

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Sat 9 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Helen Kelly Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Bernadette Ivers (RIP)
Sun 10 th	PALM SUNDAY	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Martin Kelly
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Edward Lawlor (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Margaret Theresa Jones (RIP)
		5.30pm	Solemn Vespers &	Benediction
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Eugene McGlynn (RIP)
Mon 11 th	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass and <i>Confessions</i>	Micky Evans
		6.00pm	Vigil and Reception	Ralph Pollett (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass and <i>Confessions</i>	Eamon Keating (RIP)
Tues 12 th	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass and <i>Confessions</i>	Chris Kelly
		1.00pm	Requiem Mass	Ralph Pollett (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass and <i>Confessions</i>	Conway family (Ints.)
Wed 13 th	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass and <i>Confessions</i>	Dara Flaherty
		7.00pm	Holy Mass and <i>Confessions</i>	Kathleen Conaty (RIP)
Thurs 14 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30pm 7.30pm (<i>St Jude's followed by The Watch before the Altar of Repose until 10pm</i>) 11.50pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by The Watch before the Altar of Repose concluding with The Office of Compline	Eileen Shortt (RIP) Maura Newman (RIP)

Fri 15 th	GOOD FRIDAY	9.30am	<i>Office of Readings and Morning Prayer</i>	
		10.30am	Children's Stations of the Cross	
		3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion	
		3.00pm (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion	
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 16 th	HOLY SATURDAY	9.30am	<i>Office of Readings and Morning Prayer</i>	
		8.30pm	Vigil and First Mass of Easter	Margaret Crotty (RIP) Peter Marshall
Sun 17 th	EASTER SUNDAY	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Hilda and Eddie Walsh (RIP)
		10.30am	Solemn Mass	Pat Fitzpatrick (RIP Anni.)
		12 noon	Solemn Mass	Larkin, McLoughlin and Rogers families
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Catherine Soubhy

Welcome to Mass today as we begin the most important and sacred week of the year – Holy Week.

Today we commemorate the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem. The people both tore branches from the palm trees to wave and threw their cloaks on the ground to make a carpet for him, as they would for a king or champion, as Jesus entered the Holy City. Today we too carry palm branches in procession as Mass begins in honour of Christ the King. Palm Sunday is the first occasion of the week when we hear again the Gospel of the Lord's Passion.

Do make this week holy! On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there are two Masses followed by confessions. At the Maundy Thursday Mass we give thanks for the gift of the Priesthood and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and then we have the opportunity to 'watch and pray' at the altar of repose. Parishioners will come and go during the evening. Do play your part in this. The Watch ends with Compline or Night Prayer at 11.50pm. On Good Friday we stand with Our Lady and St John at the Cross as Our Lord offers himself for the sins of the world. For the veneration of the cross the tradition is to kiss the cross, but you will be welcome, if you prefer, to come forward and bow towards the cross as an act of reverence before returning to your place. By ancient tradition the Church never offers Mass on this day, but here, and on Holy Saturday, the Church joins in prayerful sorrow and gratitude at the death of the Lord in expectation and hope of the resurrection.

At the end of our Lenten journey we will gather for Easter Mass, when we will renew again our Baptismal promises, and celebrate our sure faith in Jesus our crucified and risen Lord who is with us always.

There will be a second collection on Good Friday for Holy Places.

Good Friday Walk of Witness: Family service 11.15 am at New Life Baptist Church High Street Kings Heath (opposite ASDA) followed by a procession at noon to All Saints Church. All are welcome. If anyone can help to steward the procession, please contact Deacon David at fairbo28@gmail.com or 07948379545.

Solemn Vespers and Benediction tonight at 5:30pm. This will be a wonderful way to begin our path through Holy Week with the Lord.

Easter singing group. The group will be meeting again this Tuesday evening after Mass at 7.30pm.

Serving Rehearsals This Week:

St Jude's – Good Friday 1.45pm.
St Dunstan's – Maundy Thursday 10am.
Good Friday 11.30 am.
Holy Saturday 10.30am

Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Do please use them – especially if you are unable to come to church and wish to make a donation towards the upkeep of your priests. As there is no salary structure, the Easter offering (with Christmas) are the priest's main source of income – not only personal but for the support of their ministry in the Parish too.

Easter Cleaning at St Dunstan's. The church needs to be cleaned ready on Wednesday for the Sacred Triduum. Extra pairs of hands are always appreciated!

Also we need volunteers to help clean the brasses on Wednesday morning too! It would be great to get the hanging lamps, candlesticks etc shining in time for Easter. If you would like to play your part in making the church ready for the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, please come along after morning Mass. **Don't leave it to somebody else – for that somebody else might be you!**

The Easter Garden at St Dunstan's church – a glorious and colourful celebration of Christ's resurrection and a place of peace and memory dedicated to the people of Ukraine in prayerful memory for the victims of war and for those who have suffered during the ongoing conflict. Last year, parishioners kindly donated orchids for the garden (they thrive well in this space). Please would you consider donating one as a symbol of peace for Ukraine and in memory of someone you love. Plastic labels will be provided to name the person and place in the pot.

Loans of large palms/hostas/ferns/house plants etc: If you have any of these and are happy to loan them for the garden (7-week loan), they would be gratefully received. Kindly leave all loans and orchids in the entrance area of church by Good Friday at the latest. Please call 07505 363 791 if you have any questions or need help to transport plants.

Altar of Repose at St Jude's. Potted plants needed please for the garden. Please can you bring them to church on Tuesday morning.

For parents at Mass who are trying to cope with a crying baby and feel the need to 'dive out' for a moment, please feel very welcome, if you wish, to use the side chapel in St Dunstan's. There are speakers in the chapel, so you won't miss any of the Mass!

Church opening. Since the advent of the pandemic St Dunstan's church has been closed outside of Mass times. This week the church will open at 8.30am and will remain open until 12.30pm for those who wish to come and say a prayer before the Blessed Sacrament or light a candle. Hopefully the church will be used enough to prevent misuse! The toilets won't though be open during these mornings.

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new tax year If you haven't collected your box, they are available from the Parish Office in the presbytery. You can also ask at the office if you would like to Gift Aid and would like some Gift Aid envelopes or would like to set up a standing order. If you are a taxpayer, Gift Aiding your donations make your donations go further at no extra cost to you, so please do consider signing up for Gift Aid if you are able to.

Planned Giving Envelopes. There have been a few parishioners who usually have boxes, but they have not been there when they have gone to collect them. This is because of GDPR and data protection issues with the programme we use from the diocese, and so you have fallen off the system! If this has happened to you, please could you let the office know. We are in the process of putting another system in place so that this does not happen in future years.

We pray for those who have died recently: Brendon O'Connell, Breda Carberry, Ian Bambury (Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday 21st April at 12.30pm), Ralph Pollett, Mary Ryan, and Bridie Cullen.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 3rd May 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 Mass on Monday when we reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel and how it inspires and informs everyday life with its joys and challenges.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham. There is the Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday May 14th. There will be coaches leaving locally. Please contact Fr Philip Griffin at Our Lady's, Stourbridge, on 01384395308 for information.

Bishop Challoner Training School have Primary and Secondary School Direct places available. They are also offering School Experience Days to gain an insight into life in a school on Wednesday 27th April 2022 and Wednesday 25th May 2022. Please visit their website www.bctsa.org for details, or email trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

International Mayo Day on Sunday 1st May at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre. Live music from 8pm with 'Pat and Caroline'. Tickets £5 to include light buffet. Proceeds from the evening will go to Mayo/Roscommon Hospice.

Administration Assistant Apprentice Business Administration Level 3: The Missionary Society of Saint Columban is seeking an Administration Assistant Apprentice to provide administration support. The role is based in the Mission Office at St. Columban's House, Solihull. For more details about the position and to apply, please use the following link: <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/search/details/178255/1/advanced-apprenticeship/business-and-administration/solihull/administration-assistant-apprentice>
You can also contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562 657 382 or hr@columbans.co.uk.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their
choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

The Parish Office is open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday each week. Please note the Parish office will not be staffed during Easter 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.

Masses can be requested by dropping off an envelope at the presbytery or given to one of the priests. If you wish to request a particular date, then this is best done by coming to the office at the above times or by writing your telephone number on the envelope.

GUIDANCE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

There have been occasions where people have walked away with the sacred host without consuming it.

It is very important for the respect we ought to give to the most Holy Sacrament, that:

1. You remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before receiving communion so that you can receive.
2. If you do receive the Holy Eucharist in the hand, consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest.
3. 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.

COVID ARRANGEMENTS

1. Entry into Mass will remain through the one entrance, but after the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses at St Dunstan's, exit will be via both doors. At St Jude's, entry and exit will be through the main doors.
2. Both churches will have two 'zones.' The left-hand side as you come into church will be socially distanced, marked up as they have been previously. The right-hand side as you come into church will not be marked up and people will choose their own seats.
3. Use of hand sanitiser will be encouraged as we come into church, as still are the use of face coverings.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 671.20	£ 51.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 772.88	£117.13

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