

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 17 th	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Johnny Darcy (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Packie Doherty
Sun 18 th	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Deceased members of Carney family
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Joan McElroy (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Jack Pritchard (RIP Anni.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Conway family (Ints.)
Mon 19 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Mary and Charlie McGloughlin (Ints.)
Tues 20 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Kathleen Kelly (RIP)
		10.30am	Requiem Mass	George Duggan (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	John and Kathleen Smith
Wed 21 st	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Peggy Ensor (RIP)
		12.45pm	Requiem Mass	Michael Meade (RIP)
Thurs 22 nd	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Seamus Foley (RIP)
Fri 23 rd	<i>St Bridget</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Rachel Ryan (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Freda Mitchell (RIP)
Sat 24 th	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Fr Giles (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Vincent McCollum (RIP)
Sun 25 th	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Ann Moran (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Alfred Nicklin
		12 noon	Holy Mass	John Smith
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Patsy and Angela Crinion (RIP)

Fundays and Lunches. In partnership with our friends at Manningford Hall, Druids Heath, the SVP hopes to revive these events for children from struggling families over the summer holidays. Many thanks for your kind donations, a total of £1,408.82.

The Government announced a general relaxation in the Covid regulations on July 19th in order to free up the economy and to encourage the nation to return to some semblance of normality. However, the virus is still very present in our community - although with the vaccine roll out the signs are very promising that infections are not nearly as serious. We have ensured that attendance at Mass in both our churches is as safe as we can make it.

Message from Archbishop Bernard:

Following the announcement that step 4 of the Government's Covid-19 response roadmap will come into effect on Monday 19th July, I am pleased to be able to forward to you the latest guidance from the Bishops' Conference. The guidance is accompanied by the statement *Sunday – it is our Day* which says, “*It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.*”

At this stage, it is important for us all to remember that although legislation is being relaxed, the pandemic is not yet over and there continues to be a duty of care for all who use our churches and other facilities. The guidance therefore seeks to ensure that, where opportunity permits, there is some degree of relaxation but there remains a cautious approach and **people are asked to continue social distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitizing and daily cleaning** where these help to minimise risk and provide comfort and confidence to our people. What is important is that the emphasis is now on the corporate endeavour of all involved in our church life to maintain the exemplary good practice that has been exhibited over the past 15 months in our churches whilst moving into a freer expression of our church life, worship and mission.

There are no longer restrictions on capacity for weddings, funerals or baptisms. Please note there remains only one baptism permitted at any one time and holy oils may be applied by use of the thumb subject to restrictions.

Communal singing may begin from Monday, but it is encouraged that this is phased in over time and the congregation should wear masks whilst singing.

WINDOW, the Parish magazine, will be on sale this weekend after all Masses. Get your copy today for only £1. Lots of interesting items written by parishioners.

Could we be sensitive to others in the minutes before the beginning of Mass as many people like to use this time for preparation and prayer. Please keep conversation to a minimum before Mass and have a good old chinwag to each other afterwards – with the appropriate socially distancing of course!

The Masses on Sunday morning both at St Jude's and St Dunstan's seem to be the most popular at the moment. There is usually spare capacity for those who wish for an evening Mass on either Saturday or Sunday at St Dunstan's. It's worth reiterating that when looking at Mass provision in this pandemic time, we do so as a whole Parish rather than individual churches. The Mass schedule is constructed now, and will be in the future, so that one priest can cover when either one of the priests is away, or to help cover local parishes when there is a need. I'm sure that we all understand the necessity of this both in these challenging times, and when the number of priests is reduced.

Whilst at 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.

- **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 one-way 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 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.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. Restrictions around us, due to the effectiveness of the vaccination programme are being gently lifted. There are a number of Parishioners receiving the Blessed Sacrament at home again. If you, or someone you know, would now like to resume this if you would let one of the priests know, or email the presbytery.

Thanks to those who have let us know if they are willing to help with Holy Communion on Sundays when one of the priests isn't available. At the moment there are usually two priests able to give Holy Communion at the larger Masses. It would, however, be useful to have some ministers of the eucharist we can ask to help when an additional priest isn't available for the distribution of Holy Communion. Please email the Parish office if you are willing to help if needed, with the Mass you usually attend.

Eucharistic Ministers: Please could you have a word with Fr Philip or Fr John, or email the Parish office, if you would be willing to help with Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. There are basic safety guidelines for this during the present time to make sure that such things are as safe as possible.

We pray for those who have died recently: Vincent Daly, George Duggan, Michael Meade, Arthur Campbell (Requiem Mass 29th July) and Sarah Hagan.

We pray for those who are being Baptised today: Eliza Santini at St Dunstan's.

Gift Aid Envelopes. There are still a number of Gift Aid boxes that haven't been collected for both churches. If you normally have a box of envelopes and haven't yet collected these, please could you collect your box from the Parish office either on a Wednesday or a Friday.

Donating through Gift Aid means we are able to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. If you are a tax payer and you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact the Parish Office.

March for Life UK will take place on Saturday 4th September in central London from approximately 10am – 4.30pm. To ask for coach details or to book a seat, contact Brian Healy at brianhealy@talktalk.net or phone 07726311261. Recently there was the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK (last year saw 210,860 abortions in England and Wales as well as the introduction of home/DIY abortions. Let's do our part in turning the tide in our nation. More information, or to give a donation, please visit marchforlife.co.uk or contact Isabel on 07773 501721 / izzyvs@gmail.com.

Situated in the beautiful surroundings of rural Warwickshire, St Joseph's Care Home offers a range of personalised services including residential care, specialised dementia care and short-term respite care in a friendly welcoming environment. With a dedicated and compassionate staff team who are passionate about making residents safe and happy in an environment that is just how home feels. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered and would be interested in more information or to book a virtual tour then please quote SJ1 and contact Care Home Manager Shelley Perryman on 01675 434559, email shelleyperryman@fatherhudsons.org.uk or visit our website at www.stjosephscarehome.co.uk

Are you or anyone you know living with dementia? The Birmingham Irish Association run a weekly group in St Dunstan's Conference Room so people with Dementia meet other people with Dementia for socialisation and fun activities. If you or someone you know may be interested in receiving support please contact: Ruth Geoghegan, ruth@birish.org.uk or 07495711704.

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.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£676.50	£ 86.00
Non-Gift Aid	£630.85	£128.52

Standing Orders are a great way to make regular donations. If you would like a standing order form for either church, please contact the Parish office.

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.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23 1:6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**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.**

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles re-joined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.