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The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude



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Sunday 17th March – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sat 16 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Moria Mc (Birthday)
		11.30am-12.30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
	<i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm Confessions at St Dunstan's 3.30pm Confessions at St Jude's		
		4.00pm (St Jude's)	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Martin Doherty (RIP Anni.)
Sun 17 th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Special Intentions
		10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy	Monica Jena (RIP Anni.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Kathleen Conlon (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Julia Gilligan (RIP)
Mon 18 th	<i>Lent Feria</i> <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass followed by the Rosary	Bridget Fryer (RIP) and James O'Connor (RIP)
		7.00pm (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Fr John Peyton (Ints.)
Tues 19 th	SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	9.30am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	Elizabeth and Martin Brown (RIP)
		10.45am	Requiem Mass	Yvonne Cole (RIP)
		5.00pm	<i>Vigil and Reception for</i>	Michael Conway (RIP)
Wed 20 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Peter Collins
		9.30am	Holy Mass	Patrick Healy (RIP 1 st Anni.)
		1.30pm	Requiem Mass	Michael Conway (RIP)
Thurs 21 st	<i>Lent Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Martin Collins (RIP)
		6.45am	Holy Mass followed by tea and toast	Margaret O'Looney and family
		9.30am (St Alban's)	Holy Mass	Ted Rose (RIP)
		11.30am	Holy Mass	Liam Corcoran (RIP)

Fri 22nd	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am <i>Adoration from 10am</i>	Holy Mass <i>until evening Mass</i>	Des Sheridan (RIP Anni.)
		11.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Requiem Mass	Beryl Harnett (RIP)
		6.15pm 6.15pm – 6.45pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Ron Williams (RIP)

Mass Intentions for next weekend: St Dunstan's: Saturday 11.00am; Frank McLoughlin (1st Anni.), 5.30pm; Kieran Lavin, Sunday 10.30am; Des O'Leary (RIP), 12 noon; Bernie Mellett (RIP), 6.30pm; Gilligan Girls (Sp Ints.).
St Jude's: Saturday; 4pm People of the Parish, Sunday 9.15am; Frances.

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Chris Reilly, Tom O'Connor, John Collins, Yvonne Cole, Michael Conway, Beryl Harnett, Frances Lynch (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Tuesday 26th March at 10.30am*), **Arlien Quddus** (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Tuesday 26th March at 1.00pm*), **Bridie Coughlan** (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Tuesday 4th April at 10.00am*), and **Kitty McCoughey** (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Wednesday 10th April at 11.00am*).

We pray also for those who anniversaries occur in March: 1st Paddy Walsh (2020), 3rd Frances Dunlea, William Molloy (1975), 4th Oonagh Trigg (2023), 5th Annie Rochford (2021), 6th Anthony Flynn (2004), 7th Mattie Neylon (2018), Roseanne Clarke (2009), Patrick Walsh (2020), 9th Ber Gorman (2023), 10th Baby Edward Hemming, 11th Eric Shelton, 12th Margaret Mary Allan, 13th Monica Jena (2008), 14th John Tierney (2023), 15th Ray Bielby (2023), Mark Woodcock (2021), 17th Patrick Peyton (1991), 19th James Dickinson (2009), Patrick Tehan (1978), 21st Frank McLoughlin (2023), Tyd Rose, 22nd Bridie McAdam (2023), Jack Greer (2007), 24th Varghese Panthallor, Charles Byrne (1942), 29th Louise Tehan (2017), 30th Maura Donohoe, 31st Pat Dunlea, Betty Wright (nee Cronin), Dennis Buckley, William Driver (Bill).

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

Welcome to Mass. We welcome into our Parish family Tasha Miller-Downes who was Baptised last weekend, and Matilda Clare who was received into the Catholic Church this week.

Youth Group today (Sunday) at 5.00pm in the Conference Room: 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.

'Born for This' written by CJM, is a beautiful and moving depiction of the Stations of the Cross through music and drama. It is a wonderful way to prepare for Holy Week. We would like to invite all parishioners to this event at St Thomas Aquinas School on:

- This Wednesday at 5pm, with 90 children from the Lumen Christi Catholic primary schools.
- This Thursday at 7pm, performed together with local secondary schools – St John Henry Newman, Bishop Challoner, St Peter's and Archbishop Illsley.

This is a free event. There will be a cake sale afterwards to raise funds for students who are going on pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The Lenten Ignatian Journey is coming to an end shortly, but we will still be gathering for the last two Tuesdays this Lent (in the Conference Room at 6pm). As those involved know, this stage of the *Spiritual Exercises* typically concludes with a General Confession (of one's whole life). More details about this will be part of next Tuesday's meeting, along with the opportunities to sign up with Fr Toby for this during Holy Week. You are, of course, very welcome to approach any other priest, or even to opt out of this invitation entirely.

Ecumenical Lent Groups: Mondays, 11.00am, at All Saints Church; Tuesdays, 8.00pm, on-line led by New Life Baptist Church; Wednesdays, 10.30am, at New Life Baptist Church; Thursdays, 12.15pm, in St Dunstan's Conference Room.

Holy Week and Triduum Singing Group: We hope to have a group for every liturgy, but if you are only able to come to some, that is fine too. We are meeting after Friday evening Masses at St Dunstan's.

The Easter Garden Installation 2024: Donations of Orchids are urgently needed by **Palm Sunday weekend**. Kindly place them in the designated space **opposite the piety stall**, along with the name of your loved ones on a marker placed in the pot. This garden installation has become "for those you love". These will fill the entire garden and often last beyond 7 weeks. **You can also buy an orchid** to help fill the garden with colour, perhaps marking a birthday, birth of a child, or a commitment to pray for somebody. Every attempt is made to take special care of your orchids across the 6 weeks of the installation, and they will be returned when the garden is dismantled. **Donations of other potted flowers/plants are no longer needed.** Across the years we have managed to 'grow our own' and they are sufficient to fill the garden for the first time.

Brass cleaning at St Dunstan's Wednesday 20th March after morning Mass. We have lovely candlesticks and lamps etc that need to shine for Easter. Could you spare a couple of hours?? Cleaning materials provided!

Good Friday Walk of Witness: This year the ecumenical service at New Life Baptist Church will be led by St Dunstan's. It starts at 11.15am and is followed by the Walk of Witness at noon, up the High Street to All Saints. Hot cross buns will be served afterwards. Volunteers to help with stewarding, or reading during the service, would be appreciated. Contact Deacon David at fairbo28@gmail.com or 07948379545.

Life-Teen UK Summer Camp at Alton Castle, Staffordshire (Sunday 21st July – Thursday 25th July): Fr Toby has managed to secure 10 very sought-after places for young people of our parish/school community to make use of. This summer camp is an annual event run by our own diocesan youth service, The Kenelm Youth Trust, teamed up with Life-Teen (a US based Catholic Youth Organisation). This summer camp is for young people aged 12-18 from across the whole country. It involves a whole lot of fun (think a day-trip to Alton Towers, Rock-climbing, abseiling, mountain biking, archery etc.), some solid catechesis from dynamic speakers, daily Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship, Prayer School, and above all the opportunity to pray and have fun with other young people beyond the Parish.

The full cost of this camp is £275 staying in a Castle Dormitory, or £195 for those wanting to Camp (including transport). We would like to subsidise this cost both from existing Youth Club Funds and from some fundraising in the near future. But for now, to secure your place could you book via the Parish Office with a name, contact number and a £50 deposit per person ASAP.

Church Stewards: We have a great team of stewards at both our churches who do a valuable job welcoming people to church. We could do with a few more stewards, particularly at St Dunstan's to remind people about entering their registration number into the car parking tablet. If you can help, please contact the Parish office.

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.

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.

Journey in Faith will take place on Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Conference Room.

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

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.

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

Message from Bishop Challoner: This academic year is our Year of Challoner, to commemorate our Platinum Jubilee year. The school first opened its doors in 1953 and in planning our celebrations it has been a joy to look back through artifacts and photographs from the school's rich history. We will be holding a celebration event on Thursday 25th April 4.00pm-6.30pm. There will be an opportunity to visit our Spring Fair, take part in activities organised by our pupils and take a tour of the school, including all subject areas. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible with friends and family.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday 6th April at 11.30am in the Conference Room and Presbytery Garden. Suitable for children aged up to 11. Entrance is free but the Easter bunny will need to know how many Easter eggs to bring, so if your child would like to come, please put their name on the list in church by Sunday 24th March.

'Sister Act' film night

On Saturday 6th April in the Parish Social Centre! (Next to St Dunstan's Church). Doors will open at 6.15pm following the evening Mass and the film starts at 7.30pm. Free entry. There will be a bring and share table and the bar will be open for drinks. Fr John has offered to buy parishioners a drink as a thank you for your support in the Parish.

Fancy dress is encouraged and there will be a prize for the best Sister Act film themed fancy-dress outfit!

Real Ale and Cider Festival

At St Dunstan's Social Centre and top car park on Saturday 25th May from 12 noon until 10.00pm. As well as a selection of drinks to choose from, there will be food and entertainment for all the family.

We are looking for sponsors for the barrels of beer and cider. We would suggest a sponsorship of £100 per barrel, which could be split between a group. In return, you can choose which barrel to sponsor, and you will receive a goody bag on the day. If you own a company, you can advertise in the programme.

ST DUNSTAN'S CAR PARK UPDATE

Following feedback we have received, in addition to later Sunday afternoon Baptisms, there are also Parishioners who like to socialise after Sunday morning Mass, perhaps by going for a coffee or lunch. We appreciate how important this is, and so we have made parking free for Parishioners until **3pm** on Sundays to allow more time for this.

Please email any PCN appeals to cancellations@europarkingservices.com

COLLECT

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.

A reading from the book of 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 (115(116):10,15-19)

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:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the 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.

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!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (12:20-23).

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.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan’s	St Jude’s
Gift Aid:	£464.00	£324.50
Non-Gift Aid:	£605.08	£179.77
Contactless:	£122.00	
QR Code:	£ 30.00	



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There will be a **second collection this weekend** for the Fabric Fund.

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