

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

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Sat 5 th	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass followed by first Saturday Devotions.	Mary Wootton Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	Daniel Campbell (Ints.)
Sun 6 th	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Paul Collins (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mark Woodcock (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Violeta Rubino (RIP)
Mon 7 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	The Woodcock family
Tues 8 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Douglas Fallon (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Kathleen Leydon
Wed 9 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Cath Soubhi
Thurs 10 th	<i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Bill Johnson (RIP Anni.)
Fri 11 th	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9.30am	Holy Mass	Theresa McHugh (Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Margaret (RIP)
Sat 12 th	<i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mrs Malone (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and First Saturday devotions of Our Lady</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	Louise Sullivan (RIP)
Sun 13 th	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	William and Margaretta Hanna
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Michael and Catherine Sugrue (RIP Anni.)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Mark Woodcock (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Marcella Kearney (RIP)

Not one but two solemnities to feast upon this week!

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi when we give thanks to almighty God for the gift of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Although the Mass is deeply familiar to us, we should always ask for the gift of eyes of faith to understand ever more what we are privileged to be part of when we assist at Holy Mass. St Francis of Assisi once said: *'Man should tremble, the world should quake, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest.'*

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus follows on Friday, and this month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The heart is probably the most common symbol that speaks of our humanity – and our vulnerability. This powerful devotion, much popularised by St Margaret Mary, speaks of the heart of Christ, made flesh in the womb of the Virgin, burning with love for humanity – a love that drives him to the cross. Against this perfect divine love, our own sinfulness is exposed, and so devotion to the sacred heart is a call to conversion and reparation - that we respond to love with love. St John Henry Newman's motto was 'heart speaks to heart' – that in the Sacred Heart of Jesus the heart of God himself addresses us. A development of the devotion to the Sacred Heart may be seen in the **Divine Mercy Devotion** popularised by St Faustina. The Divine Mercy novena is most often prayed between Good Friday and Low Sunday – the Feast of Divine Mercy. However, the devotion and novena can be said at any time, and is especially profitable to pray with those who are dying. There is a Novena and Chaplet card for you to take away and use as you leave Mass today.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart: O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing. I adore you, I love you, and with a lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within your heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying, Heart of Jesus, help me. Amen.

The Lifting of Restrictions and Holy Mass. As restrictions are lifted in a number of ways, the way we celebrate Mass will become more normalised. In some cases, we are also able to adjust seating to enlarge the capacity at Mass, which has become more important in recent weeks. Also, at the Sunday Masses and solemnities there will be the epistle or second reading.

As regards Holy Communion there are two changes:

-The priest will now say to each person **'The body of Christ'** and we respond **'Amen'** and

-The host can now be received on the tongue. For those receiving in this way it will be easier - for those who are able - to kneel. It is important that the priest is able to place the host on the tongue without making physical contact (as he shouldn't do with communion in the hand either). Kneeling (if able) for communion on the tongue will make this easier. There will be hand sanitiser for the priest to use if any contact is made before he gives holy communion to the next person.

The Masses on Sunday morning both at St Jude's and St Dunstan's seem to be the most popular at the moment. There is usually spare capacity for those who wish for an evening Mass on either Saturday or Sunday at St Dunstan's. It's worth reiterating that when looking at Mass provision in this pandemic time, we do so as a whole parish rather than individual churches. The Mass schedule is constructed now, and will be in the future, so that one priest can cover when either one of the priests is away, or to help cover local parishes when there is a need. We are sure that we all understand the necessity of this in these challenging times, and when the number of priests is reduced.

Next Sunday a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard will be read out and/or made available at all Masses.

The Pastoral Letter is focused on the Diocesan Vision: *Unfolding God's Plan*. The Archbishop will introduce the Vision and how we intend to move forward as an Archdiocese over the coming years.

As we make a fresh beginning after more than a year of lockdowns and restrictions, our aim is for clergy and the lay faithful to work closely to create vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour. The Letter will be accompanied by a prayer card and will also be available in audio and video format via the diocesan website, for which details will be given next week.

Altar Servers – it has been good to have the return of altar servers in time for Easter as a number have returned. Previously we were limited to household groups, but this is no longer the case. There will be an opportunity for training for new altar servers. The first session will be on Saturday 26th June at 10am in St Dunstan's.

Becoming Catholic? Two or three people have mentioned the possibility of instruction in the faith. If anyone is interested, could you email the presbytery or speak to Fr Philip or Fr John. For those who desire to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church there will be an expectation of attendance at Sunday Mass at St Dunstan's or St Jude's as well as the instructions. If there is sufficient interest, we will hope to begin shortly depending on the schedules for the easing of restrictions.

We pray for those who have died recently: Maureen Cody, Kathleen Mannion, Ann Dalton, Margaret McCarthy and Peter Murray.

Next Saturday a good number of our young parishioners will be making their first confession in preparation for their first Holy Communion. Please do keep them in your prayers over the coming days. It has been great to see a good number of parents who have been bringing your children to Mass. What you have done, and the time you have given, will be so important as they look forward to this special moment in their lives as Catholics.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. At the moment there are usually two priests able to give Holy Communion at the larger Masses, and in recent weeks we've had the assistance of Deacon Michael from Oscott. It would, however, be useful to have some ministers of the eucharist we can ask to help when either of the priests aren't available for the distribution of Holy Communion. Please email the Parish office if you are willing to help if needed, with the Mass you usually attend, so that we can build up a list.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. Restrictions around us, due to the effectiveness of the vaccination programme are being gently lifted. There are a number of parishioners receiving the Blessed Sacrament at home again. If you or someone you know, would now like to resume this if you would let one of the priests know, or email the presbytery.

Whilst at Mass.....please take note of the guidance below to ensure that we make each other as safe as possible. We remember in our prayers those who are not with us due illness or because they are isolating. They are very much part of the prayers and the sacrifice we offer today.

- Please use hand sanitizer when arriving and leaving.
- Wear face coverings in church unless age (younger children) or medical conditions preclude this. Keep social distance at all times – especially being mindful when moving about for Holy Communion or leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system around church.
- If you will not be receiving holy communion or coming forward for a blessing mention this to a steward and they will find you a seat where you won't block others in.
- Do not leave newsletters you have used in church, but always take them home with you.
- Remove face covering immediately before receiving Holy Communion in the hand and replace after receiving the Sacred Host.
- Do not gather in groups outside church with those outside your 'bubble' for conversation without keeping a good distance.

Baptisms: If you had already booked a baptism that had to be postponed, could you get in touch as soon as possible to arrange a date. **For those who haven't been along for the preparation meeting, the next meeting (at which we will arrange baptism dates) is this Tuesday at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's church.**

We pray for those who will be Baptised today: Immanuel Leo Thompson at St Dunstan's.

Little Lambs parent and toddlers met, pre-pandemic, on Fridays at 10.15am in the Conference Room during term time. Now that restrictions are being lifted, it would be great to be able to re-start this group. Helpers are needed with different jobs such as setting up the room beforehand and tidying away afterwards. If you would be interested in helping in any way, please email Nikki Steward on nikz.stew@gmail.com

The next issue of WINDOW, the Parish magazine is being prepared. Please send items for inclusion to robertwilcher@btinternet.com or 179 Alcester Road South, B14 6DD. One topic will be about how people's experience of lockdown has affected the practice of their faith. Pieces can be brief so we can use comments to form a collage. DEADLINE is 20th June.

Parish Working Group. Would you be interested in volunteering in the Parish, at either St Dunstan's or St Jude's, by doing a few simple maintenance jobs or some gardening work such as watering the flowers? If so, please leave your name and phone number at the Parish office.

Walsingham Pilgrimage Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th September 2021. £170 for a standard room with shared bathroom. £200 for an en-suite room. The cost includes transport and accommodation with breakfast and dinner. A non-refundable deposit of £20 is required to secure your place and the remaining balance must be paid in full by **Friday August 20th**. Payments can be made by cash or cheque (please make cheques payable to 'St Dunstan's Church'). Payments in an envelope marked 'Walsingham' with your name, address and contact number. Please let Isabel O'Connell know if you have any special requirements e.g. diet or mobility. The pilgrimage was originally organised in 2020 but was postponed as a result of the COVID pandemic. As a result, all of the places have been allocated however it is possible that a small number of rooms may become available. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, contact Isabel O'Connell on 07758004306.

St Dunstan's Primary School have initiated a project to transform an outdoor area at the back of the school into a peaceful prayer garden. This area will be a space for the whole community of the school to enjoy in quiet reflection and prayer. If you would like to volunteer to help with this, or if you have any ideas, please contact the school office on 464 4628.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 468.00	£ 87.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 547.15	£ 97.54

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.**

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **R.**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating, he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said, 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung, they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Parish Office will be open from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Wednesday and 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 re-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.