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**The Parishes of  
St Dunstan and St Jude**



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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Third Sunday in Advent**

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Advent Feria</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Una Duffy (RIP)	
		11.30am-12.30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by First Saturday Devotions</i>		
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm Confessions at St Dunstan's 3.30pm Confessions at St Jude's			
		<b>4.00pm (St Jude's)</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	People of the Parish	
		<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Willie Hanratty (RIP)	
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>  <i>Gaudette Sunday</i>  <i>O Sapientia</i>	<b>9.15am (St Jude's)</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	George Dunleavy (RIP)	
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy</b>	Patrick Cooney	
		<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Al and Maura Coughlan and Eileen Dixon (RIP)	
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Tom Flaherty (RIP Anni.)	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Advent Feria</i>  <i>O Adonai</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass followed by the Rosary</b>	Michael and Agnes Whelan (RIP)	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Advent Feria</i>  <i>O Radix Iesse</i>	<b>9.30am (St Jude's)</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Maire	
		7.00pm	<i>Parish Penitential Service</i>		
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Advent Feria</i>  <i>O Clavis David</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Stephen So (RIP)	
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Des O'Leary (RIP)	
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Advent Feria</i>  <i>O Oriens</i>	<b>6.45am</b>	<b>Rorate Caeli Mass</b>	Jean Ellis (RIP)	
		<b>9.30am (St Alban's)</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Alfred Nicklin (RIP)	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Advent Feria</i>  <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	<b>9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Annie and Ned Sheridan and Garry Greenfield (RIP)	
		6.15pm – 6.45pm	<i>Confessions</i>		
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Vincent and Alexandra Rattray (RIP)	

**Mass Intentions for next weekend: St Dunstan's:** Saturday 11.00am, Darcy, Stanley, Mannion and Feery families (RIP), 5.30pm Pat Shortt (RIP), Sunday 10.30am Joanna Ellis (Ints.), 12 noon Special Intentions, 5.00pm Deceased of Hayden and Gaynor families, Midnight Edward Lawlor (RIP). **St Jude's:** Saturday 4pm People of the Parish, Sunday 9.15am William Bradley (RIP), 7.00pm Hilda and Eddie Walsh (RIP).

## CHRISTMAS

### *Penitential Service*

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm at St Dunstan's

### *Confessions*

#### *St Dunstan's*

Saturdays: 11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm - 5.15pm

Christmas Eve: 2.00pm -2.30pm

#### *St Jude's*

Saturdays: 3.30pm

## CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm: St Dunstan's First Mass of Christmas with Nativity (*Family Mass*)

7.00pm: St Jude's Vigil Mass of Christmas

Midnight: St Dunstan's Solemn First Mass of

Christmas Night with Carols

## CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am: St Dunstan's Christmas Mass with Carols (*English*)

10.00am: St Jude's Christmas Mass with Carols

11.00am: St Dunstan's Christmas Mass with Carols (*English with Latin*)

### **Please note, these are the Masses for Christmas.**

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, there will still be the Vigil Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent at 4pm at St Jude's and 5.30pm at St Dunstan's. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, there will Sunday Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent at 9.15am at St Jude's, 10.30am and 12 noon at St Dunstan's. Christmas Masses begin at 5pm on Christmas Eve.

## CHRISTMAS GRAND PRIZE DRAW

The winning tickets will be drawn at the Christmas bingo on **TODAY** in the Social Centre.  
Doors will open at 7pm.



**Gaudete – 'Rejoice' is the theme of the liturgy today as the celebration of the birth of the Saviour grows ever closer.**

**Today is also the Family Mass at St Jude's at 9.15am and St Dunstan's at 10.30am during which there will be the *Blessing of the Bambinelli*.** This is custom spread by Pope St John Paul when, in 1978, the children of the city of Rome were encouraged to bring the baby Jesus from their home nativity sets to the Pope to be blessed on Gaudete Sunday – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. We haven't gone as far as Rome today, but the Bambinelli will be blessed here! Many of you may also have brought the Christ-child from your home nativity sets which can be blessed with those made by the children. This simple Advent practice is a way in which we can connect our nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas in church. The prayer of blessing that we will use was composed by Pope Benedict, and it will ask that: *'with your blessing, these images of Jesus, who is about to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes.'*

**Family Mass on Christmas Eve (5pm at St Dunstan's):** Mass will begin with a Pop-up Nativity (no practice needed!). All children are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite Nativity character (Mary, Joseph, kings, shepherds, angels or even the donkey!). Children and staff from St Alban's School will be coming to help lead the music at this Mass, but all young people, and those young at heart, are very welcome to join us. Towards the end of Mass, the baby Jesus shall be placed in the crib and some extra Christmas carols will be sung.

**Christmas Mass Cards** are available from both churches this weekend.

**Christmas Offering Envelopes** are available at the back of both churches. Do please use them – especially if you are away at Christmas and wish to make a donation towards the support of your priests.

**St Dunstan's School Carol Concert this Wednesday at 5pm in St Dunstan's Church.** Please do come along and enjoy the children's festive singing.

**This Thursday at 6.45am** there is the third candlelit early morning Mass - *Rorate Caeli* - of this Advent season. If you haven't been to this Mass, and you have an opportunity, do come! There has been a good number coming to breakfast after Mass as well.

**SVP Collection Update:** In addition to the £2152.85 people of the parish donated so generously to the SVP's retiring collection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, there have also been donations directly into the SVP account and donations given by cheque. The revised total is now £2,977.85. Thank you all so very much.

**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:** Freda Conboy, Keith Davies, Sybil Fraser (*Requiem Mass at 10am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at St Dunstan's Church*), Helen Ellard (*Requiem Mass at 11am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December at St Dunstan's Church*) and Geraldine Browne.

**We welcome into the family of our Parishes** Rubi-Rae Carter who was Baptised at St Dunstan's last weekend.

**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** meet on Saturday mornings at St Dunstan's in the Conference Room at 9.15am and Monday evenings at St Jude's in church at 6pm. Everybody is welcome to come along.

**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.

On **Tuesday evenings** during Advent, Deacon Martin will be delivering sessions introducing St Mark's Gospel in the **Conference Room at 7.45pm (after Mass)**.

**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.

#### COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
<b>Gift Aid:</b>	£492.60	£374.50
<b>Non-Gift Aid:</b>	£589.12	£357.47
<b>Poor Parishes:</b>	£433.46	£163.95
<b>Contactless:</b>	£55.00	-
<b>QR Code:</b>	£20.00	-



You can donate to the Church (with or without Gift Aid) using this QR Code. Do this by scanning this code with the camera of your phone.

The second collection **this weekend** is for the **Fabric Fund**

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## MASS TODAY

### HYMNS

Processional:  
Offertory:  
Post-Communion:  
Recessional:

### MASS SETTING

SANCTUS 499  
AGNUS DEI 500

### COLLECT

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah (61:1-2,10-11).**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Luke 1:46-50,53-54)**

##### **R: My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R:**

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. **R:**

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **R:**

#### **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (5:16-24).**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

### **Alleluia!**

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

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. 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 is Annette McGrath. They can be contacted at: [sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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.*