

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Sat 20 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass	Mary Masterson (Ints.) and Pro Populo Mena Moran
Sun 21 st	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 10.30am 12noon 6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kathleen, Tom and Angela Finn Tyd Rose Martin Doherty (RIP) Eamon Hogan (RIP)
Mon 22 nd	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass Requiem Mass	Fr Giles Goward (RIP) Derek Coen (RIP)
Tues 23 rd	<i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 7.00pm 7.30-8.30pm	Holy Mass <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Mass Holy Hour	Christou Furey (RIP) Hugh, Margaret and Tom Sullivan (RIP)
Wed 24 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	Holy Mass Stations of the Cross	Des O'Leary (RIP)
Thurs 25 th	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	6.45am 7.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Danny McFadden (RIP) Bernard Tehan (RIP)
Fri 26 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Des Sherdian (2 nd Anni.) Gwen Hemmings (RIP)
Sat 27 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Bree (annigan (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	Tim O'Shea
Sun 28 th	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 10.30am 12 noon 6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Hilda Walsh (RIP) Stephen Walsh (RIP) Eveleen McDermott (RIP) Maureen Cody (Ints.)

WELCOME TO 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 to illness or because they are isolating. They are very much part of the prayers and the sacrifice we offer today.

This Tuesday marks the anniversary of the first lockdown when churches were closed. There will be a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in prayer for an end to the pandemic; for those sick at hospital; care home or home; for those who care for the sick at hospital and in the community; and for all whose lives or health is at risk due to their work. We will also pray for those who have died during the pandemic, and those from our own Parish who have died during this time.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES

Due to government restrictions on social distancing **YOU WILL NEED TICKETS** for attendance at the main Masses and liturgies of Holy Week and Easter at both our churches.

This means.....

Palm Sunday: 5.30pm, 9.15am (*St St Jude's*), 10.30am, 12 noon and 6.30pm.

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Mass at both churches.

Good Friday: Liturgy at 12 noon and 3pm at St Dunstan's, and 3pm at St Jude's.

Holy Saturday: Vigil at 8pm at St Dunstan's.

Easter Sunday: 9.15am and 10.30am at St Jude's and 10.30am, 12noon and 6.30pm at St Dunstan's.

There will be other services that don't require tickets – Morning Prayer on Good Friday and Holy Saturday and Stations of the Cross on Good Friday evening. There will also be Mass each day of the Easter Octave when each succeeding day is an 'Easter Day'. For Maundy Thursday, although you will need a ticket for both Masses, you will not need a ticket to come along during the night for 'the watch'.

Sadly there will be no opportunity for Childrens' Stations of the Cross this year. Some of our school children have been coming to church in these last few days to pray the stations. It might be something that families might do together at home or at the park this year.

*There will be an extra celebration of the Liturgy of the Passion at St Dunstan's at 12 noon, and an extra Mass on Easter Day at St Jude's at 10.30am. **For those on the waiting list for Good Friday at 12 noon at St Dunstan's, if you did not collect your tickets last weekend, please contact the Parish office this week if you still require your tickets.***

There are tickets left for the 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday and 7.00pm Maundy Thursday at St Jude's, the 6.30pm Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday at St Dunstan's, and the 12 noon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Dunstan's. There are very limited tickets for other Masses.

Thank you to our volunteers who have spent the last two weekends helping with the distribution of tickets. If you didn't get tickets on those occasions but would now like them, you will need to call or go to the Parish office on Wednesday or Friday from 9am-5pm.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

At St Dunstan's church:

Maundy Thursday

- 7.30pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (*Tickets*)
followed by The Watch before the Altar of Repose concluding with
11.50pm: The Office of Compline

Good Friday

- 9.30am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
12noon: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (*Tickets*)
3.00pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (*Tickets*)
7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

- 9.30am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
8.00pm: Vigil and first Mass of Easter (*Tickets*)

Easter Sunday

- 10.30am: Holy Mass (*Tickets*)
12noon: Holy Mass (*Tickets*)
6.30pm: Holy Mass (*Tickets*)

At St Jude's church:

Maundy Thursday

- 7.30pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (*Tickets*)
followed by The Watch before the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday

- 3.00pm: The Liturgy of the Passion (tickets)

Easter Sunday

- 9.15am Holy Mass (*Tickets*)
10.30am: Holy Mass (*Tickets*)

Please read the following so that you are clear in your mind.

-There will be a different ticket for each of the services, so a ticket for Maundy Thursday will not get you into Good Friday. You need one for each.

-Please understand that it might not always be possible to attend the Mass at your preferred time – or place – if the building has already reached capacity.

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

-You can collect tickets for those in your 'bubble' who will be sat with you in church at Mass (in accordance with government regulations), but not for other people/groups. They will need to come themselves.

- The seat allocations will be sorted out when you collect your tickets.

- You will need to be at church 20 minutes before Mass begins. The logistics for Mass will be quite complex, and we will all need patience. If you come late, then you may not be able to enter church.

-if you have any symptoms of COVID19 please do not attend church.

- If you have taken tickets for a Mass, and then can't go, please return ASAP to the presbytery in an envelope with your name so that they can be redistributed to those without. It was a shame that, at Christmas, a number of people had tickets and chose not to come, and a few didn't have tickets who wanted to come, leaving spare spaces.

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.

Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Do please use them – especially if you are unable to come to church and wish to make a donation towards the upkeep of your priests. As there is no salary structure, the Easter offering (with Christmas) are the priest's main source of income – not only personal but for the support of their ministry in the Parish too.

We pray for those who have died recently: Eileen Middleton, Mary Coffey (burial at Brandwood on 1st April at 11am), Elizabeth Brown (Requiem 6th April), Derek Coen, Peggy Ensor (Requiem 9th April), Ursula Robins and Mark Woodcock (Requiem 27th April).

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 priests around the area. This is for emergency use only when there is danger of death. 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. 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.**

Please note that the toilets are presently closed due to COVID regulations, and the side chapel is out of bounds apart from for Confession.

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.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 528.00	£ 257.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 578.60	£ 146.30

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

GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-33

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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.