The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Sunday 30th April 2023

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Sat 29 th	St Catherine of	11.00am	Holy Mass	Stephen So (RIP)
	Siena	11.30am-1.00pm	Pro Populo Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm	Confessions	
		and 4.45pm-5.15pm		
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Sean Byrne
Sun 30 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Dulcie Robinson (RIP)
	EASTER	10.30am	Holy Mass	David Hampson (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Kaye and John Smith (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Aleena Tomichan
Mon 1 st	Easter Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	Barbara Ward (Anni.)
		5.00pm (St Jude's)	Vigil and reception for	Maura Donohoe (RIP)
Tues 2 nd	St Athanasius	11.00am (St Jude's)	Requiem Mass	Maura Donohoe (RIP)
		5.00pm	Vigil and reception for	Frank McLoughlin (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Sean Rooney (RIP)
Wed 3 rd	Ss Philip and James	9.30am	Holy Mass	Kaye Smith (RIP)
		11.00am	Requiem Mass	Frank McLoughlin (RIP)
Thurs 4 th	English Martyrs	9.30am (St Alban's)	Holy Mass	Betty Cullen
		7.00pm 7.30pm -9pm	Holy Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations	Holy Souls
Fri 5 th	Easter Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	Louise Sullivan (RIP)
	(First Friday)	12 noon (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Pat Healy
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Maura Coughlan (RIP)
Sat 6 th	Easter Feria	11.00am	Holy Mass	Kevin McCaughey (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by First Saturday Devotions	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Pat Hardiman (RIP)
Sun 7 th	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Pauline Conmee (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Power (RIP Anni.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP)

Holy Mass

Karen Greene (RIP)

6.30pm

Today – the Fourth Sunday of Easter - is always known as **Good Shepherd Sunday.** It is also the annual day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life. There is a pastoral letter from Archbishop Bernard today urging us to pray for and encourage vocations - especially to the priesthood.

This particular need is very great in our diocese, as there will be no ordinations to the priesthood this year, and possibly only one new priest over the next two years.

There is a second collection today for the Clergy Training Fund, and also exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the evening Mass on Thursday (about 7.30pm) until 9pm.

During the Easter Season we don't recite The Angelus, but instead we use the Easter Marian Anthem, the *Regina Caeli*.



lú-ia: Ora pro nó-bis Dé-um, alle-lú- ia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Nuala Bielby and her daughters Clare and Julia offer sincere thanks to everyone for their kind support following their sad loss of Ray.

St Dunstan's church opening this week: Monday to Thursday, church will be open from 8.30am to 12.30pm, and on Friday, church will open at 8.30am and will close following the evening Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on Fridays between the two Masses, and on Saturday morning from the end of Mass until 1pm.

We pray for those who have died recently: Jim Cody, Christopher Kavanagh, John Ward, Maura Donohoe, Frank McLoughlin, Tony Blundell (Requiem Mass Wednesday 10th May, 1.00pm, at St Dunstan's), Mary Bull (Requiem Mass Thursday 11th May, 11am, St Dunstan's), and John Tierney (Requiem Mass Friday 12th May, 11am, at St Dunstan's).

Those to be Baptised today: Quinn Cordelia Wright at St Dunstan's Church.

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 in the Conference Room every Sunday at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Lectio Divina in the Conference Room after morning Mass every Monday. You are invited to read and reflect on the Gospel of the day and think about God's word.

Living and Praying the Divine Will in the Conference Room on Wednesday at 1pm.

Little Lambs: 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.

Youth Group for people in Year 9 and above in the Conference Room on Friday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm. The session will involve fun games and activities. New members always welcome.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 26th -28th May: Final payments need to be paid by Friday 5th May. If you have any dietary or mobility needs, please contact Isabel O'Connell on 07758 004 306.

Missio/Mill Hill: In 2022, St Dunstan's parishioners raised £3,272 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Dunstan's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.

Wanted: If anyone is Spring-cleaning and would like to get rid of books, the SVP would be very grateful for them. We have had many children's books donated but none, so far, for older folk. Also, we would be grateful for donations of wool. One of the managers at the Women's Refuge has been crocheting lovely blankets for the young women and children resident there and is rapidly running out of wool. Please contact Karen on 07816686849 who can collect if required.

Job Opportunity: The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking up to five enthusiastic Choral Directors to work with the Programme Director to implement, deliver and develop the National Schools Singing Programme within the Archdiocese. The Singing Programme has been partially funded through the generosity of the Hamish Ogsten Foundation and is part of the National Schools Singing Programme.

This is an exciting opportunity to join the team as it begins to operate the Programme alongside the recently announced diocesan vision for the development of Catholic education. It will operate mainly through the Multi Academy Companies of the Archdiocese, and Choral Directors will receive in-service training, both on starting and as continuing personal development.

If you would like to have an informal discussion about this new venture, please email the Director, Keith Ainsworth, at keith.ainsworth@ rcaob.org.uk, who will be happy to arrange a call.

THE PARISH OF ST DUNSTAN AND ST JUDE

IS HAVING A

KING'S CORONATION PARTY

On Sunday 7th May 1-4pm St Dunstan's Social Centre

Come and enjoy the afternoon with sandwiches, scones, nibbles, included in your ticket price. Bar available to purchase other refreshments.

Tickets cost £5 per adult and £2.50 per child.

Tickets on sale from the 15th/16th April after weekend Masses and from the Parish Office during weekday opening times.

Prayer at the Easter Garden

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eye but the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen.' Luke 24:1-6

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may I meet you today and every day: speak to me as you spoke to her in the living word of your Gospel; reveal yourself as the living Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar; renew my hope and kindle my joy, and send me to share the good news of the Gospel with others. Amen.

COLLECTIONS:

St Dunstan's St Jude's

Gift Aid: £462.27 £ 56.72 **Non-Gift Aid:** £672.01 £ 99.89

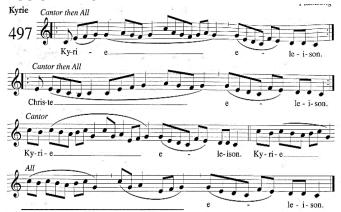
There is a second collection this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund.

MASS TODAY

HYMNS

Processional: 804 Offertory: 607 Communion: 833 Recessional: 283

MASS SETTING



Sanctus: 506 Angus Dei: 509

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.



A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14, 36-41)

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 15)

R: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. *R:*

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**:

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *R:*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**:

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (2:20-25)

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (10:1-10)

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son.