# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Sunday 9th July 2023

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Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady	11.00am	Holy Mass	Florence Buckley (RIP Anni.) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Bles	sed Sacrament
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Kathleen Tehan (RIP)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN	<b>9.15am</b> (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Dulcie Robinson (RIP)
	ORDINARY TIME	10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's liturgy	Charlie O'Connor (RIP Anni.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Veronica Brennan (RIP Anni.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Dymthna Osmond
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	John Creamer (RIP)
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Benedict, Abbott	<b>10.00am</b> (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Pat and Nora Ryan
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Noel Stanley (RIP)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.30am	Holy Mass	Fr David Melly (RIP)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.30am (St Alban's)	Holy Mass	Frank McLoughlin (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Lucy Hayden (RIP)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass	Holy Mass	Ray Bielby (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	John Ward (RIP)
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	St Bonaventure	11.00am	Holy Mass for people who have been bereaved.	Joseph Mullin (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Bles	sed Sacrament
		11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Marie McAleer (RIP)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN	9.15am (St Jude's)	Holy Mass	Evelyn Arigho (RIP)
	ORDINARY TIME	10.30am	Holy Mass with Children's liturgy	Kathleen Leydon
		12noon	Holy Mass	Liam Burns Junior (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Peter Marshall (RIP)

### Welcome to Mass, and a special welcome to anyone visiting the parish today.

Today is **Sea Sunday** when we pray for those whose work on the seas. Although we are miles from it, we depend on it so much in our daily lives. Many of those who work on the seas come from poorer parts of the world and see home and family only rarely, and many are Catholics. *The Apostleship of the Sea* is a Catholic charity which provides chaplaincy and assistance to seafarers in the ports around Britain and the world to assist all seafarers in their spiritual and temporal needs. This charity is what today's second collection is for.

Following the announcement last week about Fr Philip's departure for pastures new in August, many parishioners have voiced concerns......mostly about what is to happen to the chickens! You will be pleased to know that Fr Simon has offered to foster them and provide a safe home. Do pray for them!

SVP Sponsored Bike Ride. Last weekend Mr Tehan, the Headteacher at St Dunstan's School, took part in a charity cycle ride of 100 miles in one day around the Ring of Kerry to raise funds for the SVP group at St Dunstan's and St Jude's in support of the tremendous work they do in our community. We had a great response from St Dunstan's parishioners who raised £1,614.88. Today he will pop along to the 9.15am Mass at St Jude's to let us know how it went. There will be a retiring collection after this Mass for those who would like to support this effort for the parish SVP. Donations can also be made through https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/matt-tehan-cycle-ride?utm\_term=Z7KjxekqJ - or via St Dunstan's church contactless machine. Thank you for your generosity.

**First Holy Communion.** Recently we have had a good number of children who have made their First Communion in the parish. As we are now blessed with a number of catechists in the parish who have undergone training to teach the faith and prepare for the sacraments, this then seems a good time to adapt the way we prepare children for these sacraments. Previously children had been prepared in five groups spread around the schools, and a group for children not in catholic schools. Next year the children will be brought together as one parish group, and after consultation with the new parish priest, the preparation will take place before the Vigil Mass on Saturdays in the Social Centre. We also intend to link this with catechesis for parents, and so help them to widen their knowledge and understanding of the faith. This is now standard practice in many parishes, and the hope is that this will help to link the children directly to the parish and its worship rather than tending more towards a school event, and to encourage parents to be more active in the part they play in the preparation for the sacraments. Also, it will enable the priests to be involved far more directly in the journey the children will make to the sacraments.

**WINDOW Parish Magazine:** Do you have any memories of the King's coronation? Please send any articles for inclusion by **today** to robertwilcher@btinternet.com or 179 Alcester Road South or leave at the presbytery in an envelope marked "WINDOW".

**Next Saturday the 11am Mass** will be a special Mass for people who have been bereaved. It will be followed by a light buffet in the Conference Room sponsored by the SVP. If you know of anyone who might value this opportunity do invite them along.

We pray for those who have died recently: Barbara Cole, Edmund Maciel, George Dunleavy (Requiem Mass at St Jude's Church, on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 11.30am), James Keogh (Requiem Mass Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 11am), and John Thornton (Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 11am).

**Please also pray** for the repose of the soul of Sandra Coney who was a teaching assistant at St Alban's School for over 30 years, Sandra's funeral will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 11am at Redditch Crematorium.

**The Next Baptism Preparation Meeting** is on **Thursday 7**<sup>th</sup> **September** in the Conference room of St Dunstan's. If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish office, and leave your name and phone number.

Mass Intention Diary for 2024 will be in the Parish office from the end of August. You will be able to book Mass intentions for 2024 from then. If you have dropped an envelope through the door at St Dunstan's requesting a Mass for next year, you will need to come back when the new diary is here.

It is a blessing where churches are open for us to pop in and say a prayer and light a candle, or just have a space for a little peace in the midst of our day. From Monday the opening times of St Dunstan's church will be extended on weekdays. Monday to Thursday church will be open from 8am to 4pm, and on Friday church will open at 8am and will close following the evening Mass as there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays between the two Masses. On Saturday morning there is also Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the end of Mass until 1pm.

**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 12.30pm.

**Bishop Challoner Tea Party:** The next tea party is on Wednesday from 1:30pm to 3pm in the 6<sup>th</sup> form common room. There will be tea, sandwiches, cake and bingo.

**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:** In the Conference Room on Friday 6.30pm – 8pm. Come and join us for our summer party.

Jam is Back! Ewa van Lierop's delicious jams, marmalades and chutneys will be sold after Sunday Masses at St Dunstan's next weekend. All proceeds will go to the Jane Smith Education Fund, currently supporting schools in South Sudan.

Car Park Attendant Vacancy: We are looking for somebody who can commit to working an evening shift on the car park from 5pm – 8pm Monday to Saturday. As this would be extending the current opening hours of the car park, this would initially be on a 12-month contract. Full training will be given but experience of working in a customer service position or similar is desirable. If you would like to apply, please email your CV to the Parish Office stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk. The closing date for applications is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

**Date for Your Diary:** On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto is coming to St Dunstan's once again.

There will be 4 or 5 people coming to the parish with the Fatima statue who will need accommodation. If you have a spare room and are willing to help for the nights of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (just B&B) please could you contact Mary Rose on 07927 697353.

Hosts for Ukrainian Families: As the war in Ukraine continues, we have been asked if, as a Parish, we may be able to help. There are families who have been able to get permission for other family members to join them in the UK, but this means that their current host families are unable to accommodate them space wise. Are you in a position to be able to host a family of 4, or can you help them to find a flat or a house? If you can, please email the Parish office with your name and contact telephone number.

#### **COLLECTIONS:**

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid:	£563.10	£ 86.45
Non-Gift Aid:	£679.96	£122.11
Contactless:	£ 70.00	
QR Code	£ -	£ -

June Standing

**Orders:** £1,554.00 £375.00

**Peter's Pence** £484.10 £ 68.42

There will be a second collection *this weekend* for **Apostleship of the Sea** and *next weekend* for the Fabric Fund.



Church Donations: You can donate to church using this QR code. All you need to do, is open the camera on your mobile phone and scan the code. You will also be able to Gift Aid your donations.

#### PARISH BBQ TODAY!!



1-3pm, in the Conference Room and Presbytery Garden. Please bring your ticket with you.



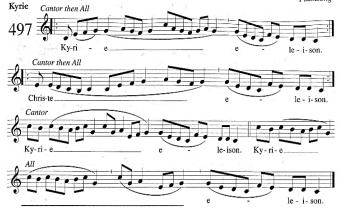
On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July in the Social Centre. Doors open at 7pm and bingo starts at 7.30pm

#### **MASS TODAY**

#### **HYMNS**

Processional: 702 Offertory: 810 Post-Communion: 938 Recessional: 963

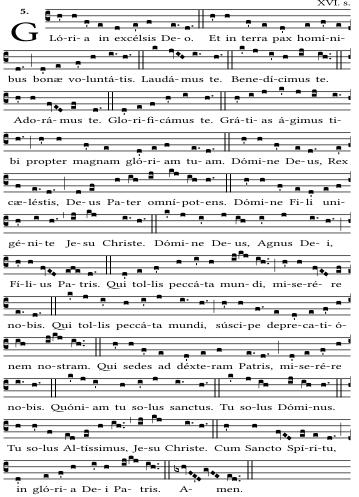
#### **MASS SETTING**



Sanctus: 499 Angus Dei: 500

#### **COLLECT**

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.



#### A reading from the book of Zechariah (9:9-10)

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm 114)

#### R: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

I will give you glory, O God my king, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. *R*:

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. *R*:

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. *R*:

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. R:

## A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:9,11-13)

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

#### Alleluia!

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (11:25-30)

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you.