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The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude



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Sunday 10th December - Second Sunday in Advent

Sat 9 th	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Sarah Conway (RIP)	
		11.30am-12.30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by First Saturday Devotions</i>		
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm Confessions at St Dunstan's 3.30pm Confessions at St Jude's			
		4.00pm (St Jude's)	Vigil Mass	Dulcie Robinson (RIP)	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Hughie McCarron (RIP)	
Sun 10 th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Michael Dunleavy (RIP)	
		10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy	Mary Kenny (RIP)	
		12noon	Holy Mass	Noreen Shovlin (RIP)	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Bernie Jinks (RIP)	
Mon 11 th	<i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass followed by the Rosary	Margaret Mary Allan (RIP Birthday)	
Tues 12 th	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9.30am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Mary Donnolly (RIP)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Tom Brosnan (RIP 5 th Anni.)	
Wed 13 th	<i>St Lucy</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Patricia Higgins	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Pat and Nora Ryan	
Thurs 14 th	<i>St John of the Cross</i>	6.45am	Rorate Caeli Mass	Michael Duffy (RIP)	
		9.30am (St Alban's)	Holy Mass	Noreen Winhall (Ints.)	
Fri 15 th	<i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass	Holy Mass	Rose McGlynn	
		6.15pm – 6.45pm	<i>Confessions</i>		
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Mother Mary's Intentions	

Mass Intentions for next weekend: St Dunstan's: Saturday 11.00am, Una Duffy (RIP), 5.30pm Willy Hanratty (RIP), Sunday 10.30am Patrick Cooney, 12 noon Al and Maura Coughlan and Eileen Dixon (RIP), 6.30pm Tom Flaherty (RIP). **St Jude's:** Saturday 4pm People of the Parish, Sunday 9.15am George Dunleavy (RIP).

CHRISTMAS

Penitential Service

Tuesday 19th December 7.00pm at St Dunstan's

Confessions

St Dunstan's

Saturdays: 11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm - 5.15pm

Christmas Eve: 2.00pm -2.30pm

St Jude's

Saturdays: 3.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm: St Dunstan's First Mass of Christmas with Nativity (*Family Mass*)

7.00pm: St Jude's Vigil Mass of Christmas

Midnight: St Dunstan's Solemn First Mass of Christmas Night with Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am: St Dunstan's Christmas Mass with Carols (*English*)

10.00am: St Jude's Christmas Mass with Carols

11.00am: St Dunstan's Christmas Mass with Carols (*English with Latin*)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 15th December from 7pm at the
E57 Social Club, 699 Alcester Road South, B14 5EY



Come and join us for a fun evening!

Ceili dancing with Pat O'Kane

Bring and Share food

Tickets are £5 each.

Don't forget to get your tickets this weekend!

CHRISTMAS GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Tickets for our Christmas Grand Prize draw are available this weekend and must be returned by Friday!

The winning tickets will be drawn at the Christmas bingo on Sunday 17th December in the Social Centre. Doors will open at 7pm.

Welcome to Mass! Next Sunday we have the family Mass at St Dunstan's at 10.30am and St Jude's at 9.15am. There will be the **Blessing of the Bambinelli.** This is an old tradition revived by Pope St John Paul where the children of the city of Rome were encouraged to bring the baby Jesus from their home nativity sets to the Pope to be blessed on Gaudete Sunday – the 3rd Sunday of Advent. We don't need to go as far as Rome, for they will be blessed here! Many of you will have nativity sets at home, so you are very welcome to bring the infant Jesus from your crib set along to this Mass to be blessed. This simple Advent practice is a way in which we can connect their nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas in their church. The prayer of blessing that we will use was composed by Pope Benedict, and it will say: *'We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus, who is about to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes.'*

The SVP is grateful for the collection last week towards their charitable work as we approach Christmas. The collection raised £2,152.85. If anyone missed the opportunity to give and would wish to, please put your offering in an envelope marked SVP, and the contactless payment machine still has an SVP option.

Live Streaming at St Dunstan's: We now have a camera installed in church for live streaming. This is still work in progress while the engineers sort the sound cable out, but you can see the live stream on our YouTube channel. Put @stdunstansstjudes9955 into your internet search bar.

Jam is Back: Ewa Van Lierop's delicious jams, marmalades and chutneys will be on sale at St Dunstan's after the 10:30am and 12 noon Masses today.

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes: Michael Martin.

If you, or somebody you know, are sick and would like the name to go in our weekly bulletin so parishioners can pray for them, please contact the Parish office between 10am and 12.30pm, Monday to Friday.

We pray for those who have died recently: Teresa Farrelly, Freda Conboy, Keith Davies, Kevin Lenehan and Sybil Fraser (*Requiem Mass at 10am on Tuesday 19th December at St Dunstan's Church*) and Helen Ellard (*Requiem Mass at 11am on Friday 29th December at St Dunstan's Church*).

We welcome into the family of our Parishes Jaxson, Harper Lilly-Rose and Nevaeh who were baptised at St Jude's and Cavan McKeown and Brock Windon who were Baptised at St Dunstan's last weekend.

Baptisms: Parents who wish to have their children baptised should leave their name and telephone number at the Parish office and Fr John will get in touch.

Legion of Mary meet on Saturday mornings at St Dunstan's in the Conference Room at 9.15am and Monday evenings at St Jude's in church at 6pm. Everybody is welcome to come along!

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.

On **Tuesday evenings** during Advent, Deacon Martin will be delivering sessions introducing St Mark's Gospel in the **Conference Room at 7.45pm (after Mass)**.

Living and Praying the Divine Will in the Conference Room on Wednesday at 12 pm.

Bishop Challoner Big Jubilee Tea Party: Wednesday from 11.00am to 3.30pm. Join them for Christmas lunch, music, Christmas raffle, bingo and games!

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

Urgent: Youth Group Leaders need more people to help with the running of Youth Group **from January**. If you are interested, please email the Parish Office.

The Journey in Faith Talks will start again after Christmas in St Dunstan's Conference Room, from Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at 7.45pm, and St Jude's School, from Tuesday 16th January 2024, at 8.45am.

HCPT Group 712 is our local youth service group which supports the disabled and disadvantaged children's groups with the HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes. The group will travel to France on Easter Sunday 31st March, returning on Saturday 6th April. Young people aged 16 and above who would be interested in joining the group for Easter 2024 should email Deacon Tim: group712@hcpt.org.uk.

Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – the Patron Saint of the Unborn Child - will be held at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday, 12th December 2023 at 12.15pm. Archbishop Bernard will officiate at this service.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid:	£. 509.50	£183.00
Non-Gift Aid:	£. 653.94	£127.86
SVP:	£1,786.61	£366.24
Contactless:	£. 125.00	-
QR Code:	£ -	£ 7.00



You can donate to the Church (with or without Gift Aid) using this QR Code. Do this by scanning this code with the camera of your phone.

*The second collection **this weekend** is for **Poor Parishes Fund** and **next weekend** for the **Fabric Fund***

ST DUNSTAN'S CAR PARK

We would like to bring to your attention that the parking management regime at St Dunstan's Church car park has been reviewed and will shortly be upgraded to an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) Pay on Entry solution managed by Euro Parking Services. **This will be in place from 00.01am this Friday.**

The church is currently experiencing many parking issues such as non-payment, parking on pavements and in front of priest's garages, overstays, confrontational motorists, lack of space and availability due to the sheer volume of cars that frequently use the parking facilities, and, most recently, theft of car park money.

We have instructed EPS to manage the parking facilities with a technology-based solution that will help reduce the aforementioned issues. The ANPR camera will capture vehicles entering and leaving the car park, whilst recording the duration of stay, calculating whether the correct payment has been made and identifying if a valid staff permit is in place.

Two payment machines will be installed to the system and **will accept all card payments, Apple and Google Pay but not cash.**

EPS will also provide warden patrols to ensure that no vehicles are blocking access routes, parking on pavements, disabled bays, and staff parking bays at the church. Car Park Attendants will assist members of the public with the new system to begin with. **There will be a tablet in church, similar to those you see in pubs, where for Mass, you will be able to enter your full vehicle registration and be allowed to park for free while attending Mass up to a maximum period of 2 ½ hours.** For example, if you arrive at 9am to go to Monday morning Mass, you will have free parking up to 11.30am (the camera will log the time you enter the car park and you **must** enter your registration plate into the tablet).

Parking for Sunday morning Masses will be free without the need to enter your registration number into the tablet. We will have the facility to exempt cars from parking charges if attending some Parish events.

Taxis or families dropping off or picking up will have a 10-minute grace period where they are allowed to park appropriately, for free, only whilst dropping off/picking up to and from church. If they park for longer, they will be expected to pay for the convenience.

Any vehicle that parks for longer than 10 minutes, without a valid permit or paid for parking session will be subject to a PCN (Parking Charge Notification). The PCN is £100 reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days and will also carry a right to appeal if the motorists feels as though they have been issued the PCN incorrectly, has had an emergency or broken down.

MASS TODAY

HYMNS

Processional:	92
Offertory:	100
Post-Communion:	87
Recessional:	94

MASS SETTING

SANCTUS	499
AGNUS DEI	500

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (40:1-5,9-11).

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 84(85):9-14)

R: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R:**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R:**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R:**

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

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (1:1-8).

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude's operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Annette McGrath. They can be contacted at: sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.