

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Sat 24 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Celia and Erlinda Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	Ann Farrell (RIP)
Sun 25 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Remy O'Neill (Ints.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Margaret O'Donaghue
		12noon	Holy Mass	Marion Hayes
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Pat Conaghan (RIP)
Mon 26 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Tom Brosnan (RIP)
		6.00pm	<i>Vigil and Reception</i>	Mark Woodcock (RIP)
Tues 27 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Clare Proctor (Ints.)
		10.00am	Requiem Mass	Mark Woodcock (RIP)
		6.00pm	<i>Vigil and Reception</i>	Bernadette Johnston (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Peter Bartram (RIP)
Wed 28 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Eileen Kilkenny (RIP)
		1.00pm	Requiem Mass	Bernadette Johnston (RIP)
Thurs 29 th	St Catherine of Siena	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Anthony and Wilma Burdow (RIP Anni.)
Fri 30 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Rose Bradley (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Patrick Dooner (RIP)
Sat 1 st	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Rose Gathley (RIP) Pro Populo
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		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	Edward Lawlor (RIP)
Sun 2 nd	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Stephen Green
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Pauline Conmey (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Beryl Jones (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Philomena O'Connor (RIP)

In place of the Angelus during the Easter season we would usually sing the Regina Caeli. As congregational singing isn't yet allowed under the regulations, either a cantor will sing it or we will say it together before Sunday Mass.

**Regina caeli, Laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

*Rejoice and be glad, O virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.
Let us pray.*

O God, who has brought joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may be brought to the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today is commonly known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday', as the gospel reading for today always refers to Jesus' teaching about himself as being the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

The shepherd is one who cares for the sheep, and so we pray for all those that the Lord might be calling to serve his Church in sharing that role of shepherd. This is the primary call of priesthood, for priests are ordained to share this priestly ministry of Christ in feeding his people through word and sacrament – the proclaiming of God's saving word and the celebration of the sacraments.

In our prayer for vocations, we also pray for vocations to the Religious Life and to the diaconate, and that all God's people may carry out their baptismal mission to be Christ's light in the world.

Whilst at 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.

- 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 one-way 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.

We pray for those who have died recently: Mark Woodcock, Bernadette Johnston, Stanislaw Mielewski, and Maureen Cody

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. Restrictions around us, due to the effects of lockdown and the vaccination programme, are being gently lifted. There are a number of parishioners receiving the Blessed Sacrament at home again. If you or someone you know, would now like to resume this if you would let one of the priests know, or email the presbytery.

Baptisms: Changes in guidance means that we can begin celebrating the sacrament of Baptism from May 17th (although numbers permitted to attend will be limited). If you had already booked a baptism that had to be postponed, could you get in touch as soon as possible to arrange a date. **For those who haven't been along for the preparation meeting, the next meeting (at which we will arrange baptism dates) is on Tuesday 4th May at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's church.**

Missio/Mill Hill Thank you to all the St Dunstan's box holders who handed in their donations recently which has totaled £1160 so far this year. The parish total last year was £3704 which includes donations sent direct to Missio.

Becoming Catholic? Two or three people have mentioned the possibility of instruction in the faith. If anyone is interested could you email the presbytery or speak to Fr Philip or Fr John. For those who desire to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church there will be an expectation of attendance at Sunday Mass at St Dunstan's or St Jude's as well as the instructions. If there is sufficient interest, we will hope to begin in May or June depending on the schedules for the easing of restrictions.

Queen Elizabeth and Birmingham Women's Hospitals and St Mary's Hospice. If you know that you (or a family member or friend in the parish) will be going to hospital for significant treatment, it is important to have confession with anointing of the sick before you/they go into hospital as these sacraments are not presently readily available during your stay. **There is a cover rota provided by some priests from the area parishes. Such visits are arranged**

from the hospital so that the priest on call will be allowed admission.

Funerals. A number of families have been concerned about the length of time it now seems to take (often over a month) between a loved one's death and the funeral. It can be an advantage, when arranging a funeral, to have a week for the funeral in mind, and then look around at different firms to see what they can do.

Confessions are at the normal advertised times from next weekend. 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.**

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. Standing order forms can be requested from the Parish office.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES. **If you didn't pick up your box last weekend from St Dunstan's, could you do so today! .**

CAFOD Lent Challenge: Walk for Water Brian and Jackie Trewby would like to thank parishioners for their very generous donations to CAFOD. In total, they walked 524 miles, and raised £1,650 – well above their original target of £200!

Bishop Challoner TSA is currently working with around 40 Primary and Secondary schools in the Birmingham area to help new teachers into the profession. Anyone is welcome to join for a free online information event on **Wednesday 28th April at 6pm** or **Thursday 13th May at 5pm** to find out more about the School Direct / PGCE route into this exciting and rewarding profession. See www.bctsa.org for details, or email teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Job Vacancy two RN Nurses and two Care Assistants required at St. Joseph's Home in Harborne. Permanent day shifts available including alternative weekends. Please email your CV to Kay Munns (HR) at kay.munns@lsplondon.co.uk or telephone 0121 427 2486 for more information.

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. CAFOD featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in

family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 892.57	£ N/A
Non-Gift Aid	£1697.57	£ N/A

If you would like a standing order for, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **R:**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R:**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.. **R:**

SECOND READING

John 3:1-2

1:17-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my
Father.'