

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 13 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Fr David Barry (Golden Jubilee) and Pro Populo
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Phillip Green (RIP)
Sun 14 th	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Claire Grady Lennon
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mary O'Connor (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	The Whiston family
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Ena Cole (RIP)
Mon 15 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Private Intention
Tues 16 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Teddy Byrne (Anni.)
		10.30am	Requiem Mass	Anita Rose Ronka (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Gerald O'Neill (RIP)
Wed 17 th	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	John Hamill
		12 noon (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Catherine Clarke (Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (Ints.)
Thurs 18 th	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10.30am	Requiem Mass	Margaret Ann Kelly (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Dan Kellehec
Fri 19 th	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Moira O'Neill
		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the evening Mass		
		7.00pm	Latin Mass (EF form)	Debbie McAndrew (RIP)
Sat 20 th	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Imelda Green Mullins (Anni.) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	Confessions Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Douglas Tallon (RIP)
Sun 21 st	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Jennifer Casey (Ints.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Stephen Potter (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Patricia Byrne (RIP Anni.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Eileen Kilkenny

WELCOME TO MASS. Please take note of the guidance below to ensure that we make each other as safe as possible. We remember in our prayers those who are not with us due illness or because they are isolating. They are very much part of the prayers and the sacrifice we offer today.

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday.

The Holy See has issued guidance for the giving and receiving of ashes on this day. Usually our custom is to receive ashes in the sign of the cross on the forehead. Due to the possibility of infection at the moment we have been asked to adopt the custom of the Roman Church for this year – this is where ashes are sprinkled on the penitents head rather than the sign of the cross being marked. The usual formula - 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return' (a particularly poignant statement in the light of what we are living through) - will be said by the priest before the ashing begins, and the sprinkling will be done in silence.

As usual the 'Walk with Me' books are available for you to take. There will be opportunities for Stations of the Cross as well as daily Mass in the Parish. Stations of the Cross will follow the 10am Mass at St Jude's, and at 7pm on Wednesdays at St Dunstan's. We will again have the Early Bird Masses beginning on Thursday 25th of February at 6.45am – though sadly without a communal breakfast this year due to ongoing restrictions.

Lent is traditionally the season of renewal and repentance. During these days we are called to devote ourselves in a special way to prayer, self-denial and works of charity.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. This means just one simple meal and two snacks, with abstinence from meat. From next Saturday's confessions the time for making that part of our Easter duties begins.

This Friday at 7pm is the monthly Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form. As the present ruling of Holy Communion given in the hand is not permitted in this form of the Roman Rite, Holy Communion will be offered after Mass has finished.

Last year our communal celebration of this holy season was interrupted by the lockdown, so let us pray that we will together be able to walk the pathway of Lent into the glory and hope of Easter.

A reminder of the guidelines for the celebration of Mass during this time of pandemic.

- Please use hand sanitizer when arriving and leaving.
- Wear face coverings in church unless age (younger children) or medical conditions preclude this.

- Keep social distance at all times – especially being mindful when moving about for Holy Communion or leaving church.
- Please follow the oneway system around church.
- If you will not be receiving holy communion or coming forward for a blessing mention this to a steward and they will find you a seat where you won't block others in.
- Do not leave newsletters you have used in church, but always take them home with you.
- Remove face covering immediately before receiving Holy Communion in the hand, and replace after receiving the Sacred Host.
- Do not gather in groups outside church with those outside your 'bubble' for conversation without keeping a good distance.

Some of these – especially the way of receiving Holy Communion and wearing face coverings – a few have found onerous. Nevertheless it is a price worth paying for the continuation of public worship.

The Annual Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life for St Dunstan's is this Friday.

On this day, everyone is encouraged to come along and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, praying for an increase in vocations. remembering the words of the Lord: *The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back (Luke 6:38) and Ask and you will receive, seek and you shall find (Matthew 7:7).* Therefore, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the main altar following on from the morning Mass, continuing until the Mass at 7pm.

Vocation is 'a call' felt inside us, but it comes from beyond ourselves – from God himself. For vocation comes from a pondering heart which asks not 'what do I want to do with my life?' – but 'what does God want me to do with my life – this life he has gifted me?'

The Religious or Consecrated Life is the praying heart of the Church, and the Priesthood is at the heart of the Church's life and sacraments. Let us pray that the voice of the Lord - who has never stopped calling - will be heard in the hearts of the young, and that he will bless and strengthen those who are pondering what the Lord is asking of them.

Works of charity - Helping Others During Lent with the SVP.

As well as giving up something we enjoy for Lent, we are also called to do something for those in need. The SVP continues to provide food for struggling families - particularly via the "bank" at St. Jude's School. It would be wonderful if you could help us supplement this by providing some hygiene and sanitary items (e.g. shower gel, shampoo, soap, and women's sanitary products) and drop them off in the Church entrance (box under the stairs) before weekend Masses.

Another way to help would be to keep a large cardboard box in your household and, each day during Lent, adding an item for the "foodbank; suggested goods – cereals, tea, coffee, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, hygiene products. The boxes could be brought to Church during the last week of Lent or, if need be, we can collect them.

As ever, our heartfelt thanks for your past generosity, and for recognising that in the midst of this current storm, we are not "all in the same boat"; some of us are in superyachts, some in ferries and some in very leaky dinghies!

This lent CAFOD is focusing on people who have to walk miles for water. Could you do a sponsored Walk for Water as a personal challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, for 40 days? Find out more at cafod.org.uk/walk. Later in the summer we hope to have a Parish *BIG Walk* for water to show solidarity with those have to walk miles for water.

Brian and Jackie Trewby are undertaking the CAFOD Lent walking challenge: to walk 400,000 steps before Easter. They are sharing the challenge with relatives in Canterbury and Newcastle to spread the load! As we can't walk together at this time, it seems a good way to share a family experience and to support CAFOD. If you would like to see how they are progressing and donate to CAFOD through our Justgiving page, please follow the link below: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/well-wishers2022>

We pray for those who have died recently: Michael Butler, Anita Ronca, Peter Bartram, Gladwyn Bantleman, Baby Casper, Canon Giles Goward, Father Patrick Joyce, Margaret Ann Kelly (Requiem 18th Feb), Fabien Wright (Funeral Service 22nd Feb), Aninha Cruz (Requiem 24th Feb), and Margaret Wilkins (Funeral Service 4th March).

Queen Elizabeth and Birmingham Women's Hospitals and St Mary's Hospice. Following Fr Charles' departure there is no fulltime chaplain at these places.

Therefore, with regard to the sacraments, if you know that you (or a family member or friend in the parish) will be going to hospital, it is important to have confession, the anointing of the sick and holy communion from one of the priests here before you/they go in to hospital as It will often not be available during your stay. Just have a word after Mass or ring or email the presbytery. This problem has been somewhat exasperated by the pandemic as no casual visits by family or clergy are permitted - and then only on very specific grounds – to try and reduce the danger of infection to patients. **There is a cover rota provided by priests around the area. This is for emergency use only when there is danger of death. Such visits are arranged from the hospital so that the priest on call will be allowed admission.**

LIVE SIMPLY PARISH PRAYER

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity.

Creator God, You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation.

God of peace and justice, You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free.

Amen.

The first Live Simply newsletter is now available on our Parish social media pages.

For reference - it's worth remembering that the sacraments should be received when a person is conscious and able to participate as much as possible. This is essential for holy communion - *and viaticum or 'last holy communion' (not anointing) is the sacrament of the dying* – along with confession.

Sadly a number of people think they need to wait to until it is often too late. So if we can remember – and teach others – that such things should be done, when circumstances permit, with plenty of time.

Government restrictions for funerals stipulate a maximum of 30 attending.

Confessions are at the normal advertised times. Social distancing means using the side chapel at St Dunstan's. **Please keep the time spent in the confessional to a minimum (5 minutes max) to both make it as safe as possible, and so that others have opportunity for the celebration of this sacrament.**

Church Cleaning will take place on Wednesday after Mass. If you can help you will be very welcome.

Please note that the toilets are presently closed due to COVID regulations, and the side chapel is out of bounds apart from for Confession.

Weekly offerings can be placed in the baskets in church during Mass, or posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Please place offerings in either the usual Gift Aid envelopes or a plain envelope marked 'St Dunstan' or 'St Jude'. Standing orders are also a great way of giving.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:40-45

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **R.**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 610.00	£ 117.30
Non-Gift Aid	£ 680.34	£ 60.70

The Parish Office will be open from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Wednesday and 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 re-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.