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



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**Sunday 7th April – The Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

Sat 6 th	<i>Easter Saturday</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Rita Leonard	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm</i>		<i>Confessions at St Dunstan's</i>	
		<i>3.30pm -3.55pm</i>		<i>Confessions at St Jude's</i>	
		4.00pm (St Jude's)	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Billie Kelly (RIP Anni.)	
Sun 7 th	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Lucy Hayden (RIP Birthday)	
		10.30am with Children's Liturgy	Holy Mass	Deceased members if the Darcy, Mannion, Feery, and Stanley families	
		12noon	Holy Mass	Kevin McCaughey (RIP Anni.)	
		3.00pm	<i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour with Benediction</i>	<i>Confessions also available at the conclusion of the Holy Hour</i>	
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Eileen Shortt (RIP)	
Mon 8 th	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)	9.30am	Holy Mass followed by the Rosary	Martin Family (Ints.)	
Tues 9 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Eileen & Tom Steede (Ints.)	
		6.45pm	<i>Vigil and reception</i>	Kitty McCaughey (RIP)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Philomena Biddles, Martha Murphy & Susan Quinn (RIP)	
Wed 10 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Edward Lawlor (RIP)	
		11.00am	Requiem Mass	Kitty McCaughey (RIP)	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Michael Smith	
Thurs 11 th	<i>St Stanislaus, Martyr</i>	9.30am (St Alban's)	Holy Mass	Fr John Peyton (Ints.)	
		11.00am	Holy Mass	Ann Collins	

Fri 12 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am 6.15pm – 6.45pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Frank Kelly Kieran Lavin
Sat 13 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	11.00am 11.30am-12.30pm 3.30pm-3.55pm 4.00pm (St Jude's) 5.30pm	Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick <i>Holy Hour & Confessions</i> <i>Confessions (St Jude's)</i> Vigil Mass Vigil Mass	Mr Chagger People of the Parish Special Intention
Sun 14 th	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.15am (St Jude's) 10.30am with Children's Liturgy 12noon 6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Josephine Allen Carol Edwards (RIP) Pauline Conmee (RIP) Mary Dillon

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Kathleen O'Neil, Gerard Rennie, Frances Lynch, Arlien Quddus, Kitty McCaughey, Bernadette Bayliss (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Tuesday 16th April at 11.00am*), Bridie Coughlan (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Thursday 18th April at 11.00am*) and Nora Sheehan (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Thursday 25th April at 11.30am*).

We pray also for those who anniversaries occur in April: Patrick Fitzpatrick (2020), Patrick Rice, Moira Richardson (1996), Martin Holleran (1999), Nora Flynn (1994), Hughie O'Halloran (2000), Nora Joyce (1984), Kelvin Ward (2023), Maeve Crawler (2001), Patrick Rice, Peter Campbell (1977), Charlie Graham, William Scott (1995), Eileen Shortt (1995), V M Devasia, Frederick Oakley (2012), Thomas Byrne, David Power, Joe Cuneen, Theresa Mullen, John Mockler, Fionan Raftery, Chris Murray, Martin Conway, and Michael O'Looney.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Today is the Octave Day of Easter, and Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a Holy Hour with the recitation of the chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction at St Dunstan's today at 3pm. Confessions will also be available afterwards.

Fr John, Fr Toby, Deacon David, Deacon Martin, Dawn and Dougal wish you and all your families a very Happy and Holy Easter!

A Massive Thank-You from Fr John and Fr Toby for Your Very Generous Easter Offerings! Thanks also for the numerous cards and gifts for the Easter Season. Rest assured that we have enough chocolate to get us through to next Lent. Many Thanks!

Thank-You to all Our Volunteers: It is times like Easter when we become particularly aware of the fact that 'team work makes the dream work'. Indeed, we are indebted to a large number of volunteers who give a huge amount of time *throughout the year* to so many different areas of parish life from our Office Volunteers, to our parish catechists, those who decorate our churches, steward our liturgies, co-ordinate times of prayer, our social events, our pastoral and charitable outreach, our youth provision and much more besides. To all volunteers, please do hear our appreciation for all that is done both seen and unseen.

Gift Aid Envelopes: After a long postal delay, the Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year are now available at the back of both churches.

Journey in Faith: Will resume on Tuesday 9th April at 7.45pm in the Conference Room.

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.

Parishioners this is your last chance before we offer the remaining places to those of our wider Catholic Community at Bishop Challoner!

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 let Fr John know.

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.

Living and Praying the Divine Will continues but at 14 Forest Rd, Moseley, on Wednesday at 12noon.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT

Real Ale and Cider Festival

Saturday 25th May from 12 noon until 10.00pm

We are excited to host our first Real Ale and Cider Festival at St Dunstan's Social Centre and top car park! As well as a selection of drinks to choose from, there will be food and entertainment throughout the day and evening for all the family.

We are looking for sponsors for the barrels of beer and cider. We suggest a sponsorship of £100 per barrel, which could be split between a group, from a company, or from an individual. 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 your company in the programme.

Monthly Mass with Anointing of the Sick: Next Saturday 13th April will be our next Mass during which there will also be the celebration of Anointing of the Sick for those that are able to join us in Church. There will be refreshments after this Mass in the Conference Room afterwards.

Message from Bishop Challoner: This academic year is our Year of Challoner, to commemorate our Platinum Jubilee year. 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION (HOLY PLACES):

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's*
Gift Aid:	£136.00	-
Non-Gift Aid:	£139.36	-

*St Jude's figures given next week when normal Parish Office Hours resume.



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.

There is no Second Collection this week, but there will be one next weekend for **Aid to The Church in Need**.

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end'.

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand had triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

SEQUENCE

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.