



**St Dunstan's Church**  
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**St Jude's Church**  
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## The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude

**Parish Priest:** Fr John Peyton  
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### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Mary Fagan
<i>Lent Feria</i>	4.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Louise Tehan (RIP)
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Joel Correia (Ints.)
	11.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Allen, Larkin and Burk families
	5.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	For the People of the Parish
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Special Intention
	7.30pm ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	William Driver (RIP Anni.)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass followed by Stations of the Cross</b>	Jim and Rose (RIP)
<i>Lent Feria</i>	7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Margaret Garvey
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Julie Reaney
	7:00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Mick Reddington
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.45am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Martin O'Connor
<i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30am ( <i>St Alban's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Padraig and Mary Gallagher
	11.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Eileen Byrne (RIP)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass followed by 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	George Healey (RIP)
	6.15pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
	7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Dolly Fitzpatrick (RIP)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Holy Mass followed by First Saturday Devotions</b>	Michael O'Sullivan (Ints.)
<i>Lent Feria</i>	4.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Lucy Hayden (RIP Birthday)
	11.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Manuel Coelho
	5.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Joan Porter (RIP)

#### SUNDAY MASS

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### PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office is located at St Dunstan's Presbytery and is open for general enquiries between 10am and 12.30pm. The office can also be contacted by calling **0121 444 1386**, or by emailing **stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk**, and we will get back to you during office hours.

**Parish Website:** [www.stdunstanandstjude.co.uk](http://www.stdunstanandstjude.co.uk)

**Parish Facebook:** St Dunstan and St Jude's  
**Parish X (Twitter):** stdunstanandstjude

**Live Stream:** Please go to the Parish website to view the livestream at St Dunstan's and St Jude's.

### TIMES OF CONFESSION

**St Dunstan's:** Fridays 6.15pm – 6.45pm.  
Saturdays 11.45am – 12.30pm.  
Saturdays 3.30pm – 3.50pm.

**St Jude's:** Sundays 9.30am – 9.50am.

If you are unable to come during these times, then please send an email to arrange an appointment with one of the priests.

### TIMES OF ADORATION

**St Dunstan's:** All day Fridays 10am – 6.30pm and Saturdays 11.30am – 12.30pm.

First Friday of the month: 10am Friday – 10.30am Saturday.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:** Mary Glennon (*Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am*), Eddie McDermott, Michael Ledridge, Larry Healy, Fr Dominic Innamoratie, Tom Bowler, and Sarah Doherty.

**We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this week:**

29<sup>th</sup>: Michael Burke: Louise Tehan 2017:  
John Laugharne 2017  
30<sup>th</sup>: Delia Ryan 2004  
31<sup>st</sup>: William Driver: Betty Wright: Pat Dunlea 1992:  
Dennis Buckley 1993  
1<sup>st</sup>: Patrick Rice 2005: David Power 2004:  
Michael Casey 2024: James Catley 2009:  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Maura Richardson 1996: Johnnie O'Connor 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Joe Cunneen 1973: Annie Martin 1973:  
Martin Holleran 1999:  
Patrick and Hanna Harman 2024  
4<sup>th</sup>: Peter Campbell 1977: Lin Moran 2021

### FINANCES

Collections last weekend:

	<b>St Dunstan's</b>	<b>St Jude's</b>
<b>Gift Aid:</b>	£445.85	£ 90.65
<b>Non-Gift Aid:</b>	£705.35	£130.30
<b>Fabric Fund:</b>	£401.76	£167.06
<b>Contactless:</b>	£ 92.50	£ 10.00
<b>Online:</b>	£ 30.00	



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There will be a **cake sale this weekend** to raise funds for **Alton Castle Summer Camp**.

And a **second collection next weekend** for **Easter Flowers**.

### THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

**Please pray for the sick of our Parishes:**

Vincent Beirne, Carl McGovern, Mary McFarland, Danny Hegarty, Hugh Doherty, Tony Green, Mary Wootton, Michael Masterson, Mairead Murray, Nuala Bielby, Noreen Winhall, Paul Holleran, Mike Regan, Mick Farmer, Una Monahan, Cath Soubhi, and John Gillen.

### SAFEGUARDING

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 Representatives are Annette McGrath and Judith Allan. They can be contacted at: [sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Welcome to Mass on this Fourth Sunday of Lent.** Today is also known as *Laetare Sunday* - *Laetare* meaning 'rejoice.' Lent is more than halfway through, and so served as a little oasis in the season of fasting and abstinence....a lightening of the mood which is reflected by the rose coloured vestments.

Today is also ***Mothering Sunday***. We pray for all those in our parish who are mothers, and for God's blessing on them and their families. We also remember at the altar on this special day, those of our mothers who have departed this life, that they may enjoy for ever the happiness and peace of the heavenly Jerusalem our mother!

**Life Teen Summer Camp at Alton Castle!** To help with the costs of summer camp, there will be a cake sale today organised by the people going on camp. Please do support this if you can.

**Thank you to the Staff from St Dunstan's School** who came last week to St Dunstan's Church and cleaned the brasses. They did a great job!

**We welcome into the family of our parish** Efa Nidhin who was baptized at St Dunstan's last week.

**On Friday**, there will be the usual First Friday 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **LENT**

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation that marks the 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday. For Catholics, Lent is an important time of year, as it provides an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. During Lent, we are called to engage in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and these are some of the things in our Parish you can participate in:

- **Stations of the Cross** (Tuesdays after Mass at St Jude's, and Fridays at 6.15pm at St Dunstan's), as well as frequent celebrations of Mass.
- **Early Bird Mass** on Thursday mornings at 6.45am with tea/coffee and toast available in the Conference Room afterwards once again.
- **Mondays at 7.30pm**, evening **Mass at St Jude's**.
- **Lenten Soup Lunches** on Thursdays after morning Mass. The soup lunches will be raising money for CAFOD. Come and join us for a simple lunch. We pray that we may allow our hearts to be touched at Lent by the cry of our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Amen.
- **Confession.** The Holy Week **Penitential Service** is at St Dunstan's on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

**For personal devotion**, you might like to take the Walk With Me booklet available at the back of church. Also, we are so fortunate that St Dunstan's church is open each day for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Do make good use of these open doors, especially during this season of Lent.

**Parish Lenten Alms Project.** The money that you are saving through your various Lenten practices can be given in at a collection at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday night. Fr John is proposing that this money will go to the Parish of Fr Herman Kihuha in Murang'a Diocese, Kenya. He spent some time with Fr Herman last summer. His parish has many needs.

**Our 'Scripture Seeker'** gatherings continue with Fr Toby in the St Dunstan's Conference Room at 5.45pm:

### **This Wednesday (2nd April)**

Preludes to the Passion: Abraham and Isaac & Moses and The Exodus.

### **Wednesday 30th April**

Mission in the Early Church: Learning from the Acts of the Apostles.

**New Stations of the Cross booklets with the St Dunstan's stations and reflections by Deacon Martin** are available at the piety stalls of both churches. Each one includes a link to a recorded copy of the Stations for those who may struggle to read the texts. **They are £3 each** and all proceeds go to the parish and the SVP.

**Music for Holy Week and Easter at St Dunstan's:** As in previous years we are hoping to gather a group of singers to enrich our Holy Week liturgies. All ages and abilities are welcome. We meet on the Fridays of Lent after the 7:00pm Mass.

**Parish Film Club on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm:** After the success of *Babette's Feast*, the next film will be the 1933 adaptation of *Little Women*, based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott and starring Katharine Hepburn, Joan Bennett, Paul Lukas, Frances Dee and Jean Parker. All are welcome! Ticket price will be £4 including pizza. Tickets are available after Sunday Mass at St Dunstan's and St Jude's, and from the Parish Office.

**Parish Tote:** The numbers drawn this week were 06, 07, 10 and 24. There were two winners with three numbers sharing the £100 prize.

**Legion of Mary:** The adult Legion of Mary continue to meet on Monday evenings at 6.15pm in St Jude's church and at 11.15am on Wednesdays in St Dunstan's Conference Room. If you would like the Legion of Mary to bring the statue of Our Lady to your home to help with the praying of the Rosary, please contact Michael O'Sullivan on 07769 343899.

The **Junior Legion of Mary** at St Dunstan's, meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the Conference Room – starting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Our Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Mass will be on Wednesday at 9.30am this week instead of Monday.** If you would like to place a prayer of petition or thanksgiving in the box besides the picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, they will be prayed for and/or read out at our weekly Novena Mass.

**Lectio Divina:** 10.15am on Mondays in the Conference Room. Lectio Divina is a Christian practice of reading the Bible, meditating, and praying. It's a contemplative way of reading scripture that's meant to help people deepen their relationship with God.

**St Alban's Stay and Play:** Tuesday mornings 9.05am to 10.30am. This Tuesday, there will be a Spring celebration so why not go along and join in the fun!

**Journey in Faith** on Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Conference Room.

**Little Lambs for Children aged 4 and Under:** A chance for a coffee and chat with other parents, grandparents and carers whilst the children play. Come and join us in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm on Friday.

**Action needs to be taken now to defeat the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill** which is at present going through Parliament. MPs will get another chance to vote on this Bill at Third Reading, which is expected to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Just 28 MPs are needed to switch from supporting to opposing this Bill, in order to defeat it. Please if you haven't already done so, write to your MP or even better to go to see your MP in their surgery. We all need to use the power of prayer to defeat this bill. There are some leaflets at the back of the church produced by SPUC giving helpful information on this or visit [spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk](http://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk).

**Thank you to everybody who has signed up for Gift Aid. If you have requested envelopes, please collect your box from either St Dunstan's or St Jude's.** As we are approaching a new tax year, if you would like to sign up for Gift Aid, we can help you with this. Please write your name, address, and either email address or contact number on the sheet in church and indicate whether you would prefer to have a box of envelopes or donate by Standing Order.

If you are a Gift Aider and donate by Standing Order and would like to continue to Gift Aid your second collection donations, please use the contactless machine in St Dunstan's Church, or use the QR code on the newsletter.

**WeBelieve, 25th-28th July 2025**, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation and worship, in the beautiful surroundings of **St Mary's College, Oscott**. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla, Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees and many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.com)

**St Paul's School for Girls have teaching vacancies for the following posts:** Business and/or Economics, Computer Science and Social Sciences. Further details can be found on their website: [www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk)

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

We have an exciting six months ahead with Parish events. We hope you will be able to join in the fun.

**Saturday 26th April - Children's Easter Egg Hunt** after 11.00am Mass. Hot cross buns, tea and coffee. Tickets £2 per head.

**Saturday 17th May - Eurovision Pizza Party.** Tickets £10 per head to include Pizza.

**Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday Family Fun Day.** 11pm - 4pm. BBQ and Children's Talent show.

**Saturday 21st June – Wicked Film Night** from 5.30pm in the Social Centre. £2 per person.

**Saturday 12th July - Parish BBQ.** In the Presbytery Garden following the 11.00am Mass - £10 adult £5 Child.

**Monday 25th August Bank Holiday Monday -** Charity Car Boot Sale and Tabletop sale. 10am to 4pm.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December Parish Christmas Party** at Kings Heath Cricket Club.