

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

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| Sat 31 st | <i>Seventh Day in the Octave</i> | 11.00am | Holy Mass | Carew and O'Leary families 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 | Annie Hayden (RIP) |
| Sun 1 st Jan | SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD | 9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Nancy Gilligan (RIP) |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Mass | Peggy Lawlor (90 th Birthday) |
| | | 12noon | Holy Mass | Annie Hayden (RIP) |
| | | | <u>No Evening Mass</u> | |
| Mon 2 nd | <i>St Basil the Great</i> | | <u>No Mass Today</u> | |
| Tues 3 rd | <i>Christmas Feria</i> | 10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Hilda and Sophina |
| | | | <u>No Evening Mass</u> | |
| Wed 4 th | <i>Christmas Feria</i> | 9.30am | Holy Mass | Brian McDaid (RIP Anni.) |
| Thurs 5 th | <i>Christmas Feria</i> | 9.30am (<i>St Alban's</i>) | Holy Mass | Laurence Conaghy (RIP) |
| | | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Conway family (Ints.) |
| Fri 6 th | SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | 9.30am | Holy Mass | So Family (Thanksgiving) |
| | | 11.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) | Holy Mass | Michael Field (Ints.) |
| | | | <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Dunstan's after Mass until the evening Mass</i> | |
| | | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Laurence Conkey (RIP) |
| Sat 7 th | <i>Christmas Feria</i> | 11.00am | Holy Mass | Nora Tighe (RIP Anni.) 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 | 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.) |
| | | 2.00pm | <i>Children's Nativity in</i> | <i>St Dunstan's Church</i> |
| | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass | Charlie Leydon |
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EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

It has been one of the old traditions of the Church to bless chalk at the Masses of the Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk to invoke a prayer of blessing on your home for the New Year that has just begun.

You use the blessed chalk to write above the doorway to your home **20+C+M+B+23** in the order below. As you do so another says the prayer of blessing:

The three wise men

(C) Caspar,

(M) Melchior, and

(B) Balthasar, followed the Star to God's Son who became man

(20) Two Thousand and

(23) Twenty-Three years ago.

+May Christ

+bless our home

+and remain with us throughout the new year.

+ Amen.

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. Bless this household with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your commandments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be.

A Very Happy New Year to you all! On a positive note, 2022 saw the end of all the Covid restrictions and life returning to what passes as normality. Sadly, we also said goodbye to one of the two constant presences in our lives as Catholics in Britain, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She would be the first to remind us that the most important constant force in our lives is our faith in Jesus Christ who is with us always, even until the end of time. As we look ahead to 2023 with its inevitable challenges and joys, we remind ourselves of that great reality that Jesus Christ really is with us always through bad times and good.

Please note the changes in Mass times this coming week.

Chalk will be blessed at Mass for on The Epiphany for the blessing of your homes for the New Year. The prayers for this are above.

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 – the altar servers and our musicians. The church looks beautiful for this Christmastide, so thanks to our dedicated cleaners and polishers, our artistic flower arrangers, 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.

St Dunstan's Church Open opening this week: On Monday, church will be closed all day. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, church will be open from 8.30am – 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: Patrick Lyden, Mary Hill (known as Bernie), Kathleen Coady, Elizabeth and Stuart Hughes (*Funeral Service, 13th January, 11.45am*).

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.

Thank you to everybody who came to our Parish Christmas party at the Irish Centre a week last Friday. A wonderful time was had by all! The list of raffle prize winners is on the back page.

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. Do have a think if whether this is something you would like to be part of. It will be different than before in that it will be aimed at children up to the first communion year only, and maybe 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. After Christmas we'll ask if there is anyone who is willing to help, and we'll see where we go from there.

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 SETTING

Sanctus: 506
Angus Dei: 509

COLLECT

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of the Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

A reading from the book of Numbers (6:22-27)

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace." This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 66)

R: O God, be gracious and bless us.

God be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians
(4:4-7)

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
(2:16-21)

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring the, to fulfilment, grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its completion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord: grant, we pray, that it may lead us to eternal life, for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.