

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Sat 1 st	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Dennis Buckley (RIP) Pro Populo
		<i>11.30am-1.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by First Saturday Devotions</i>	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Detta Grufferty (RIP)
Sun 2 nd	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Mick O'Neil
		10.30am <i>with Children's Liturgy</i>	Holy Mass	Fr Gerard Cassidy (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Dermot and Julia Murphy (RIP)
		2.00pm	Stations of the Cross	<i>with Youth Club</i>
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	George and Gail De'Athe and family
Mon 3 rd	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass <i>followed by Confession</i>	Eamon Price (RIP)
		<i>5.00pm</i> (<i>St Jude's</i>)	<i>Vigil and Reception</i>	Lucy Hayden (RIP)
		<i>5.00pm</i>	<i>Vigil and Reception</i>	Ray Bielby (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass <i>followed by Confession</i>	Mary and Patrick Lydon (RIP)
Tues 4 th	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	9.00am	Requiem Mass	Ray Bielby (RIP)
		10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass <i>followed by Confession</i>	Oonagh and Peter Trigg (ints.)
		12noon (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Requiem Mass	Lucy Hayden (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass <i>followed by Confession</i>	Kathleen Byrne (RIP)
Wed 5 th	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass <i>followed by Confession</i>	Dulcie Robinson (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass <i>followed by Confession</i>	Kathleen Coady (RIP)

Thurs 6 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30pm 11.50pm 7.30pm (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by The Watch before the Altar of Repose concluding with The Office of Compline Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by <i>The Watch before the Altar of Repose until 10pm</i> .	Stanley, Mannion and Feery families (RIP) Fr John
Fri 7 th	GOOD FRIDAY	9.30am 10.30am 3.00pm 3.00pm (<i>St Jude's</i>) 7.00pm	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer Children's Stations of the Cross Solemn Liturgy of the Passion Solemn Liturgy of the Passion Stations of the Cross	
Sat 8 th	HOLY SATURDAY	9.30am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	
		8.30pm	Vigil and First Mass of Easter	Richard Dickinson Pro Populo
Sun 9 th	EASTER SUNDAY	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 10.30am with <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 12noon 6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Hilda and Eddie Walsh (RIP) David Green (RIP) Larkin, Mclaughlin and Rogers families James De'Athe (RIP)

The Easter Garden

....will this year dedicated to the memory of Kaye Smith and Annie Hayden who both died last year and were part of the flower team at St Dunstan's.

Remembrance - Last year the Easter Garden was also a place of remembrance as parishioners bought and brought potted orchids, naming their loved one by a marker placed in the pot. This year we intend to do the same again. Please place your orchid with the other plants by the church entrance.

Loan of plants - desperately needed to fill the garden:

Dried flowers / robust large architectural or small house plants / potted garden shrubs and flowers / potted trees of any kind / potted ferns, ivy, large palms / bulbs / hostas etc.

Please bring plants in today and throughout Holy Week to the entrance of the church (opposite the piety stall).

Please note – every attempt is made to take special care of your orchids and plants and will be returned when the garden is dismantled. Please call or message Bernard on 07505363791 if you need help in bringing items to church.

Welcome to Mass as we begin the most important and sacred week of the year – Holy Week. Today we commemorate the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, and so for the morning Masses we begin outside. The people tore branches from the palm trees to greet Jesus as he entered the holy city, as they would for a king or champion. We too carry palm branches in procession as Mass begins in honour of Christ the King. Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday as we hear proclaimed for the first time this week the Gospel of the Lord's Passion.

Do make this week holy! On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there are two Masses followed by confessions. The Sacred Triduum (the three sacred days) begins on **Maundy Thursday** evening when at evening Mass we give thanks for the gift of the Priesthood and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Following Holy Communion we process with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose where we have the opportunity to 'watch and pray.' Parishioners will come and go during the night. Do play your part in this. The Watch ends with Compline (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. There are the **Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.30am, the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm, and evening stations at 7pm.**

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, by ancient tradition, the Church never offers Mass or celebrates the sacraments. At Morning Prayer at 9.30am we contemplate the mystery of the crucified Lord who 'descended into hell' - meaning the place of the dead - to bring the Good News to the children of Adam who have awaited the coming of the Messiah.

At the end of our Lenten journey, we will gather for Easter Mass in a church full of colour and splendour as we exult in the resurrection of the Lord. *'Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Let us celebrate the feast!'*

Adoration: Please note there will be no adoration of the Blessed sacrament on the next two Fridays.

Living out the Stations of the Cross – a devotion led by the Youth Group today at 2pm in St Dunstan's Church. A fantastic group of young people from our Parish have given up the last few Fridays to rehearse a powerful way of living out the Stations of the Cross. Please come along and prepare for Holy Week while supporting our youth performance. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Conference Room.

Brass cleaning at St Dunstan's tomorrow morning (Monday) after Mass. We have lovely candlesticks and lamps etc etc that need to shine for Easter. Could you spare a couple of hours?? Cleaning materials provided!

Serving Rehearsals This Week:

St Dunstan's – Maundy Thursday 11am.
Good Friday 11.30 am.
Holy Saturday 11.00am

St Jude's – Maundy Thursday 6.30pm.
Good Friday 2pm

St Dunstan's Church opening this week: Monday to Wednesday, church will be open from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

Confession: The last chances for confession before Easter is on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week after both Masses.

The Washing of feet: If you would like to be part of the washing of the feet ceremony during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, please sign up on the sheets in both churches.

Eucharistic Ministers - both existing and prospective. Please could you all be present at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday for the commissioning which follows the homily. Could you collect the rite of commissioning from the sacristy before Mass. Although Eucharistic Ministers occasionally help with Holy Communion at Mass, the main and most important work of our eucharistic ministers is to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound so that, despite illness or frailty, they can receive, frequently, our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Good Friday Walk of Witness: Family service 11.15am 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.

Good Friday begins the Novena of Prayer for the Feast of Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy prayer leaflets for you to use are at the back of church.

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. As there is no salary structure for the clergy, the Easter offering goes to both priests' personal expenses, as well as supporting their essential pastoral expenses such as the car.

Friday Soup Lunches during Lent: Thank you to Brian and Jackie Trewby who provided last Friday's lunch. Thank you to everybody who came to the lunches during Lent, we raised **£300.47** for the Aid to the Church In Need Earthquake Appeal.

Please collect your Gift Aid and Planned Giving Envelopes for the new tax year this weekend as they will be put away over the Easter weekend and it will soon be the new tax year. Please let Dawn in the Parish office know if you have had a change in circumstances, or if you would like to sign up for Gift Aid.

We pray for those who have died recently: **Bishop David McGough**, **Oonagh Trigg**, **John Dempsey**, **Ray Bielby**, **Lucy Hayden**, **Patrick Healy** (Requiem Mass on Thursday 13th April, 11am at St Dunstan's), **Teresa Carr** (Requiem Mass on Friday 14th April, 10am, at St Dunstan's), **Michael O'Rourke** (Requiem Mass on Monday 17th April, 12 noon, at St Dunstan's Church), **Peter McAndrew** (Requiem Mass on Tuesday 18th April, 12 noon, at St Jude's), **Christopher Kavanagh** (Requiem Mass Tuesday 25th April, 11.30am, at St Dunstan's), **John Ward** (Requiem Mass on Thursday 27th April, 10.30am, at St Dunstan's), **Maura Donohoe** (Requiem Mass on Tuesday 2nd May, 10am at St Jude's), **Frank McLoughlin** (Requiem Mass Wednesday 3rd May, 11am, at St Dunstan's), and **John Tierney** (Requiem Mass Friday 12th May, 11am, at St Dunstan's).

The Next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on **Thursday 4th May** at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church. If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish office, and leave your name and phone number.

Prayer Group - Conference Room today at 7.30pm.

Lectio Divina - Conference Room after morning Mass every Monday – reflecting on today's gospel reading.

Living and Praying in the Divine Will –Wednesday from 1pm – 3pm in the Conference Room.

Cake Sale at St Jude's on Sunday 23rd April (St George's Day). Any donations of home made or shop bought cake would be appreciated.

Bishop Challoner are working with Catholic schools in the Birmingham area to help new trainee Teachers from the community into this rewarding profession. There are Primary and Secondary School Direct places available. The next Information Event is on Wednesday 19th April 2pm (online) or Friday 28th April 10am (face to face). They are also offering School Experience Days to gain an insight into life in a school on Wednesday 26th April or Wednesday 10th May. Please see their website www.bctsa.org for details, or email trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Memorial Dance to celebrate the life of Kevin McCaughey on Saturday 15th April from 8.30pm until 12.30am, at St Francis of Assisi, Handsworth. Admission £5 to include light refreshments. Please contact Michael Collins for tickets on 07941 250 362.

COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£525.00	£ 83.00
Non-Gift Aid	£623.53	£108.22

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RITE OF CONFESSION

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

Penitent: Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.

It isweeks/months since my last confession.

Now tell God, through the priest, the sins you need to confess of thought, word, deed and omission.

When you have finished say:

For these sins, and for all the sins I cannot now remember, I am truly sorry, ask pardon of God, and of you Father, penance and absolution.

The priest will now speak with you and then give you a penance. He will then ask you to make an Act of Contrition. You might like to use this prayer, or another you are familiar with:

O my God, because you are so good, I am truly sorry that I have sinned against you, and by the help of your grace, I will not sin again. Amen

The priest says the prayer of absolution. When he says 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' you make the sign of the cross.

God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and **I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the + Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

The priest will then ask you to go in peace. Go to somewhere in church and kneel down and say a prayer of thanksgiving. This is the best time to say your penance if it is a prayer. Before you leave, also say a prayer for the priest who has heard your confession, and for all who have shown you the goodness and kindness of God.