

# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Solemnity of Pentecost

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

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Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Easter Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Margaret Byrnes (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Eilish Byrne (RIP)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Liz Browne (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Pat Fitzpatrick (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Pat Conaghan (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Marion Fletcher (RIP)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Liz Kelly (RIP Anni.)
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Memorial of St Bede</i>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Anne O'Sullivan (RIP)
		5.00pm	<i>Reception and Vigil</i>	Ann Dalton (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	David and Margaret Kirk (Ints.)
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Memorial of St Philip Neri</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Brid Hannigan (RIP)
		10.45am	Requiem Mass	Ann Dalton (RIP)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Kathleen Mannion (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Teresa Creamer (RIP)
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Martha Reaney (Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Brennan family (Ints.)
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF DEDICATION</b>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mark Woodcock (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Pat Porter (RIP)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Deceased members of Carney family
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Michael Collins (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Al Coughlan
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Thomas Leydon (RIP)

**The Holy Spirit builds up the church and impels her.** He reminds her of her mission. He calls people into her service and sends them the necessary gifts. He leads us ever deeper into communion with the True God.

Even though the Church during her long history has often seemed “abandoned by all good spirits”, the Holy Spirit has been at work in her despite all the human failings and inadequacies. The mere fact of her two-thousand-year existence and the many saints of all eras and cultures are visible proof of his presence. The Holy Spirit is the one who maintains the Church as a whole in the truth and leads her ever deeper into the knowledge of God. It is the Holy Spirit who works in the Sacraments and brings Sacred Scripture to life for us. Even today he gives his gifts of grace to those who are completely receptive of him.

**This week, there are two commemorations in the calendar of the Church.** The first, on Monday, is the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. The title of ‘Mother of the Church’ was bestowed on Our Lady by Blessed Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council. In the words of the decree, ‘this celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.’

**Then on Thursday,** there is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest. The feast reminds us that Christ, as Mediator between God and human beings, sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. It will also serve as a reminder for us to pray for our priests; to pray for those priests who have now gone to their eternal rest; but also, and perhaps most importantly, to pray for more vocations to the Sacred Priesthood.

**Church Linens.** Are there any volunteers to help with the washing and ironing of altar linens at St Dunstan’s? These are mostly the small items used during the celebration of Mass – the purificators and lavabo cloths. Training will be given in how they fold etc.

**The Bishops of England and Wales** have recently published a reflection called ‘**The day of the Lord**’ which reminds us of the essential place the Mass has in our lives as Catholics, and especially of Sunday Mass – the day of the Lord’s resurrection. As we work through the pandemic it reminds us that Mass remains at the heart of the practice of the faith. It also seeks to reassure those who are anxious that Mass is as safe as can be. The bishops also thank those Catholics who are working in the care sector during this time, and also volunteer groups like the SVP and foodbanks etc. who have carried on their tasks throughout this time. You can find a link to the letter on the parish website and Facebook. *Perhaps those who are anxious might find it easier to come to Mass on a Sunday evening or weekday evening when things are quieter.*

**First Friday Mass at St Jude’s.** Before the lockdown we have usually had a celebration of Mass on the first Friday of the month at St Jude’s. There are already two celebrations of Mass in the parish on that day, but if there are enough St Jude’s attenders who would come along, then that’s something we could introduce. If you would come along to this Mass each month then please sign the sheet by the piety stall so that we can see what interest there is.

**Prayer to Our Lady in May: Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen**

**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.

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

**We pray for those who will be Baptised today:** Jayden McGloughlin at St Dunstan’s.

**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 on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's church.**

**Easter Garden.** A huge thank you to all who contributed plants for the garden which will be dismantled after Whitsun Sunday. Plants on loan can be collected from the main entrance from Tuesday 25th May (I hope they come back as happy as they left your homes and gardens as everything was done as far as possible to care for them). As the garden area needs substantial clearing some muscles are needed to help. If you are in that category and can help, please phone Bernard on 07505363791 If someone has a substantial sack truck, they can loan for the task of dismantling that would be much appreciated!

**The Pentecost edition of the diocesan publication *The Sower*** is available from both churches as you leave Mass today and online from <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>

**Queen Elizabeth and Birmingham Women's Hospitals and St Mary's Hospice.** If you know that you (or a family member or friend in the parish) will be going to hospital for significant treatment, it is best to have confession with anointing of the sick before you/they go into hospital as these sacraments are not readily available during a hospital stay. **There is a cover rota provided by some priests from the local parishes. Such visits are arranged from the hospital, however, so that the priest on call will be allowed admission.**

**Vacancy for Lay Chaplain at St Paul's School for Girls.** For more information, please visit the school website [www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk) The closing date for applications is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

As part of our bid for the award, the three parish Primary Schools and Bishop Challoner College are inviting pupils and their families to undertake three half-term holiday activities, based on Pope Francis's model of See-Judge-Act. As parishioners, we can also rise to the challenge of living Simply and Sustainably and in Solidarity with those in poverty by taking part. We can record our responses to the three activities below on the parish's Facebook or Twitter.

**SEE** go for a walk and take a photo.

**REFLECT** pray with Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*.

**ACT** turn something old into something new.

Why not pause and share in these moments together? Take a picture and share on our Parish social media pages.

## COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£615.60	£ 62.00
Non-Gift Aid	£580.24	£130.34

**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.

**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 in May or June depending on the schedules for the easing of restrictions.

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

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## FIRST READING

*Acts 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are.  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **R:**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R:**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **R:**

## SECOND READING

*Galatians 5:16-25*

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual

irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

## SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure come, thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, thou, the soul's delightful guest, most refreshing peace bestow thou in toil art comfort sweet, pleasant coolness in the heat solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, visit thou these hearts of thine, and our inmost being fill: if thou take thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay all his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renews on our dryness pour thy dew wash the stains of guilt away: bend the stubborn heart and will melt the frozen, warm the chill guide the steps that go astray. Thou, on us who evermore thee confess and thee adore, with thy sevenfold gifts descend give us comfort when we die give us life with thee on high give us joys that never end.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

*John 15:26-27, 16:12-15*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: *'All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'*