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The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude

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Sunday 31st December – Feast of the Holy Family

Sat 30 th	<i>Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jim Ranford (RIP)	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm Confessions at St Dunstan's 3.30pm Confessions at St Jude's</i>			
		4.00pm (St Jude's)	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Martin Doherty and Louise	
Sun 31 st	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Timothy Lyons (RIP)	
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Charlie Leydon (RIP)	
		12noon	Holy Mass	Matt Healy (RIP)	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Mr Dale (RIP)	
Mon 1 st	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	11.00am	Holy Mass	Kevin Scott (RIP Anni.)	
Tues 2 nd	<i>St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	9.30am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Eddie Mooney (RIP)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Peggy Ensor (RIP)	
Wed 3 rd	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Kitty Finn (RIP)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Brian McDaid (RIP Anni.)	
Thurs 4 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Raymond Comer (RIP)	
Fri 5 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass	Holy Mass	Ursula Böhnte (RIP)	
		<i>6.15pm – 6.45pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>		
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Stan Whitcomb	

Mass Intentions for next weekend: St Dunstan's: Saturday 11.00am, Martin Kearns (RIP), 5.30pm Richard Dickinson and Sean Korri (RIP), Sunday 10.30am James (Jim) Kenny (RIP), 12 noon Liam Corcoran (RIP), 6.30pm Nora Tighe. **St Jude's:** Saturday 4pm People of the Parish, Sunday 9.15am Helen Beirne (RIP).

Thank you to all of those who gave so much in time and talent to enable the Christmas liturgies to be celebrated with great dignity. Thanks to all those stewards who gave their time to help with the Christmas Masses, to those involved in the liturgies themselves – the altar servers and our musicians. The church looked beautiful for Christmas, so thanks to our dedicated cleaners, our artistic flower arrangers, and all involved with the erection and decoration of our Christmas trees and Crib.

Grateful thanks from Fr John and Fr Toby to you all for your very kind cards, gifts and Christmas offerings. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

New Year's Eve Holy Hour: Starting at 11.00pm on Sunday 31st December followed Benediction at midnight, a great way to see the New Year in prayer. There will also be a little celebration afterwards for those who are able to stay.

All children and families are warmly invited to the Crib Service at St Dunstan's Church at 1.15pm, after the 12 noon Mass, on Sunday 7th January, the Feast of the Epiphany. We warmly encourage the families who have had their children baptised this year. There will be a celebration with light refreshments for children and families in the Social Centre afterwards (children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian).

A letter from Bishop David Evans will be read out on the weekend of the 13th/14th January about the need to reassess how to provide pastoral care to all the Parishes of the wider area with falling numbers of active priests. There will be a general Parish meeting in the Social Centre, following the 7pm Mass on Friday 19th January to discuss the proposals and any other ideas you may have for our Parishes. This meeting will be followed by a social including a 'bring and share supper' and some drinks will be provided by Fr John, not only as a thank you at Christmas, but as a thank you for your help throughout the year too.

Window, the Parish Magazine is on sale for £1. Get your copy this weekend.

Live Streaming at St Dunstan's: We now have a camera installed in church for live streaming. This is still work in progress while the engineers sort the sound cable out, but you can see the live stream on our YouTube channel. Put @stdunstansstjudes9955 into your internet search bar.

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes: Michael Martin and Noreen Winhall.

If you, or somebody you know, are sick and would like the name to go in our weekly bulletin so parishioners can pray for them, please contact the Parish office between 10am and 12.30pm, Monday to Friday.

We pray for those who have died recently: Geraldine Browne, Helen Ellard and Philomena Rattray (*Requiem Mass on Wednesday 24th January at 11.30am at St Dunstan's Church*).

Baptisms: Parents who wish to have their children baptised should leave their name and telephone number at the Parish office and Fr John will get in touch.

Legion of Mary will meet at 9.15am on Saturday morning at St Dunstan's in the Conference Room and at 6pm on Tuesday evening at St Jude's church (this week only). Everybody is welcome to come along.

Living and Praying the Divine Will in the Conference Room on Wednesday at 12 pm.

Urgent: Youth Group Leaders need more people to help with the running of Youth Group **from January**. If you are interested, please email the Parish Office.

COLLECT

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

A reading from the book of Genesis (15:1-6,21:1-3).

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...'. Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (104(105):1-6,8-9)

R: He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works! **R:**

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. **R:**

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R:**

He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac. **R:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Hebrews (11:8,11-12,17-19).

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive,

because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: *It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on.* He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (1:6-8,19-28).

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude's operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative 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.

ST DUNSTAN'S CAR PARK - UPDATE

We would like to bring to your attention that the parking management regime at St Dunstan's Church car park has been reviewed and will shortly be upgraded to an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) Pay on Entry solution managed by Euro Parking Services 24 hours per day.

Due to unexpected installation challenges, this will now be in place from 00.01am on Tuesday 2nd January.

The church is currently experiencing many parking issues such as non-payment, parking on pavements and in front of priest's garages, overstays, confrontational motorists, lack of space and availability due to the sheer volume of cars that frequently use the parking facilities, and, most recently, theft of car park money.

We have instructed EPS to manage the parking facilities with a technology-based solution that will help reduce the aforementioned issues. The ANPR camera will capture vehicles entering and leaving the car park, whilst recording the duration of stay, calculating whether the correct payment has been made and identifying if a valid staff permit is in place. Two payment machines will be installed to the system and **will accept all card payments, Apple and Google Pay but not cash.**

EPS will also provide warden patrols to ensure that no vehicles are blocking access routes, parking on pavements, disabled bays, and staff parking bays at the church. Car Park Attendants will assist members of the public with the new system to begin with. **There will be a tablet in church**, similar to those you see in pubs, **where for Mass, you will be able to enter your full vehicle registration and be allowed to park for free while attending Mass up to a maximum period of 2 ½ hours.** For example, if you arrive at 9am to go to Monday morning Mass, you will have free parking up to 11.30am (the camera will log the time you enter the car park and you **must** enter your registration plate into the tablet).

Parking for Sunday morning Masses will be free without the need to enter your registration number into the tablet. We will have the facility to exempt cars from parking charges if attending some Parish events.

Taxis or families dropping off or picking up will have a 10-minute grace period where they are allowed to park appropriately, for free, only whilst dropping off/picking up to and from church. If they park for longer, they will be expected to pay for the convenience. Any vehicle that parks for longer than 10 minutes, without a valid permit or paid for parking session will be subject to a PCN (Parking Charge Notification). The PCN is £100 reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days and will also carry a right to appeal if the motorists feels as though they have been issued the PCN incorrectly, has had an emergency or broken down.

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Grand Prize Draw and thank you also to everybody who came to, and helped organise, our Christmas party. We raised a fantastic £1,599.66 from our Christmas fundraising. Prizes from the Christmas Grand Prize Draw can be collected from St Dunstan's Parish office next to St Dunstan's Church, Kings Heath during Parish office opening times.

PRIZE	WINNING TICKET
£250	05285 - Louise Bussey
£150	04823 - Natalie Cole
£100	05975 - Connor Wills
Carvery for four people at Kings Heath Cricket Club	04479 - Mandy Clan
Salter Coffee Machine	06157 - Amanda De Valiere
Port and Cheese	06266 - T. Powell
3 in 1 reversible grill	03732 - Lorraine Johnson
Flower Voucher courtesy of A Natural Undertaking	05271 - Esther
Relaxing Evening In (Prosecco and Sleep Apothecary)	05256 - Mary Di Maria
Port and Cheese	02669 - Joanne Lowe
Watching a Nice Film (Bottle of wine and box of biscuits)	03750 - Caroline Litterick
After Christmas Dinner (Bottle of wine and box of chocolates)	05552 - Denis Foley
Panettone and Mulled Wine Christmas Treat	05527 - Maria Lynch
Bottle of Champagne	00693 - Eila
Port and Cheese	02564 - Ms M Ross
Selection of Wine	05091 - Ben Jackson
Ribvale Hair Straighteners	03758
Gin Lovers	02744 - Tom and Fiona Peyton
Complete Picnic Set	03253 - Teresa O'Connor
Ticket to Ride Game	02173 - Stokes