

# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**  
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Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>	11.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Johnny Darcy and Loughlin McManus Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Bridie Maher (RIP)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Anne Sheehan (RIP)
		10.30am	<b>Holy Mass with Children's liturgy</b>	Frank McLoughlin (RIP)
		12noon	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Pat Reilly (RIP)
		6.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Holy Souls
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Woodcock family (Ints.)
		4.30pm	<i>Vigil and Reception</i>	James Kehoe (RIP)
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St James, Apostle</b>	9.45am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Fr Simon (Ints.)
		11.00am	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	James Kehoe (RIP)
		5.00pm	<i>Vigil and Reception</i>	John Thornton (RIP)
		7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Alfred Nicklin (RIP)
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ss Joachim and Anne</i>	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Esther Murphy
		11.00am	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	John Thornton (RIP)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	4.30pm	<i>Vigil and Reception</i>	
		7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Special Intention
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Josephine Thomas (birthday)
		12.30pm	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	James Tracey (RIP)
		7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Martin Ryan (RIP)
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>	11.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Ray Bielby (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Jack Pritchard (RIP Anni.)

Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Lila and Andrzej Dajez
		10.30am	<b>Holy Mass with Children's liturgy</b>	Tess Dolan
		12noon	<b>Holy Mass</b>	John Creamer (RIP)
		6.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Rogers, Larkin and McLaughlin families

**Welcome to Mass, and a special welcome to anyone visiting the parish today.**

**This Wednesday we keep the feast of St Joachim and St Anne.** Although not found in the gospels, a tradition from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century gives these names to the parents of Our Lady. Devotion to these two saints of the Old Testament is an element of devotion to Mary herself. As we know from St Luke's gospel, Our Lady accepted God's will - announced by the Angel Gabriel - with a faith and trust that was truly wonderful. Our Lady didn't grow up in a vacuum, and she would have learned the faith from her parents, and from their example would have imbibed her characteristic loving trust in God's almighty providence.

Joachim and Mary are therefore the grandparents of Jesus!

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents. So, at the altar, we pray for all those in our parish who have the important role of grandparents. More and more we see that it is grandparents who seek to keep the flame of faith alight in their grandchildren's hearts when the faith of parents has grown dim.

**Our parish schools** will be finishing this week for the summer holidays. We thank the staff of our schools for their contributions over the last year, and their help with preparation for the sacraments. We remember in our prayers the children of Year 6 who will be moving on to the next stage of their education, and yet others who will be leaving High School and preparing for university or the world of work. We ask God's blessing and guidance on them in the years ahead.

**For those of you heading on a summer break** do have a relaxing time - with the hope that travel may be free of disruption from industrial action on air, rail, land and sea.

**For your prayers:** do remember Fr John Peyton and Fr Toby Duckworth as they prepare for their priestly ministry among us, and for Fr Philip and Fr John as they move on to their new parishes in the coming weeks.

**Car Park Attendant Vacancy:** We are looking for somebody who can commit to working an evening shift on the car park from 5pm – 8pm Monday to Saturday. As this would be extending the current opening hours of the car park, this would initially be on a 12-month contract. Full training will be given but experience of working in a customer service position or similar is desirable. If you would like to apply, please email your CV to the Parish Office [stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk). **The closing date for applications is today.**

**Window the Parish Magazine** is on sale after all Masses this weekend, and from the Piety stall in both churches from next weekend. Get your copy for £1. There are lots of interesting articles and photographs.

**First Holy Communion.** Recently we have had a good number of children who have made their First Confession and Communion in the parish. As we are now blessed with a number of catechists who have undergone training to teach the faith and prepare for the sacraments, this then seems a good time to adapt the way we prepare children for these sacraments. Previously children had been prepared in five groups spread around the schools, and a group for children not in catholic schools. Next year the children will be brought together as one parish group, and after consultation with the new parish priest, the preparation will take place before the Vigil Mass on Saturdays in the Social Centre. We also intend to link this with catechesis for parents, and so help them to widen their knowledge and understanding of the faith. This is now standard practice in many parishes, and the hope is that this will help to link the children directly to the parish and its worship rather than tending more towards a school event, and to encourage parents to be more active in the part they play in the preparation for the sacraments. Also, it will enable the priests to be involved far more directly in the journey the children will make to the sacraments.

**Next weekend** there will be a Mission Appeal from the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers). Fr Thaddeus will be coming to all weekend Masses to tell us about the work they do in their various missions.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** Robert Taylor, Margaret Keane, George Dunleavy, James Keogh, John Thornton, Philip Malone, James Tracey, and Hugh McCarren (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am*).

**We pray for those who are being Baptised today:** Poppy Bergin at St Dunstan's.

**The Next Baptism Preparation Meeting** is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September** in the Conference room of St Dunstan's. If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish office, and leave your name and phone number, and bring along evidence of baptism in the Catholic Church for at least one parent.

**St Dunstan's church will be open:** Monday to Thursday from 8am to 4pm, and on Friday church will open at 8am and will close following the evening Mass as there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays between the two Masses.

**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.

**Living and Praying the Divine Will** in the Conference Room on Wednesday at 12.30pm.

**St Jude's Foundation Governor Vacancies:** Foundation Governors are volunteers who play an important role in Catholic schools. You can find out more about being a Foundation governor at [www.bdes.org.uk](http://www.bdes.org.uk). You will need to be able to attend approximately five full governing body meetings per year. Meetings are held in school, usually on Thursday evenings from around 5pm to 8pm. If you are interested, or would like further information, please email [d.feeney@stjuderc.bham.org.uk](mailto:d.feeney@stjuderc.bham.org.uk)

**Date for Your Diary:** On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto is coming to St Dunstan's once again.

**London UK March for Life on Saturday 2nd September.** Day return coach trip. Pick-up is at 7.30am from Birmingham Oratory, at 7.45am from St Dunstan's, Kings Heath, and at 8.00am from St Augustine's, Solihull. The coach will leave London at 5pm. The cost of the coach is £25 per person (reduced rates for children) which is payable upon booking for a confirmed seat, with mobile number/email address for acknowledgement.

Please contact Alice for Oratory pick-up on 07845 706362 and Brian for St Augustine's/St Dunstan's pick-up on 07726 311261.

**Centenary Celebration for English Martyrs, Sparkhill.**

A good number of parishioners have long connections with English Martyrs. You are invited to a Centenary Mass at 6pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> September followed by refreshments in the Gilsenan Hall. The celebrant will be one of the former parish priests of English Martyrs, Archbishop Kevin McDonald. For an idea of numbers for the buffet it would be a great help to the parish if you emailed [p.hamilton@englishmartyrs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:p.hamilton@englishmartyrs.bham.sch.uk) in good time.

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Annette McGrath and Regina Darcy. They can be contacted at: [sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.*



On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July in the Social Centre.  
Doors open at 7pm and bingo starts at 7.30pm

**COLLECTIONS:**

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
<b>Gift Aid:</b>	£571.50	£284.00
<b>Non-Gift Aid:</b>	£568.73	£116.51
<b>Contactless:</b>	£ 92.00	
<b>QR Code</b>	£ 30.00	£ -
<b>Fabric Fund</b>	£466.11	£162.84

There will be a second collection **next weekend** for the **Spiritans** – formerly Holy Ghost Fathers.



**Church Donations:** You can donate to church using this QR code. All you need to do, is open the camera on your mobile phone and scan the code. You will also be able to Gift Aid your donations.

**MASS TODAY**

**HYMNS**

Processional:	942
Offertory:	910
Post-Communion:	780
Recessional:	987

**MASS SETTING**

Kyrie *Cantor then All*

497

*Cantor then All*

*Cantor*

*All*

Sanctus:	499
Angus Dei:	500

5. **G** Ló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus te. Ado-rá-mus te. Gló-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gimus tibi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex cæ-léstis, De-us Pa-ter omni-pot-ens. Dó-mi-ne Fi-li uni-gé-ni-te Je-su Christe. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus De-i, Fi-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe de-pre-ca-ti-ó-nem no-stram. Qui sedes ad dè-xte-ram Pa-tris, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Quóni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus Dó-mi-nus. Tu so-lus Al-tíssimus, Je-su Christe. Cum Sancto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

## COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

### A reading from the book of Wisdom (12:13,16-19).

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 114)

**R: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R:**

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **R:**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. **R:**

### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:26-27)

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

#### 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 reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (13:24-30)

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.