

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 5 th	<i>St Agatha</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Anne Marie Doherty (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by First Saturday Devotions</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Eileen Dixon (RIP Anni.)
Sun 6 th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Kathleen Bowyer (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Patrick and Nora Cooney (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Thomas and Margaret McCarthy (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Angela Dunn (RIP)
Mon 7 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Louise Sullivan (RIP)
Tues 8 th	<i>St Josephine Bakhita</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Rose Rahill (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Conway family (Ints.)
Wed 9 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of O'Sullivan family
		6.00pm	Requiem Mass	Eamon Glackin (RIP)
Thurs 10 th	<i>St Scholastica</i>	9.30am (<i>St Alban's School</i>)	Holy Mass	Fr Simon (Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Timothy Giblin (RIP)
Fri 11 th	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	9.30pm	Holy Mass	John Rayner
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Louise Sullivan (RIP)
Sat 12 th	Our Lady	11.00am	Holy Mass	Annie Roberts Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Holy Mass	Stephen Potter (RIP 4 th Anni.)
Sun 13 th	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Hilda Walsh (RIP Anni.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Joseph Power
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Sr Ursula Doherty (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Madhu Day

COVID restrictions: As you will know, many of the restrictions stipulated by the government have come to an end. Certain businesses and transport organisations will be recommending the continuation of some practices until the present Omicron surge has ceased. The Bishops Conference have been deliberating about the way forward, and how we are to walk together to some normality. The bishop's guidance acknowledges both that the virus is changing from the pandemic phase to the endemic phase, and so there are still risks with gatherings in enclosed spaces for sustained periods. However, this needs to be balanced against the need to move forward safely towards a normal lifestyle and a gradual return to normal worship whilst being sensitive and inclusive of those who are more vulnerable. Also, the 9.15am Mass at St Jude's and 10.30am and 12 noon masses at St Dunstan's on Sunday are getting quite busy, so we need to be more flexible with seating capacity. Following on from the discussions at last Thursday's stewards meeting there will be the following adjustments beginning next weekend:

- 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.**

Synod on Synodality. You might remember from some time ago information regarding the 'synodal process' taking place. There was a questionnaire left out last week, and there are still some available. Please take one and reflect on the questions asked. A pandemic is perhaps not the most opportune time for this, and due to Omicron doing the rounds quite markedly in the community here it seems unwise to organise non-essential meetings. If you would like to 'contribute to the picture' (and this is an invitation to all) could you return them by February 20th. You don't need to answer all the questions, but any reflections will be greatly appreciated. You can find more information on birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023

On the evening of the 17th of February Bishop David Evans will be coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Dunstan's for a large number of our young people. Numbers are still restricted at the moment due to the prevalence of the virus in the community, but we can still accompany them with our prayers.

The process for sacramental preparation for this coming year has begun. Please remember all those, both adults and children, who are being prepared for the sacraments.

GUIDANCE FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

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.

For children in Catholic schools in the parish our schools have already begun the preparation and will be making their **First Confession** in March, and **First Holy Communion** in June.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2022 Friday 27th – Sunday 29th May 2022. We have finalised the date for this year's weekend pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham.

Cost: £185 per person for a standard room with shared bathroom. £215 per person for an ensuite room ensuite accommodation is limited. The cost includes transport and accommodation with breakfast and dinner.

In order to secure your place a non-refundable deposit of £20 is required as soon as possible. The remaining balance must be paid in full by **Friday 20th May 2022.** Payments can be made by cash or cheque (please make cheques payable to 'St Dunstan's Church') and placed in an envelope marked 'Walsingham'. Include your name, address and contact number. These can be handed in to the presbytery.

Please let Isabel O'Connell know if you have any special requirements e.g. diet or mobility.

If you require more information about the pilgrimage, contact Isabel O'Connell on 07758004306 or visit www.walsingham.org.uk

We pray for those who have died recently: Patrick Cunningham, Anthony Nolan, Eamon Glackin, Jim Ranford, John Brankin and Terry Nolan.

On Wednesday at 6pm there will be a Requiem Mass for Eamon Glackin. Eamon's Funeral Mass was in Ireland where he was on holiday with his family. However, there will be an opportunity to share in the offering of Mass for the repose of his soul at St Dunstan's.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 1st March after evening Mass 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: Do you have pre-school aged children and are free on a Friday morning? Come and join us at 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.

Bishop Challoner invite you to an online event 'An Audience with a Trainee Teacher' on **10th February**. There will be some current trainee teachers in the hot seat, so this is a great opportunity to hear about the reality of being a trainee. See our website to book at www.bctsa.org
Please also share this with any friends or family members who may be considering teaching.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£590.00	£ 75.50
Non-Gift Aid	£700.33	£134.63
January Standing Orders	£1,284.00	£302.00

The Parish Office is open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday each week.

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 pre-arranged appointment.*

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. You do not need an appointment for this.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God ever living through eternity.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may
not see;
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and
sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

COMMUNION HYMN

1. Godhead here in hiding whom I do adore
masked by these bare shadows, shape and
nothing more.
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.
2. Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
how says trusty hearing? That shall be believed;
what God's Son hath told me, take for truth I do;
truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.
3. On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men;
here thy very manhood steals from human ken:
both are my confession, both are my belief,
and I pray the prayer made by the dying thief.
4. I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
but can plainly call thee Lord and God as he:
this faith each day deeper be my holding of,
daily make me harder hope and dearer love.
5. O thou our reminder of Christ crucified,
living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,
lend this life to me then; feed and feast my mind,
there be thou the sweetness man was meant to
find.
6. Jesu, whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech thee, send me what I long for so,
some day to gaze on thee face to face in light
and be blest forever with thy glory's sight.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your right hand and save me.
Your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hand. **R.**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.