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The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude



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Sunday 18th February – First Sunday in Lent

Sat 17 th	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Bertie Roddy (RIP)	
		11.30am-12.30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm <i>Confessions at St Dunstan's</i> 3.30pm <i>Confessions at St Jude's</i>			
		4.00pm (St Jude's)	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	James King	
Sun 18 th	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Ina Glennon	
		10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy	Noel Stanley (1 st Anni.)	
		12noon	Holy Mass	Kathleen Garrett (RIP Anni.)	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Sue Blake	
Mon 19 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass followed by the Rosary	Chinna Varghese (RIP)	
		7.00m (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Bernadette Mellett (RIP)	
Tues 20 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	Anne Read nee Browne (RIP)	
		7.00pm	Confirmation Mass	Denise Holmer and family	
Wed 21 st	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Andrew and James Pye (Sp. Ints.)	
		1.00pm	Requiem Mass	John "Sean' Nash (RIP)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Peggy Green	
Thurs 22 nd	Chair of St Peter	6.45am	Holy Mass followed by tea and toast	Colin Mason (RIP)	
		9.30am (St Alban's)	Holy Mass	Margaret Coughlan	
		11.30am	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP Anni.)	

Fri 23 rd	Lent Feria	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass 6.15pm 6.15pm – 6.45pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass Stations of the Cross Confessions Holy Mass	Margaret Morrissy (RIP Anni.) Rose Rahill
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Mass Intentions for next weekend: St Dunstan's: Saturday 11.00am Irene Collins, 5.30pm Patricia Burns (RIP Anni.), Sunday 10.30am Mary O'Connor (RIP 20th Anni.), 12 noon David Kirk (Ints.), 6.30pm Maragret Toal.
St Jude's: Saturday 4pm People of the Parish, Sunday 9.15am Michelle Bird and family.

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:
Denise Stanley, Helena Lazarz, John Collins, Christopher Crotty, John "Sean" Nash (*Requiem Mass on Wednesday 21st February at 1pm*), **Marie Chatten** (*Requiem Mass on Wednesday 28th February at 11.00am at St Dunstan's Church*), **Hannah Harman** (*Requiem Mass on Monday 4th March at 11.00am at St Jude's Church*), and **Mary O'Connor** (*Requiem Mass on Thursday 7th March at 11.00am at St Dunstan's Church*).

We pray also for those who anniversaries occur in February: **2nd** Eddie Kelly, Mary Ann Kelly (1966), **5th** Lizzie Joyce, **6th** Eileen Dixon, **7th** Sr Gemma Velleringhattu, Kuriakose Chirappurayidom, V M Kuriakose, **10th** Hilda May Walsh (2015), **14th** Amy May Siviter (1977), **15th** Denis Drew (2016), **17th** Noel Stanley (1st Anniversary), Margaret O'Sullivan, **19th** Rhys Jones (2011), **20th** Lionel Joseph Plettell, **22nd** Ann O'Sullivan (3rd Anniversary), Joan Kathleen Greer (2002), Ernest St John McElwee (1978), Margaret Morrissy (2013), Catherine Peyton (2001).

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes: Michael Martin, Noreen Winhall, Paul Holleran, and Mike Regan.

Welcome to Mass. On this First Sunday of Lent, we begin our weekly Lenten programme. There are opportunities for Stations of the Cross (Tuesdays after Mass at St Jude's, and Fridays at 6.15pm at St Dunstan's), as well as frequent celebrations of Mass. We will have the Early Bird Mass on Thursday mornings at 6.45am – and there will be tea/coffee and toast available in the Conference Room afterwards once again. There is also the return of the Friday Lenten Soup Lunches.

St Dunstan's welcome Fr Stephen from the St Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) this weekend. He will be asking for prayers and financial support for their missionary work in Zambia, Malawi and Kenya, promoting also their magazine *Africa*.

Archbishop's Visitation: Thank you to all those who helped in welcoming His Grace the Archbishop during his visitation last weekend. Especially to those who came to the Saturday meeting, provided food, set up and cleared away after the bring and share supper. Thanks also to groups of altar servers, musicians and readers who helped with the liturgy, and to our flower arrangers. All these valuable contributions only work if people come, so it was great to see so many at Mass to welcome Archbishop Bernard. The Archbishop was grateful that your concerns, hopes, consolations and joys were shared. He was most complimentary about us all.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St Dunstan's on Tuesday 20th February, and at St Jude's on Tuesday 27th February. The Masses will be celebrated by Bishop David Evans. We have a good number of young candidates from St Dunstan's, St Alban's and St Jude's schools, and also children who go to non-Catholic schools. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Altar Server Training: There will be a servers' training session next Saturday, 24th February at 10.00am. This is particularly for primary aged servers, but all are welcome.

Easter Music: We are hoping to get a group together to support the music of our Easter liturgies. There will be a meeting for those interested after the 7pm Mass this Friday, 23rd February. If you are interested in joining us but are unable to make this Friday, please let Deacon Martin know in person or at dcn.martin.casey@rcaob.org.uk

A Lenten Proposal – Fr Toby begins the first stage of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St Ignatius of Loyola with those that are interested this week. We will be meeting in the Conference Room each Tuesday evening at 6.00pm throughout Lent.

Ecumenical Lent Groups for 2024: Churches Together begin their Lent Groups; The five-week courses start this week:

- Monday, 11.00am, at All Saints Church;
- Tuesday, 8.00pm, on-line led by New Life Baptist Church;
- Wednesday 21st February, 10.30am, at New Life Baptist Church;
- Thursday 22nd February, 12.15pm, in St. Dunstan's Conference Room.

For personal devotion, you might like to take the Walk With Me booklet available at the back of church that will be an invaluable daily guide through this sacred season. Also, we are so fortunate that St Dunstan's church is open each day for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Do make good use of these open doors, especially during this season of Lent.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is on Friday 23rd February.

There will be a Lenten soup lunch in the Conference Room, and a collection on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February. Gift Aid envelopes will be available next weekend.

You could also join the Big Lent Walk and raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. This year CAFOD's Lent Appeal is helping fishing communities feed their families in Liberia. There will be a **CAFOD Parish Lent Walk** on Saturday March 16th. We plan to walk to Cannon Hill Park for a picnic (bring your own food and drink), leaving Church after 11am Mass, gathering outside the new main entrance. We hope to picnic between the play park and the lake, near the back entrance to the Mac. Refreshments in the Conference Room on our return. All welcome. For those who would like to use the bus the 35 stops just after the roundabout at the bottom of Salisbury Road, almost opposite the park entrance. Children need to bring a responsible adult with them. Collection on the walk for CAFOD. For more details please contact Jackie or Brian Trewby: 0121 441 4730 or 07855 464938 .

Youth Group on Sunday 25th February: Will begin preparations for the living Stations of the Cross which will be held in St Dunstan's Church on Palm Sunday. Parents/guardians dropping young people off are welcome to stay for a chat tea, coffee and cake which will be available in the new entrance of church.

Legion of Mary meet Saturday mornings at St Dunstan's in the Conference Room at 9.30am, and Monday evenings at St Jude's in church at 6pm. Everybody is welcome to come along.

Journey in Faith will be at 7.45pm in the Presbytery on Monday 19th February and Monday 26th February.

Lectio Divina in the Conference Room after morning Mass every Monday. You are invited to read and reflect on the Gospel of the day and think about God's word.

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

Bishop Challoner Tea Party: On Wednesday from 1:30pm to 3pm in the 6th form common room. There will be tea, sandwiches, cake and bingo.

Little Lambs: A chance for a coffee and chat with other parents, grandparents and carers whilst the children play. Come and join us in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday.



Next Sunday in the Social Centre.
Doors open at 7pm and bingo starts at 7.30pm.
Everybody is welcome to come along!

ST DUNSTAN'S CAR PARK

We are aware there have been some issues regarding the new parking system in place at St Dunstan's Church. We have met with Euro Parking Services to discuss the car park. Hopefully, the issues should now be resolved, and we can move forward.

This is the response we have received from the Managing Director:

I want to formally apologise for all the inconvenience and frustration caused by this error to you, the Church, and its congregation and visitors.

Here's what we're currently doing (some items have already been completed):

- 1) Reviewing all appeals with a senior appeals adjudicator to minimise further mistakes.
- 2) Re-establishing and reconnecting the broken links between the exemption camera and payment machine with the back office.
- 3) Re-auditing all PCNs with a senior PCN auditor.
- 4) Conducting compliance audits and discussing improvement plans to prevent future occurrences.
- 5) Filling out incident forms for a deeper investigation into the system failure (to commence after reviewing all PCNs).
- 6) Communicating with motorists who received an incorrect PCN to inform them that the charge no longer applies.
- 7) Committing to carrying out positive and kind acts for the local community and the Church.
- 8) Printing and installing signs to inform motorists to direct their appeals to the parking operator.
- 9) Liaising with the relevant authorities regarding this incident.

Lenten Soup Lunches: This Friday in the Conference Room from 12.30pm.

Archdiocese of Birmingham organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you are interested, contact the pilgrimage office on Tel: 0121 230 6288. **Would you be willing to give up a week of your time to assist sick pilgrims in Lourdes?** If so, please email Kathryn, our Chief Nurse (chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk) or visit the Diocesan website for more information.

HCPT Lourdes Fundraiser: There will be a cake sale after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 3rd March and also a Ceili night at St. Anne's Parish Centre, Digbeth on Friday 23rd February from 7.30pm. Tickets £8, which can be bought at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/54020?> or email t.rowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

A reading from the book of Genesis (9:8-15).

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (94(95): 1-2,6-9)

R: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are God my saviour. **R:**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord. **R:**

The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 He guides the humble in the right path,
 He teaches his way to the poor. **R:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Peter (3:18-22)

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
 Man does not live on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (1:12-15).

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid:	£457.50	£127.20
Non-Gift Aid:	£756.79	£429.51
Contactless:	£ 83.00	-
QR Code:	£ 20.00	-



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There will be a **second collection this weekend** for the **Fabric Fund** at **St Jude's** and for the **St Patrick's Missionary Society** at **St Dunstan's**.

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 is Annette McGrath. 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.