

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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Sat 30 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	James and Laura Pye (Ints.) Pro Populo	
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass		
Sun 31 st	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Michael Dunleavey (RIP)	
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Geraldine Lynch (RIP)	
		12noon	Holy Mass	Persecuted Priests	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Peter Joyce (RIP)	
Mon 1 st	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Des O'Leary (RIP)	
Tues 2 nd	SOLEMNITY ALL SOULS	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Matthew Lyons (RIP)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Jim Ranford (Ints.)	
Wed 3 rd	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Ava Cooper (Sp Ints.)	
Thurs 4 th	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Tom Cooper and family	
Fri 5 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Jerry Anne Murphy (ints.)	
		12 noon (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Pye, Griffin and Byrne families	
		6.40pm	Benediction		
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Ted Holt (RIP)	
Sat 6 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass with Consecration of the Altar	Tommy Reddington (RIP) Pro Populo	
		No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week.			
		4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass		
Sun 7 th	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Frank Traynor (RIP)	
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (RIP)	
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Paddy Collins (Anni.)	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Mary Kealey (RIP)	

Today is the Solemnity of All Saints when we give thanks to God for all the saints in glory - *'that great cloud of witnesses'*...the saints who inspire and encourage us so that we may *'run with endurance the race set out for us'* (Hebrews 12:1). Today reminds us that the Church of which we are part is far bigger than the visible Church on earth, and at the altar above any other place on earth, we are one in praise and prayer with the Church triumphant in heaven.

Today is also the beginning of the month of November, that month dedicated especially to prayer for the faithful departed. The souls in purgatory are part of the Church too – and we offer Masses and prayers for them, that the Lord will forgive them their sins and lead them to glory. For as one of the offertory prayers at the Requiem Mass says: should any stain of sin have clung to them, or any human fault affected them, it may, by your loving gift, be forgiven and wiped away.

There is an intercession box placed before the altar for those who have died. If you wish to write the names of those you wish to pray for during this month of the Holy Souls and place them there, then the priests offering Holy Mass will remember them in their Masses.

This Saturday at 11am is the Consecration of the Altar by the Archbishop. All tickets are now taken. Those who have tickets but won't require them please return to the presbytery so that they can be re-issued, as the tickets will hugely help with spacing in church and for the catering after the Mass. **Please remember to bring your ticket with you on the day.**

To prepare for the consecration there will be:

- 1) On Wednesday after the 9.30am Masses – cleaning of all the church brasses, etc.
- 2) On Friday – adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after the morning Mass until the evening Mass. Please sign the sheet if you can commit to a time.
- 3) Altar Server rehearsals on Tuesday at 6pm and Friday after the Evening Mass
- 4) On Friday after the evening Mass – final singing group rehearsal.

NB The Mass of Consecration will be live streamed on the parish website

Blessing of the Graves – it is good that we will be able to gather again for this annual time of prayer for departed friends and family. All are at 2pm.

Sunday 7th November – Brandwood End & Quinton
Sunday 14th November – Widney Manor & Lodge Hill
Sunday 21st November – Kings Norton & Robin Hood
Sunday 28th November – Wythall & St Nicolas.

Grave lights are now available to buy from the piety stall.

All Saints Day Children's Activities. Would you like to bring your children to make something special today? They can dress up as their favourite saint and join us in the Conference Room after the 12 noon Mass for some saint activities and refreshments anytime from 1pm until 3pm.

Cake Sale before and after Mass at St Jude's today. All money raised will go to APF. APF missionaries go to the most remote places in the world to show the love of Christ to those in need, both spiritually and materially. Anybody who would like to support the work of APF will be able to get a red box on the day.

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

During this time of pandemic, the diocese is recommending continuing with **social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church.

Although a number of parishes have lifted the social distancing, we have it kept this in place. It was mentioned a few weekends ago that consideration was being given to having half our churches social distanced and half with more flexible seating. The spacing markings have now been removed from St Dunstan's, but please consider other people and leave some space from the person next to you. Please also only sit on the pews with the green ticks on. This arrangement will be reviewed over the coming weeks.

Receiving Holy Communion. There have been increasing occasions where people have walked away with the sacred host without consuming it. So:

- 1) **It is very important for the respect we ought to give to the most holy sacrament, that if you do receive the holy eucharist in the hand that you consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest. Please also remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before so that you can receive.**
- 2) **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**

Parish Census During lockdown, when contact with parishioners was mainly by phone, it became apparent that we didn't have contact details for a number of parishioners, or that contact details were out of date where people had changed phone number or moved house. It has been a few years since we did the last census, and we have a new database in the office so thought it would be a good opportunity to have another census. Stewards will have forms to give out and if **all parishioners and regular church attenders** could please take a form and return your completed form to the box in either church. You can also find the census form on the home page of the parish website if you would prefer to complete the form and email it back to us.

Contactless Payments. You will find our new contactless terminal in the new entrance to St Dunstan's church. Use your contactless debit, credit card or smart phone or device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Children's Liturgy. We are looking at re-starting children's liturgy on the first Sunday in advent. If you previously helped with this and would like to help again, or if you would like to start helping, please contact the parish office by Friday 12th November. For those who are interested, there will be a Zoom meeting to go through a few ideas.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is this Tuesday after evening Mass 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 morning Mass every Monday. You are invited to read and reflect on the Gospel of the day and think about God's word and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges. All welcome.

Sycamore Course. This is an ideal course for those who are curious about our faith or who have perhaps not had much chance to learn about our faith. This Thursday, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass.

Little Lambs: Do you have pre-school aged children and are free on a Friday morning? Come and join us at 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 from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday. All welcome.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you, or someone you know, is sick or can't leave the house and would like Holy Communion, would you let one of the priests know, or email or call the presbytery.

We pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Oakley, and May O'Rafferty.

Beware of spam emails! The Archdiocese has been made aware of spam emails coming from fraudulent impersonated Gmail accounts pretending to be from parish priests. These emails often include 'parishpastor' and the name of parish priests but they are not being sent from priests' email accounts. Proactive action has been taken by the Diocesan IT team to block such emails, but they can still be generated elsewhere and infiltrate email accounts. Please be vigilant. If you are in any doubt about an email, please contact the parish office and check.

Traidcraft Charity Christmas cards and crafts. Proceeds from card sales go to CAFOD, Christian Aid and the development charity Traidcraft Exchange. Catalogues and cards will be available to order after 10.30am Mass each Sunday until the 12th December, or from 179 Alcester Road South.

COMMUNION HYMN

1. Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.
2. Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O Blessèd Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.
3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
when I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

The voluntary that will be played today is J.S. Bach, Fantasia from Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£528.30	£60.00
Non-Gift Aid	£682.31	£96.73

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Johnson Association.

From next weekend, stewards will have the offertory bags for church donations.

Standing Orders are a great way to make regular donations. If you would like a standing order form for either church, please contact the Parish office.

The Parish Office will be open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to 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 pre-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. You do not need an appointment for this.

Please note that cards are now £1 each.

FIRST READING

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all of you who labour and are
overburdened
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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.