# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude Sixth Sunday of Easter

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## Sunday 22nd May 2022

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Sat 21st	Easter Feria	11.00am	Mass for the sick	John Lynch (RIP)
Sat 21	Laster Feria	11.00aiii	and housebound	Pro Populo
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			Sacrament of the	
			Sick	
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Ble	essed Sacrament
		11.30am-12.30pm	Confessions	
		and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Vigil Mooo	Many Figher (PID)
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	CIVILLCUNDAY	5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Mary Fisher (RIP)
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<b>9.15am</b> (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Eilish Byrne (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Loughlin McManus (RIP Anni.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Allen family (Ints.)
		5.30pm	May Devotion with I	Rosary and Benediction
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	The Murray family
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	Gerry McCarthy (RIP)
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	<b>10.00am</b> (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Barry Jordan
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		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Kelly (RIP)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	St Bede	9.30am	Holy Mass	David and Margaret Kirk
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION	6.45am	Holy Mass	Maureen O'Connor
	OF THE LORD	9.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Street (Ints.)
		9.30am (St Alban's School)	Holy Mass	Tony Murphy (RIP)
		12 noon (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Patricia O'Donnell
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Ann Dunlea (Ints.)
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine of Canterbury	9.30am	Holy Mass	John Jennings (RIP)
			Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until the evening Mass	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Patrick Cunniffe (RIP)
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mark Woodcock (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Ble	,
		11.30am-12.30pm	Confessions	
		and 4.45pm-5.15pm		
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Delores Courtney (Ints.)
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF	<b>9.15am</b> ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Hilda and Eddie Walsh (RIP)
	EASTER	10.30am	Holy Mass	Dileep and Della
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Andy and Laura Taylor
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Sheila Redfern (RIP)



**Welcome to Mass.** The 9.15am Mass today at St Jude's is the Family Mass with a group of children from St Jude's school helping with the liturgy.

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord which is one of the great Holy Days of the year. The Ascension is an important moment in the season of Easter when Jesus ascends to His Father. He takes the humanity he received from Mary, and crucified on the cross, and is now exalted to his Father's presence. There will be a number of Masses in the parish to enable all to attend Mass this day, beginning with the 6.45am at St Dunstan's. The schools will also be present at some of the Masses

Sunday Mass Obligation. During the days of the pandemic the obligation for all Catholics to hear Mass on Sunday was lifted as it was deemed unsafe to gather. Due to various measures the severity of the virus has been much reduced, and for some time the country has been moving out of the pandemic phase and returning to a greater normality. Our bishops have decided that it is a good time to encourage everyone who is able to come back to Mass. The restoration of the Sunday obligation will take effect from Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church. The bishops also acknowledge that for many people during the lockdown the livestreaming of Mass was a much appreciated gift - and will continue to be so by those who are sick or vulnerable (or those caring for the seriously ill) for whom there is no obligation, as before, to come to Mass. But for the ablebodied, livestream Mass will not fulfil the Christian obligation to gather at the Altar. If you can spread the word around – it might give the necessary nudge to a number of people who have been absent from Mass for some time and to return to the full practice of the faith. You will be able to read the bishop's document on the website.

Help for Ukrainian Refugees: Father Hudson's Care is working with the Archdiocese of Birmingham and Ukrainian communities to provide support for people forced to leave Ukraine because of the war. Many people want to help Ukrainian refugees by offering accommodation in their homes. The Archdiocese has asked Father Hudson's Care to work with Catholic Ukrainian communities to co-ordinate such offers of help, working alongside matching agencies, local councils and CSAN. If you wish to offer accommodation, please contact Father Hudson's on 01675 434000 between the hours of 8:30 – 5:00pm Monday to Thursday, and 8:30 - 4:30pm on Friday.

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** There are still a number of Gift Aid and planned giving boxes still to be collected. If you haven't collected yours, please could you collect them this weekend from church, or let us know you no longer want/need the envelopes. For those who give by direct debit you can still take your box as it has envelopes for the second collections held throughout the year.

**Church opening.** Church will open this week at 8.30am Monday to Thursday and will remain open until 12.30pm for those who wish to come and say a prayer before the Blessed Sacrament or light a candle. On Fridays, church will be open from 8.30am throughout the day until evening Mass for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Hopefully the church will be used enough to prevent misuse! The toilets won't be open during these times.

**Sunday Singing Group:** Thank you again to those who helped to lead the singing for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Following on from Easter, a singing group will meet approximately half an hour before both Sunday morning Masses at St Dunstan's to practise the hymns for the day. It would be wonderful to have some extra faces (and voices) to join us at either Mass.

**WINDOW** the Parish magazine: The summer issue is now being assembled. The deadline for articles, news, pictures or jokes is on **Sunday 19**<sup>th</sup> **June**. Please send to robertwilcher@btinternet.com or 179, Alcester Road South or drop into the presbytery marked WINDOW.

We pray for those who have died recently: Kitty Goldberg, Thomas Moreland, William Edward Behan, Margaret Patricia Taylor (Requiem Mass 13<sup>th</sup> June, 11am), Mary McGuiness, Jean Mullins, Kevin McCaughey (Requiem Mass 1<sup>st</sup> June, 9.30am), and Nina Mousley. The funeral of Mary McGuiness is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2pm at Robin Hood Crematorium, and the funeral of Jean Mullins is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am, at St Bridget's, Northfield.

**We pray for those to be Baptised today:** Elaya Wray at St Dunstan's.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 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 after Mass every Monday when we reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel and how it inspires and informs everyday life with its joys and challenges.

**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.

Two's Company Befriending is part of a national charity called Living Lives UK which addresses loneliness and social isolation. Weekly contact can help unsupported people start again, regain confidence and find connection in their local community. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Anne Palmer on 0800 999 1928 or email anne.palmer@newlifebaptistchurch.org.uk.



There have been occasions where people have walked away with the sacred host

**GUIDANCE FOR HOLY COMMUNION** 

without consuming it.

<u>It is very important</u> for the respect we ought to give to the most Holy Sacrament, that:

- You remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before receiving communion so that you can receive.
- If you do receive the Holy Eucharist in the hand, consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest.
- 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.

#### **COLLECTIONS:**

Gift Aid Non-Gift Aid Fabric Fund	<b>St Dunstan's</b> £ 476.00 £ 792.09 £ 212.20
Gift Aid	<b>St Jude's</b> £ 56.70

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 £ 56.70

 Non-Gift Aid
 £ 148.02

 Fabric Fund
 £ 130.45

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for the Catholic Communications.

**Donations of Cakes** of any kind needed for a cake sale at the Queen's Platinum party. Please bring your donations to St Dunstan's Church either in Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June or on the morning of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Many thanks.

**Walsingham:** A good number of parishioners are going on pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine on Friday. Any parishioners who would like petitions taking. please drop them in the presbytery or hand to one of the priests.

*Final Arrangements for pilgrims!* Please meet at the entrance to the church car park on Institute Road at 9.00am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May where the coach will be waiting for us. You will be given an itinerary, room details and further information about the weekend on the coach. Inform Isabel O'Connell of any dietary requirements before Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Her number is 07758004306.

**Important**: If you have any Covid symptoms in the run up to the pilgrimage, please do not come on the trip.

Vacancy for Exam Invigilators at St Paul's School for Girls: This is a casual post that would suit somebody with a flexible approach to working as you would only be required for PPE and External examinations. £10.76 per hour including holiday pay. For further details and to download

an application pack, see our website www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk

Vacancy for a Sixth Form Mentor and Learning Hub Assistant for September 2022 at St Paul's School for Girls: Monday - Thursday 10am - 6pm, Fri 10am - 5pm. £21,695 term time only. Suitable for a graduate to help encourage the academic progress of Sixth Form students and those girls choosing to study in the Learning Hub after school. For further details, see our website, www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk. Application deadline is Friday 07 June 2022 noon.

Oscott College Organ Recital. The seminary community is arranging an organ recital at 4.30 pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets are £10 each, which includes a cream tea after the recital. Proceeds will go to the Tabor House homeless project in Birmingham. There is also the opportunity to join the seminary for Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Martin Casey on 07980 650005 or mfpcasey@hotmail.com. Transport from and returning to St Dunstan's can be arranged, or you are welcome to make your own way, but we have been asked to advise the seminary of numbers for seating and catering purposes.

### **MASS TODAY**

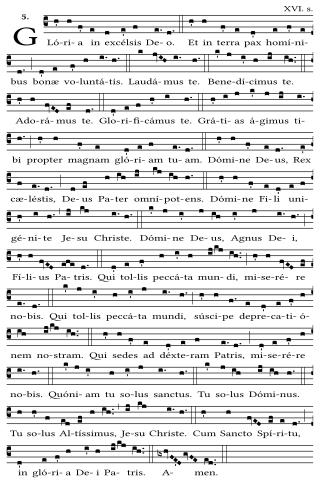
#### MUSIC AT SOLEMN MASS

Hymns: 275 606 720

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#### **GLORIA**



# A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (15:1-2,22-29)

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 66

## R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. *R*.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. *R.* 

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. *R.* 

### A reading from the book of Apocalypse (21:10-14,22-23)

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

#### Alleluia!

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:23-29)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'