Sun 19 th	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Frank Traynor (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Patrick Jordan (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Margaret McCarthy (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Andy Keenan (RIP)
Mon 20 th	<i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Cong Ha-Sang and Companions</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Margaret Holmes (RIP Anni.)
Tues 21 st	Feast of St Matthew	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Deceased members of Craney family
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Judith Allan
Wed 22 nd	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Griffin family (RIP)
Thurs 23 rd	<i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Anne Harkin, Patricia Machin and Padre Pio
Fri 24 th	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Peggy Montgomery (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Marie Mullins (Ints.)
Sat 25 th	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Dermott McBride (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Pat Hardiman (RIP)
Sun 26 th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Jack and Patsy Gaynor (RIP Anni.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Thomas, Helen and Harold Byrne (RIP Anni.)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Sean O'Donnell
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Margaret and Patrick Crotty (RIP) and Ellen Connolly, nee Crotty

Today we welcome Fr Royston Price from the Redemptorists at Erdington Abbey who will be saying the 5.30pm, 10.30am and 12 noon Masses to speak about vocations in the Church today.

Two events coming soon.....

Thursday 14th October at 7pm will be the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop David Evans will visit the Parish on that evening and confirm those children who were in year 6 last year and now moved on to various High Schools. This is the delayed celebration from last February which was cancelled due to the restrictions put in place due to the pandemic. Would candidates please ensure that your previous school knows that you are going to be a candidate so that they can have a list for numbers.

Saturday 6th November at 11am. The Archbishop will be visiting St Dunstan's to consecrate the new altar at the celebration of Mass. This should have been done some eighteen months ago of course were it not for the pandemic. More details of this important event in the life of our Parish will follow.

Sycamore. In October we shall begin running a "Sycamore" course. This is an ideal course for those who are curious about our faith or who have perhaps not had much chance to learn about our faith. The course consists of a series of short videos, presented by Fr Stephen Wang, Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome. Each video explores a topic like "Does God exist?" or "Who is Jesus." There are opportunities for gentle discussions during the videos.

The course will begin on Thursday October 7th, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass, and will run for 10 weeks. Sign-up sheets will be available in church and at our primary schools in the weeks approaching the 7th.

The Parish SVP have been busy throughout the pandemic helping individuals and families in need. There is some information from the SVP on the parish website and Facebook. If parishioners want to help them financially or otherwise there is plenty of information there. Also, there are the SVP wall boxes in church if anyone wishes to make contributions. Anything you can afford is gratefully accepted.

Care Homes in the Parish. For those looking for an opportunity for some work, a number of our care homes are pretty desperate for carers. If you have the gifts of patience, dedication and compassion then it might be something you might want to consider.

Prayer Group in the Conference Room every Sunday at 7.30pm. *"When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you seek me with all your heart and soul, I will make myself available to you," says the Lord* (Jeremiah 29:12-14). 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 words

and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges. Everybody welcome.

Legion of Mary meet on Wednesday at 11am in the Conference Room.

Little Lambs: Do you have pre-school aged children and free on a Friday morning come and join us at 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 from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday. All welcome it would be great to hear from anyone able to spare an hour on a rota basis to help support the group. For further information contact Nikki Stewart nikz.stew@gmail.com

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

During this time of pandemic, the diocese is asking us to **continue to keep social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church. A number of people are still fearful of larger gatherings, and so we try to ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable during the celebration of Mass.

When coming to Holy Communion would you ensure that your face covering is removed so that you can receive the sacred host reverently before replacing your face covering. Please do not move away with the host still in your hands but consume immediately before moving on. When receiving on either the hand or tongue please be as still as possible as it is important that the priest doesn't make contact with either hand or tongue when giving holy communion.

There are no longer restrictions on capacity for weddings, funerals or baptisms as long as social distancing remains. Please note that for baptisms, only one child is permitted to be baptised at any one time unless they are siblings, **and the rules concerning face coverings, hand sanitisation and social distancing still apply.**

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. Restrictions around us, due to the effectiveness of the vaccination programme are being gently lifted. There are a number of Parishioners receiving the Blessed Sacrament at home again. If you, or someone you know, would now like to resume this, let one of the priests know, or email the presbytery.

Stewarding: Would you be interested in joining the rota at either at St Dunstan's or St Jude's? As well as keeping church clean and welcoming people into church, it is a good opportunity to get to know other parishioners. A couple of stewards are no longer able to help because of work commitments so it would be helpful to have a few extra volunteers. Please contact the Parish office **this week** if you are able to help

We pray for those who have died recently: Maria Hodgetts, Helena Gallagher, John Merry, Bridget Grimes, and Steven Rawley.

The next **Baptism Preparation Meeting** is on Tuesday 5th October after evening Mass at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£542.60	£ 30.00
Non-Gift Aid	£608.62	£117.06

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.

The Parish Office will be 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.

For those wishing to book Mass intentions: please bring a sealed envelope clearly labelled with the intention details (person's name, required date etc) and include the offering inside. This can then be handed in at the office and if requested a Mass card be signed and given. You do not need an appointment for this.

Please note that cards are now £1 each.

Sanctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us
 Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a
 tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit
 in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
 Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
 Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
 wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
 O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
 deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
 so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me, from the foe malign,
 in death's dread moments make me only thine;
 call me and bid me come to thee on high
 where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

The Voluntary playing after Holy Communion is:
 Louis Vierne, Berceuse from 24 Pièces en style
 libre, op.31 no.19

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.