

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Third Sunday of Advent

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Sat 11 th	<i>Advent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Leonard Tolan (RIP) Pro Populo	
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45-5.15pm Confessions</i>			
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Al and Maura Coughlan and Eileen Dison	
Sun 12 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Tom Brosnan RIP (anni.)	
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Loughlin and May McManus	
		12noon	Holy Mass	Margaret and Thomas McCarthy	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Maria Cecilia Duggay and Catherine Sugrue (RIP)	
		<i>7.30pm</i>	<i>Reception and Vigil for</i>	Eugene McGlynn (RIP)	
Mon 13 th	<i>St Lucy</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Sister Ursula Doherty (RIP)	
		11.00am	Requiem Mass	Eugene McGlynn (RIP)	
Tues 14 th	<i>St John the Cross</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Deceased of Carney family	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls	
Wed 15 th	<i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (RIP)	
		11.30am	Requiem Mass	John Lyden (RIP)	
Thurs 16 th	<i>Advent Feria</i>	6.45am	Rorate Caeli Mass	Mary Horgan (RIP)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Marie Lohan (RIP)	
Fri 17 th	<i>Advent Feria O Sapientia</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Patrick Donnelly (RIP)	
		<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Confessions in</i>	<i>St Dunstan's Church</i>	
		7.00pm	Latin EF Mass	Vinlent Foley and Ethna O'Sullivan	
Sat 18 th	<i>Advent Feria O Adonai</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Darcy, Stanley, Mannion and Feery families Pro Populo	
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45-5.15pm Confessions</i>			
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Michael and James Cook (ints.)	
Sun 19 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT O Radix Jesse	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Miguel Pomelo (RIP Anni.)	
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Alfred Nicklin	
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Timothy Lyons (RIP)	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Margaret and Patrick Crotty RIP and Ellen Connelly (nee Crotty)	

Welcome to Mass on this third Sunday of Advent. There are Christmas cards available at the back of church with all the Christmas and New Year Mass times. For those of you with young children, although there isn't a children's liturgy through a lack of helpers you can find a 'Kids Bulletin' near the entrance of church with a few ideas for engaging children in the faith and in the Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm	St Dunstan's	Vigil Mass of Christmas
6.00pm	St Jude's	Vigil Mass of Christmas
7.00pm	St Dunstan's	Vigil Mass of Christmas
Midnight	St Dunstan's	Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am	St Dunstan's	Mass of the Dawn (said)
10.00am	St Jude's	Mass of the Day with Carols
11.00am	St Dunstan's	Mass with carols

Confessions During Advent. In readying ourselves for the final coming of the Lord, the Church encourages us to make our Confession during the Advent season. Do give some thought to going to Confession during Advent – especially if it has been some time since you last came. After all, Confession is a celebration of God's mercy. As well as the usual times on Saturdays a priest will be available for confession on Fridays from 6pm-7.30pm. This will be a good opportunity for those who find Saturdays difficult.

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 Masses: There will be a ticket system in place for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day again this year. It is not so much about restricting numbers, but with the current climate and the possibility of a winter spike, a ticket system will help us to spread people across the Masses. For those with babies and toddlers who want to sing God's praises at an awkward moment – don't hesitate to use the side chapel in St Dunstan's where you can still see and hear the Mass.

Free tickets will be available before and after all Masses this weekend. Two of our stewards will be in the new entrance at St Dunstan's and two stewards will be in the porch area at St Jude's where you can collect tickets. **Please collect tickets this weekend!** One person will be dealing with Christmas Eve, and another Christmas Day.

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.

-There will be an extra Mass at St Dunstan's on Christmas Eve. *Please understand that it might not always be possible to attend the Mass at your preferred time.*

-Initially, until we are sure of demand, there will be a limit of one Christmas Mass per person/family.

-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.

Choir for the Christmas Masses. For anyone who is interested in gathering together (as we did recently for the consecration of the altar) to lead the singing at Christmas Mass (Midnight and 11am Masses) then there will be a last rehearsal after the evening Mass (approximately 7.30pm) this Friday.

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 christmastogetherkh@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.

WINDOW. The parish magazine will be out this weekend priced £1. Lots of news and articles about parish events.

Cake Raffle. Father John has plucked the winning ticket for the "Christmas Cake for Cafod", raffle held last weekend after the 5:30pm and 10:30am Masses at St. Dunstan's. The winner is:....Arun Thomas. A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who participated.

Fundraising at St Jude's. There will be tombola every Sunday up to Christmas. If you have anything you would like to donate, such as an unused present, a box of chocolates or a bottle of alcohol, please bring them to church and leave them in the sacristy at St Jude's.

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

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.

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.

Prayer Group in the Conference Room every Sunday at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Lectio Divina in the Conference Room after morning Mass every Monday.

This Thursday is the next of the Rorate Caeli Masses at 6.45am.

Sycamore Course. For those who are curious about our faith or who have perhaps not had much chance to learn about our faith. This Thursday, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass.

COMMUNION HYMN

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you O Israel*

2. O come, thou wisdom from on high,
and order all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to go.
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times, didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
4. O come, though rod of Jesse free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
5. O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
6. O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
7. O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid every sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our Prince of Peace.

*The organ voluntary after Mass today is J.S. Bach,
Allegro from Sonata I, BWV 525*

Little Lambs: Do you have pre-school aged children and are 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 in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday.

Live More Simply this Advent and Christmas. All are welcome to join the next online meeting of the Diocesan Climate Group on Tuesday 14 December at 7pm via Zoom. Inspired by COP26 even more parishes and schools across the Archdiocese have signed up to CAFOD's livesimply award, as we look to reduce our carbon footprints. In this webinar we will ask what decarbonisation actually means and how parishes can support a carbon reduction. Please register here: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/living-more-simply-this-advent-and-christmas

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:10-18

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: Sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£682.81	£ 85.20
Non-Gift Aid	£747.76	£100.85
Poor Parishes	£266.42	£ 72.65

There will be a second collection this weekend for **Church Christmas Flowers.**

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.