

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

First Sunday of Lent

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Sat 20 th	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass	Imelda Green Mullins (Anni.) and Pro Populo Douglas Tallon (RIP)
Sun 21 st	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 10.30am 12noon 6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Jennifer Casey (Ints.) Stephen Potter (RIP) Patricia Byrne (RIP Anni.) Eileen Kilkenny
Mon 22 nd	Feast of the Chair of St Peter	9.30am 11.45am	Holy Mass Funeral Service	Phillip Green (RIP) Fabienne Wright (RIP)
Tues 23 rd	<i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 7.00pm	Holy Mass <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Mass	The Staff at St Paul's School for Girls M C Thomas (RIP)
Wed 24 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am 11.00am 7.00pm	Holy Mass Requiem Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Peggy Morrissy (RIP) Aninha Cruz (RIP)
Thurs 25 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	6.45am 7.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Nellie Noonan James Gill and Margaret Farrington
Fri 26 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Rita and Bill Green (Anni.) James Haverty (RIP)
Sat 27 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Claire Wade (RIP) and Pro Populo
		11.30am-1pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	Liz Murray (RIP)
Sun 28 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>) 10.30am 12 noon 6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Maureen Stafford (RIP Anni.) James (Jim) Kenny (RIP) Fr Pat Joyce (RIP) Phelan McCaffrey (RIP)

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Let it be done to me according to thy word.
Hail Mary....

And the Word was made flesh (*genuflect*)
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
**That we may be made worthy of the promises
of Christ.**

Let us pray. **Pour forth, we beseech thee O Lord,
thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the
incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known
by the message of an angel, may by his +
passion and cross be brought into the glory of
his resurrection. Through the same Christ our
Lord. Amen**

WELCOME TO 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.

A reminder of the guidelines for the celebration of Mass during this time of pandemic.

- 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 oneway 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.

Some of these – especially the way of receiving Holy Communion and wearing face coverings – a few have found onerous. Nevertheless it is a price worth paying for the continuation of public worship.

It was lovely to see such a good number at Mass in both our churches on Ash Wednesday. Let's all embrace this season of renewal and repentance so that when Easter comes we may, as St Paul urged the Corinthians, not keep the feast *with the old leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

During these days we are called to devote ourselves in a special way to prayer, self-denial and works of charity.

As usual the 'Walk with Me' books are available for you to take.

There are opportunities for Stations of the Cross as well as daily Mass in the Parish. Stations of the Cross will follow the 10am Mass at St Jude's, and at 7pm on Wednesdays at St Dunstan's. The Early Bird Masses begin this Thursday at 6.45am – though sadly without a communal breakfast this year due to ongoing restrictions.

Last year our communal celebration of this holy season was interrupted by the first lockdown, so let us pray that we will be able to walk the pathway of Lent together into the glory and hope of Easter.

The Jesuits in Scotland have made available a simple online retreat for each day of Lent. If you sign up (it is free) you will receive a daily email with an image for contemplation, a scripture passage, aids to prayer and a piece of music for each day. It is simple and accessible, and you can subscribe at this address. <http://eepurl.com/hnlXAn>

Works of charity - Helping Others During Lent with the SVP. As well as giving up something we enjoy for Lent, we are also called to do something for those in need. The SVP continues to provide food for struggling families - particularly via the "bank" at St. Jude's School. It would be wonderful if you could help us supplement this by providing some hygiene and sanitary items (e.g. shower gel, shampoo, soap, and women's sanitary products) and drop them off in the Church entrance (box under the stairs) before weekend Masses.

Another way to help would be to keep a large cardboard box in your household and, each day during Lent, adding an item for the "foodbank; suggested goods – cereals, tea, coffee, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, hygiene products. The boxes could be brought to Church during the last week of Lent or, if need be, we can collect them.

As ever, our heartfelt thanks for your past generosity, and for recognising that in the midst of this current storm, we are not "all in the same boat"; some of us are in superyachts, some in ferries and some in very leaky dinghies!

This coming Friday is CAFOD Family Fast Day, a day when we are invited to pray, fast and give, to help those in desperate need. This year CAFOD aim to help people like Abdella, who lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him 10 hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Please give what you can to reach vulnerable communities around the world to have water and provide vital support. Envelopes are available at both churches. Your donations will be collected next week.

You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/give, or via text. Text: LENT10 to 70460 to donate £10. Or LENT20 to donate £20 or LENTNOINFO+ amount if you don't want to receive marketing communications.

Also this Lent Brian and Jackie Trewby are undertaking the CAFOD Lent walking challenge: to walk 400,000 steps before Easter. They are sharing the challenge with relatives in Canterbury and Newcastle to spread the load! As we can't walk together at this time, it seems a good way to share a family experience and to support CAFOD. If you would like to see how they are progressing and donate to CAFOD through their Justgiving page, please follow the [link](https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/well-wishers2022) below:
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A team who works as part of the Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries has created a programme for children called the "little Evangelist". During the pandemic they have launched a YouTube channel named 'Little Evangelist'. They release videos each Saturday which journeys through the books in the bible beginning with Genesis. The idea behind this is to bring Jesus to our children and teach them Christian morals. Also, every Sunday they have children's liturgy on their website, including the readings of the day and activities for children. Please visit the website for more fun facts and information: www.littleevangelist.com

We pray for those who have died recently: Anita Ronca, Margaret Ann Kelly, Fabienne Wright, Aninha Cruz, Margaret Wilkins (Funeral Service 4th March), Marie Reid, and Eileen Middleton.

Mrs Mary Moy of St Jude's wishes to take this opportunity to thank so many parishioners for their support, prayers and sympathy following the death of her husband Jim. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

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 important to have confession with anointing of the sick from one of the priests here, as well as Holy Communion at Mass, before you/they go in to hospital as these sacraments are nor presently readily available during your stay. Just have a word after Mass or ring or email the presbytery. This problem has been somewhat exasperated by the pandemic as no casual

visits by family or clergy are permitted - and then only on very specific grounds – to try and reduce the danger of infection to patients. **There is a cover rota provided by priests around the area. This is for emergency use only when there is danger of death. Such visits are arranged from the hospital so that the priest on call will be allowed admission.**

Government restrictions for funerals stipulate a maximum of 30 attending.

Confessions are at the normal advertised times. Social distancing means using the side chapel at St Dunstan's. **Please keep the time spent in the confessional to a minimum (5 minutes max) to both make it as safe as possible, and so that others have opportunity for the celebration of this sacrament.**

Church Cleaning will take place on Wednesday after Mass. If you can help you will be very welcome.

Please note that the toilets are presently closed due to COVID regulations, and the side chapel is out of bounds apart from for Confession.

Weekly offerings can be placed in the baskets in church during Mass, or posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Please place offerings in either the usual Gift Aid envelopes or a plain envelope marked 'St Dunstan' or 'St Jude'. Standing orders are also a great way of giving.

COLLECTIONS		
	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 437.60	£ 122.80
Non-Gift Aid	£ 537.25	£ 68.70

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love, remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches hi way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

LIVE SIMPLY PARISH PRAYER

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity.

Creator God, You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation.

God of peace and justice, You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free.

Amen.

The first Live Simply newsletter is now available on our Parish social media pages.