

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

First Sunday of Lent

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Sat 5 th	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Kate Edwards Pro Populo
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>First Saturday Devotions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Kathleen Goodwin (Ints.)
Sun 6 th	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Gernon family
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Carmel Brown (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Thomas and Margaret McCarthy
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Remi Gohal (RIP)
Mon 7 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Kathleen Josephine McCabe
Tues 8 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Intentions of Mother Marie Christine and Sisters
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Uncle Hussain (RIP)
Wed 9 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP)
Thurs 10 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	6.45am	Holy Mass	Donal Clancy (RIP)
		<i>9.30am (St Alban's School)</i>	Holy Mass	James and Margaret Slattery (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mas	Anne Joyce (RIP)
Fri 11 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30pm	Holy Mass	Eric and Olive Shelton
		<i>10.00am – 7.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		<i>3.30pm</i>	<i>Children's Adoration</i>	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	James O'Connor (RIP) and Bridget Fryer (RIP)
Sat 12 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Catherine Sugrue (RIP) Pro Populo
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Fr Crwallie (RIP)
Sun 13 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Delores Courtney (Ints.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Fisher (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Margaret Theresa Jones (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Margaret Cox (RIP)

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

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, consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest.
2. Please remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before so that you can receive.
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, exit will be through the main doors instead of the side door. There are also all the chairs along the wall at St Dunstan's which are 2 metre distanced.
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 are the use of face coverings.

On this First Sunday of Lent we begin the Lenten programme. There are opportunities for Stations of the Cross in both our churches, as well as frequent celebrations of Mass. **We will have the Early Bird Mass** on Thursday mornings at 6.45am – and there will be tea/coffee and toast available in the Conference Room afterwards once again.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Friday following morning Mass until the evening Mass. *There will be a short period of Adoration for children straight after school at 3.30pm.*

Church opening. Since the advent of the pandemic St Dunstan's church has been closed outside of Mass times. From this week the church will open at 9am as usual (and now including Tuesday and Thursdays) but 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.

Friday Frugal Lunch will be each Friday in the Conference Room at 12.30pm. Donations are for CAFOD, and Fairtrade goods will be available for purchase.

There is a retiring collection this weekend for Cathedral Maintenance.

Next weekend at all Sunday Masses there will be a very important retiring collection in response to the crisis in Ukraine. Teresa Potter, one of our parishioners, comes from the parish of Our Lady, Queen of Poland, Łódź, in Poland, who are now housing 70 families of refugees from Ukraine; the first of whom arrived early on Wednesday morning. They have asked for our help. The parish is yet to receive any economic funding and these families need access to the basics - so funding for food, heating, medicine and baby products. All donations will go directly to Father Marcin Majsik at this parish, and used only for helping the refugees. Many of us have been feeling helpless at the atrocities in Ukraine, but this will be an opportunity to do something practical that will help many families in dire straits. Please be generous. This Friday is Family Fast Day and so this is where the retiring collection will be going. For those who want their donation to go to other Cafod projects please use the envelopes available after Mass today.

Next Sunday at 10.30am St Dunstan's and St Alban's school will be helping with the singing at Mass and with the Liturgy of the Word. St Jude's school community are invited to the 9.15am Mass.

Amnesty. There will be a new group meeting once a month on the 2nd Thursday of the month starting this Thursday at 2pm at 179 Alcester Road South. Initially we will be writing letters of support to prisoners of conscience and to the authorities to raise awareness. All are welcome.

New Altar Servers training. Martin Casey and Fr John will run the second training session for new altar servers, as well as those who served before the pandemic and wish to restart, this Saturday at 10am in St Dunstan's.

'Lent Walk Against Hunger' Lent Challenge. This year CAFOD are asking people to walk 200 km in support of the 200 million children in the world at risk of malnutrition. Do 5km a day for 40 days and conquer your 200km target in time for Easter. Join the challenge, get sponsored and tell hunger to 'jog on'. Sign up at: cafod.org.uk/walk. The Trewby family have accepted the challenge and can be sponsored at: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/the-trewby-and-carnell-page>

Following the success of the success of the Mass of Dedication for our new altar, we are hoping to gather together a group of singers for the Holy Week liturgies. We hope to meet for the first time after the 7:00pm Mass on Tuesday 22nd March. There are many great singers in our parish – we can hear you at mass! Please do consider giving a small amount of your time to enrich our liturgy for everyone. If you would like more details, or would like to be involved but cannot make the 22nd, please see Martin or Godfrey at a 10 am or 12 noon mass.

PREPARING FOR EASTER:

Stations of the Cross:	St Dunstan's: Fridays 7.30pm St Jude's: Tuesdays 10.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:	St Dunstan's: Fridays 10am – 7pm.
Lenten Soup Lunch	Fridays at 12.30pm in the Conference Room
Early Morning Mass:	St Dunstan's: Thursdays 6.45am followed by tea, coffee and toast in the Conference Room.

Calling all young people from Yr 4 and above. We are planning to do "living Stations of the cross" on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd April where we act out each station of the cross. We are looking for young people to take part. In preparation we will be meeting to practise in the conference room 6pm until 7.15pm starting Friday 11th March. Come along and see what it's about guaranteed to be a fun.

The Piety stall is open every Sunday after the morning Masses, and on Saturday March 19th it will be open after Mass to coincide with the commencement of First Holy Communion preparation. There is a wide range of goods on sale ranging from Bible and Prayer books for young children, to statues for the home, cards for every occasion, and gifts for Confirmation, First Communion and Baptism.

If you are looking for gifts suitable for First Communion candidates we have a good stock of rosaries, missals, beautiful wooden and porcelain crosses, small statues and candles to name just a few items. Please come and have a look, and if we haven't got what you would like, we will do our best to obtain it for you.

We can be found in the tunnel entrance to the Church: which was the only 'way out' during the pandemic.

For children not in Catholic schools, or those who for whatever reason missed the sacraments earlier, preparation for **First Confession and First Holy Communion for Children** will start on Saturday 19th March from 11.45am to 12.45pm in the Conference Room and finish on Saturday 25th June. Parents are asked to stay with their children for the first session. For more information and to order the required books, please ring the Parish catechists Nuala Bielby on 689 2917 or Pat Thorpe on 449 4002.

We pray for those who have died recently: Sue Scott, Patrick Cunningham, Kathleen Garrett, Thomas Cunningham, Bridie Cullen and Anthony Nolan.

Funeral Arrangements for Kathleen Garrett. Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood. Reception of the body at 7:00pm on Monday 7th March and Requiem Mass at 11:30am on Tuesday 8th March. All welcome.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on **Tuesday 5th April** 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 following 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.

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 in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday.

The Parish Office is open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday each week. *Masses can be requested by dropping off an envelope at the presbytery or given to one of the priests. Who wish to request a particular date, then this is best done by coming to the office at the above times.*

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.

MASS TODAY

MUSIC AT SOLEMN MASS

Hymns: 206
198
199

Organ Voluntary: J.S. Bach, Fugue from Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

THE COLLECT

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (26:4-16)

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me."

'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90

R: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abodes in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (10:8-13)

Scripture says: *The word* (that is the faith we proclaim) *is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

*Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*
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A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (4:1-13)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Give us the right dispositions, O lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time.
Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, and true and living bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth.