The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 12 th	Feria	11.00am	Holy Mass	Kitty McCaughay
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		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Ble	ssed Sacrament
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Nora Cooney
Sun 13 th	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Rose Rahill (RIP) and Brian
	ORDINARY TIME	10.30am	Holy Mass	Martin family (ints.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Ray Bielby (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Peter Brazil (RIP)
Mon 14 th	St Maximillian Mary Kolbe	9.30am	Holy Mass Louise Tehan (RIP)	
Tues 15 th	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION	9.30am	Holy Mass	Thanksgiving
	OF THE BLESSSED VIRGIN	12 noon (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Willie Newell
	MARY	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Frank McLoughlin (RIP)
Wed 16 th	Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	Noel Stanley (RIP)
Thurs 17 th	Feria	6.00pm	Vigil and reception	John Joseph Enright (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Fr Dermot Fenlon (RIP)
Fri 18 th	Feria	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass	Holy Mass	Thanksgiving
		11.00am	Requiem Mass	John Joseph Enright (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Mother Mary's intentions
Sat 19 th	Feria	11.00am	Holy Mass	Rose Bradley
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Ble	ssed Sacrament
		11.30am-12.30pm	Confessions	
		and 4.45pm-5.15pm 5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Betty McGregor
Sun 20 th	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Bridie and John O'Connor
	ORDINARY TIME	10.30am	Holy Mass	Peggy Morrissy (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Eileen Dixon (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Kevin McCaughey (RIP)

Welcome to Mass, and a special welcome to anyone visiting the parish today. For those of you going on holiday – have a good, dry – and even sunny – time!

This Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady and a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast is one of the oldest feasts of Our Lady and commemorates her entrance into heaven at the end of her extraordinary life of self-gift and faithfulness. In the Apostles Creed we profess our belief in 'the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting'. For Mary this is already a reality. On this special day we seek Our Lady's prayers that, one day, we may know the joy and glory of heaven as she does. There is a lovely hymn that sums up this beautiful feast:

> Sing the chiefest joy of Mary when on earth her work was done, and the Lord of all creation brought her to his heavenly home: Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, raised on high and crowned with grace, may thy Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see his face.

A message from Fr Philip: Thank you all so much for your kind words, cards and gifts as I took my leave of St Dunstan's and St Jude's. It has certainly been an eventfilled and memorable time! Pandemics were never part of the plan - but together we have managed to get the parish up and running again after what was a worrying time for many. It seems a mysterious legacy of Covid that more people play a part in the life of the parish than before!

I'm glad we have had the opportunity to do lots of work on both our churches to secure them for the future. Our worship, above all in the offering of Holy Mass, is the most important thing we do. It has been lovely to see a real reverence in the liturgy and for the Blessed Sacrament. Buildings are also important, and we are rightly entrusted with their care. But it is the people who gather within them that is the most important element in a priest's life, and it has been a privilege in being a part of your lives as your parish priest.

It has been wonderful to have the company of Fathers Roger, Simon and John during my time here, and for the sterling support of Deacon David and Deacon Martin. These, with countless others who have offered support and kindness over the last ten years, and have helped in all sorts of ways in the church and the presbytery, have brought real joy and gratitude. As St Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians: 'I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.'

Fr Philip's new address is: St John the Evangelist Presbytery, 25 South Bar Street, Banbury. OX16 9AF

As well as holiday season, it is also the season of exam results for many of our young people. We remember in our prayers those who receive their results at this time, and for God's guidance in the choices they will make for the future.

Please remember in your prayers Fr John Peyton and Fr Toby Duckworth as they prepare for their priestly ministry amongst us, and for Fr Philip as he starts in his new Parish and Fr John as he prepares for his new appointment.

We pray for those who have died recently: John McGloughlin, Robert Taylor, Margaret Keane, Hugh McCarren, John Enright (Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Friday 18th August at 11am), Sarah Conway (Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Thursday 24th August at 11am), and Michael Fahey (Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Wednesday 6th September at 11am).

The Next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Thursday 7th September at 7.45pm 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.

Men's Rosary in the City Centre this Saturday at 11.45am. A men's Catholic organisation are meeting at the bull by the Bullring Shopping Centre to pray for Birmingham. They are appealing to men in the City to witness to the power of the rosary and the intercession of Our Lady. Please consider joining them and invite other men to stand alongside you in this unique prayer event. It is estimated it will finish at 12.30pm (See poster on notice board for more details).

Date for Your Diary: On the 9th and 10th 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, 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.

Heritage Open Days at St Chads Cathedral on Friday 8th September, Saturday 16th September and Saturday 16th September: Visit St Chad's, the first Catholic Cathedral to be built in England after the Reformation. Uncover history and celebrate culture at St Chad's Cathedral as it takes part in the Heritage Open Days scheme. Tours are available, but booking is essential. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk for more information. **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 8th 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 in good time.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

On Sunday 3rd September and Sunday 24th September in the Social Centre. Doors open at 7pm and bingo starts at 7.30pm

Day Trip to Holywell and Llandudno Thursday 21st September

Leaving St Dunstan's at 8am, the coach will stop at Holywell for a tour of St Winifred's Well. After Holywell, the coach will then go to Llandudno where you will have chance to look around and perhaps enjoy fish and chips by the sea. The coach will leave Llandudno at 4.30pm and return to St Dunstan's around 7.30pm.

The trip will cost £30 per person which includes coach travel and entrance to Holywell. If you would like to go, please complete the Holywell and Llandudno form with your contact details, available in both churches (printed on yellow paper), and return your completed form and payment to the Parish office by Thursday 14th September.

COLLECTIONS:

Gift Aid:	
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 St Dunstan's
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There will be a second collection *next weekend* for the *Fabric Fund.*



Church Donations: You can donate to church using this QR code. All you need to do, s open the camera on your mobile phone and scan the code. You will also be able to Gift Aid your donations. **Friday is the beginning of the Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi** – this is to pray the prayer for his canonisation for 9 days.

NOVENA TO BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI. (Repeat the following Novena prayers every day for 9 consecutive days.)

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Mercy,Pray for us.Blessed Dominic Barberi,Pray for us.Saint John Henry Newman,Pray for us.

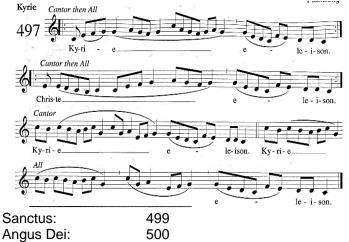
The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Annette McGrath and Regina Darcy. They can be contacted at: sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan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

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COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

A reading from the book of Kings (19:9,11-13).

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 84)

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. 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 second letter of St Paul to the Romans (9:1-5)

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (14:22-33)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth.