

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday 13th February 2022

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Sat 12 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Annie Roberts Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Stephen Potter (RIP 4 th Anni.)
Sun 13 th	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Hilda Walsh (RIP Anni.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Joseph Power
		12noon	Holy Mass	Sr Ursula Doherty (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Madhu Day
Mon 14 th	<i>St Cyril and Methodius. Patrons of Europe (Feast)</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Yvonne Kenny (RIP)
Tues 15 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Rose Rohall (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Hugh, Margaret and Tom O'Sullivan
Wed 16 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Margaret Cox (RIP)
Thurs 17 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am (<i>St Alban's School</i>)	Holy Mass	Frank Morna
		7.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation and Benediction	
Fri 18 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30pm	Holy Mass	Margaret Cox (RIP)
		7.00pm	Latin EF Mass	William Keogh (RIP)
Sat 19 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Thomas Williamson (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Richard Lynch (RIP)
Sun 20 th	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Brown
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mary O'Connor (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Paul Whiston (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Liam Corcoran (RIP)

Today we welcome to the 10.30am Mass children from St Alban's and St Dunstan's schools to help with the liturgy. At Mass today they will be acting as lectors and helping Godfrey and Martin with the music. It's good to have the contribution of our young parishioners prominent in the offering of Holy Mass.

It's always good to have some of our young parishioners to take their place in the proclamation of God's Word in the liturgy. Volunteers are always welcome! It's also great to have young people serving on the altar. There will be more training sessions in the coming weeks for new servers. Watch this space!

This Thursday at 7pm we welcome Bishop David Evans who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and conclude with the service of Benediction at St Dunstan's for a large number of our young people. Numbers are still restricted at the moment due to the prevalence of the virus in the community, but we can still accompany them with our prayers. **Please note there will be no 7pm Mass on this evening.**

St Alban's school. Mass has been offered at St Alban's school on Thursday mornings for some time now. It wasn't publicised in the newsletter due to the restrictions on visitors in schools. Parishioners are now very welcome to attend the 9.30am Mass at St Alban's.

As we prepare for Mass it's good practice to keep conversation to a minimum in church to enable people to say their prayers and prepare themselves for the celebration of Mass.

COVID restrictions: Following on from the discussions at the stewards meeting and feedback from parishioners, there will be the following adjustments beginning this weekend:

- 1) **Entry into Mass will remain through the one entrance, but after the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses at St Dunstan's, exit will be via both doors. At St Jude's, exit will be through the main doors instead of the side door. There are also all the chairs along the wall at St Dunstan's which are 2 metre distanced.**
- 2) **Both churches will have two 'zones.' The left-hand side as you come into church will be socially distanced, marked up as they have been previously. The right-hand side as you come into church will not be marked up and people will choose their own seats.**
- 3) **Use of hand sanitiser will be encouraged as we come into church, as are the use of face coverings.**
- 4) **On Friday mornings when St Dunstan's school are attending Mass the school will sit on the left-hand side of the church, leaving other parishioners free to use seats on the right hand side.**

GUIDANCE FOR 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.**
2. **Please remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before so that you can receive.**
3. **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.**

Synod on Synodality. If there are any responses to the questionnaire, could you drop them into the presbytery over the next day or two. You can find more information on birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023

Friday Night Latin Mass. In the 1962 Missal the pre-Lenten season has already begun. For those using missals the Mass texts and readings will be those of Septuagesima Sunday.....which reminds us that Lent is on its way, and so a programme of activities and services for Lent will be released soon!

For children not in Catholic schools, or those who for whatever reason missed the sacraments earlier, preparation for **First Confession and First Holy Communion for Children** will start on Saturday 19th March from 11.45am to 12.45pm in the Conference Room and finish on Saturday 25th June. Parents are asked to stay with their children for the first session. For more information and to order the required books, please ring the Parish catechists Nuala Bielby on 689 2917 or Pat Thorpe on 449 4002.

For children in Catholic schools in the Parish our schools have already begun the preparation and will be making their **First Confession** in March, and **First Holy Communion** in June.

Kings Heath Churches Together Lent Courses start during the week commencing 7th March 2022. This year we follow **Praise Him!** which explores five different Songs of Praise from the New Testament, looking at what they tell us about God and Jesus but also reflecting on what they tell us about us and our faith. **All are welcome** to join one of the following informal groups: Mondays 11am at All Saints, Tuesdays 8pm On-Line with New Life Baptist Church, Wednesdays 10.30am at New Life Baptist Church and Wednesdays 7pm at St. Dunstan's. Deacon David is collating names for all the groups; please complete one of the joining forms at the entrance to church or contact him via email fairbo28@gmail.com or phone 07948379545.

Thank you to everybody who has signed up for Gift Aid. Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of giving to charity. It is a scheme administered by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate. So, for example, if you donate £20, we can claim an extra £5, making your gift worth £25. You need to be a tax payer to be able to do this.

As we are approaching a new tax year, if you would like to sign up for Gift, we can help you with this. There is a simple form to complete, and you can either have a box of envelopes or donate by Standing Order. If you would like to sign up, please contact Dawn in the Parish Office either by phone or by emailing ga.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk, and leave your name, address and telephone number.

Also, there may be people who have had a change of circumstances over the last year or two and are no longer able to Gift Aid their donations. If you could let the Parish office know, we will take you off the Gift Aid system.

Parish Social Events. Now that Covid restrictions are easing, we are looking at the possibility of re-starting some social events. If you have any suggestions for events that you might like, there will be a suggestion box in the new entrance at St Dunstan's and in the porch at St Jude's. If are interesting in helping with social events, please could you let the Parish office know.

We pray for those who have died recently: Patrick Cunningham, and Anthony Nolan.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 1st March 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 following morning Mass every Monday. You are invited to read and reflect on the Gospel of the day and think about God's word and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges.

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.

'Lent Walk Against Hunger' Lent Challenge. This year, as well as the Family Fast Day, CAFOD are asking people to walk 200km in support of the 200 million children in the world at risk of malnutrition. Do 5km a day for 40 days and conquer your 200km target in time for Easter. Join the challenge, get sponsored and tell hunger to 'jog on'. Sign up at: cafod.org.uk/walk.

The Trewby family have accepted the challenge and can be sponsored at: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/thetrewby-and-carnell-page>

40 Days for Life. One mum will be telling her story of reversing her abortion on Sunday 27th February at 2pm at St Joseph and St Helen's Hall, 84 Northfield Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 1 JG. For further information, please contact Isabel on 07773 5017721.

There will be a new abortion campaign starting on Ash Wednesday (2nd March). If you would like to volunteer to help with the campaign, please contact Isabel on the number above.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£476.30	£ 77.00
Non-Gift Aid	£768.16	£ 83.80

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.

The Parish Office is open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday each week.

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.

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
not lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'