

# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St Dunstan's**  
Kingsfield Road,  
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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019  
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The readings and prayers for Sunday Mass are on **page 157** of the Parish Mass book.  
The Rite of Mass is on **page 7**.  
*Divine Office: Week 3*  
Latin Mass Setting on **page 73**.

### TODAY AT ST DUNSTAN'S

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>5.30pm - Holy Mass</b>	<i>Edward Kelly (Ann.)</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am - Sung Mass</b>	<i>Carolyn Cunningham (RIP)</i>
	<b>12 noon - Holy Mass</b>	<i>Dania (Ints)</i>
	<b>6.30pm - Holy Mass</b>	<i>Michael Sutton (RIP)</i>

### TODAY AT ST JUDE'S

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>6.30pm - Holy Mass</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11.00am - Sung Mass</b>	<i>Michael Dunleavy (RIP)</i>

## NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

As the leaves drop off the trees and much of nature around us seems to our eyes to be dying, it seems an obvious time of year for our thoughts to be drawn to the reality of death – the one sure thing that each of us will face. But for the Christian death isn't so much about endings, but change and new beginnings. So, in the Requiem Mass the celebrant prays: *'Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.'*

Funerals are a lot more complex these days – even for Catholics. At one time the faithful had a very straightforward understanding of what was happening – that a funeral was an act of worship, usually in its most perfect form of the Mass. In Masses for the dead, the sacrifice of Christ - made sacramentally present in the here and now - is offered for the soul of the departed for the forgiveness of their sins so that they would share, in God's good time, the glory of the resurrection. Nowadays, in this more secular age, we often find funeral services termed '*Celebrations of Life*' – often aping that of humanist ceremonies. For humanists that appears right - as this life is all there is. But for Catholics - not so! In the Apostle's Creed we state: *I believe in...the resurrection of the body and life everlasting*. This reminds us that eternal life begins at our baptism – not at death. It continues through death and will have no end.

Many of us will have experience of caring for the dying. It is a tangible sign of our love and our connectedness with them. For us, this care and connectedness doesn't end at the moment of death. God has given us the great gift of being able to continue that care and love by our prayers and by the offering of Masses.

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.***

## ST DUNSTAN'S THIS WEEK

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>in the Conference Room</i>	<i>Mary Allen (RIP)</i>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>in the Conference Room</i>	<i>Patrick Harte (RIP)</i>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>in the Conference Room</i>	<i>Joe Breen (RIP)</i>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>in the Conference Room</i>	<i>Peggy Montgomery (RIP)</i>
	7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>in the Conference Room</i>	<i>Paul Collins (RIP)</i>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>in St Dunstan's School Hall</i>	<i>Sally Twist (RIP)</i>
	7.00pm	<b>November Requiem Mass</b> <i>in the Conference Room</i>	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feast of the Dedication of The Lateran Basilica</i>	11.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>in the Social Centre</i>	<i>Noel Monaghan (RIP)</i>
	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		
	5.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>in the Social Centre</i>	<i>Bernadette Andrews (RIP)</i>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00am	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>in the Social Centre</i>	<i>Rose Bradley</i>
	12 noon	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>in the Social Centre</i>	<i>Paddy Collins (Ann.)</i>
	6.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>in the Social Centre</i>	<i>Angela Snape (RIP)</i>

## ST JUDE'S THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feria</i>	10.00am 2.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Benediction</b>	<i>Thomas Kaitharam (RIP)</i>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		
	6.30pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	11.00am	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<i>Matthew Lyons (Ann.)</i>

<b>SATURDAY CONFESSIONS</b>	<b>St Dunstan's:</b> 11.30am – 12.30pm and 4.45pm – 5.15pm <b>St Jude's:</b> 5.45pm – 6.15pm
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<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>St Dunstan's</b>	<b>St Jude's</b>	<b>SECOND COLLECTIONS</b>
Gift Aid	£501.26	£138.50	<b><i>This weekend</i></b> Johnson
Non-Gift Aid	£682.72	£240.16	Association

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**All the sick and housebound** – both at home and in hospital.

**The recently departed** – Sonny Nash, Ida Ret, Christine Wilkie, Thomas Patrick Oates (Requiem Mass 13<sup>th</sup> November), Patrick Boyle (Requiem Mass 14<sup>th</sup> November), Miriam Plaice, Tony and Dagmar Lawrence, Collette Wyle, Shelia Woodcock, and for all those who mourn their loss.

## **PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY - FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

There will be a Parish Christmas party on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Feast of St Nicholas, at the **E57 Social Club**, Alcester Road, starting at 7.30pm. There will be singing, dancing, music and the Parish Christmas draw. Please bring a sharing plate of food. There is a bar to buy drinks from on the night. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses at both churches from this weekend. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for children under 16.

## **THIS WEEK**

**The Second Collection** today is for the ***Johnson Association***. This is the fund which provides material help for the sick and/or retired priests of the diocese. Priests are limited in the provisions they can make for retirement, as priests' salaries are quite low. Therefore, such priests depend on our generosity for their support in their later years.

**Tea/Coffee** after 10am Mass today in the Conference Room. An opportunity to meet new people, and to order Traidcraft goods.

**Prayer Group** will meet in the Conference Room today from 7.30pm until 9pm.

**Lectio Divina** – praying with the scriptures – after Mass and the Rosary on Monday mornings in the Conference Room.

**St Jude's School Parent and Toddlers** Wednesdays at 9.15am in the school hall during term time.

**Legion of Mary** meet Wednesdays from 11am–12 noon in the Conference Room.

**Senior Citizens Tea Party** led by Bishop Challoner pupils. This Wednesday, 2-4pm, in the Social Centre. During the building works, please enter by the school reception.

**Sabeel Prayer Group** meet Thursdays at 12 noon in the Conference Room.

**Little Lambs Parent and Toddlers** meet on Fridays at 10.15am in the Conference Room during term time.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES** *all at 2.00pm*  
**Brandwood End Today**

**Robin Hood and Lodge Hill**

10<sup>th</sup> November

**Kings Norton and Widney Manor,**

17<sup>th</sup> November

**Wythall, St Nicholas and Quinton**

24<sup>th</sup> November

**St Dunstan's Restoration** Once the work has been completed, a new tabernacle will go into church and new tabernacle veils in each liturgical colour, will need to be commissioned. There are also altar cloths, a statue of the sacred heart, and restored crib figures of Our Lady, St Joseph and the infant Jesus. Details of some of these items can be found on the website.

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**Adoration Update** We hope to resume Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between the morning and evening masses, as soon as the church reopens. Thank you to all adorers for making this possible. If anyone wants to join the rota please call Pat on 449 2821, or Mary on 07928 064379. We have three adorers on most hours but still need people to commit to 2pm and 3pm on Sundays. Please prayerfully consider taking on one of these hours. Even more people may mean more opportunities for adoration!

**Sonny Nash** will be received into Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Yardley Wood, today at 5pm, and his funeral will take place tomorrow at 10am.

**Novena prayers** for the Holy Souls, for use in November are available at the back of both churches.

**God has spoken to us in many ways** (as the Letter to the Hebrews tells us) but never knowingly on our mobile phones. Could you please ensure they are switched off or onto silent when we come to Mass.

**Water Heater from the Conference Room** used for teas and coffees on Sundays has disappeared. If you have borrowed this, please could you return this as soon as possible

**St Alban's School Open Days** will be held this Tuesday 9.15am – 10.15am and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2pm – 3pm. If you have a child due to start primary school in September, please go and have a look around.

**Christmas Together** If anyone is spending Christmas alone, or would like to join others, All Saints with St Dunstan's are hosting a Christmas dinner at All Saints.

Also, volunteers are also needed to help with a variety of tasks including transport and vegetable preparation on Christmas Eve. To book a place, or volunteer to help, please ring Nuala Bielby on 689 2917. Further information is on the sheets at the back of the Social Centre.

**WINDOW Magazine** The next issue is now being assembled. The deadline for contributions is the 17<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any articles you would like published, please send them to robertwilcher@btinternet.com or 179 Alcester Road South B14 6DD, or leave at the presbytery marked WINDOW.

**Befriending Service** The New Life Baptist Church on the High Street is taking the lead on setting up a (non-denominational) visiting/befriending service for local older people who are lonely or isolated. If you would be interested in finding out more about joining this scheme as a volunteer visitor, please contact Andy Gudge on 07855 824434 - or catch him before or after 10 o'clock Mass.

## OTHER NOTICES

**Remembrance Day Service at the Cross of Sacrifice** at Brandwood End Cemetery, 10.50am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. It is a short wreath laying ceremony attended by the British Legion, local council representatives, and other groups.

**Presentation on the Life of John Henry Newman** 7pm on Friday 8th November, Sacred Heart Church, Aston. The presentation will be by Mr Francis Mohan, who devoted his time to studying Newman after a life in Catholic Teaching. Newman for beginners!

**St Dunstan's Parish Office** is open for Mass intentions and general enquiries Monday to Friday 10am-12.30pm. If you would like to contact Dawn Feeney, Parish Administrator, you can do so at St Dunstan's Presbytery on Tuesdays 12pm-4pm, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00am – 5:00pm or email dunstanoffice@btinternet.com.

**Sacrament of Baptism** The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Conference Room. **Parents are asked to bring proof of their own Baptism in the Catholic Church.** To book a place at the meeting, please call 458 6681 or 07505 363791.

**Safeguarding** If you have any concerns in respect of safeguarding, please do not hesitate to contact Annette McGrath either personally at 10am Sunday Mass at St Dunstan's or via Fr Philip, Fr Simon or Deacon David.

**QE Hospital** If you or a relative are in hospital for any time, Fr Charles Miller is the full-time Catholic Chaplain. You can notify him on the following numbers: NON-URGENT: 0121 371 4568 URGENT /EMERGENCY please speak to ward staff.