

# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

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Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Mary Dunleavy (RIP)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Des O'Leary (RIP Anniv)
		<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Eileen Dixon
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Ann O'Brien (RIP)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>St Bartholomew</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass *</b>	Deceased of Brannelly and McInerny families
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	<b>10.00am</b> ( <i>St Judes</i> )	<b>Holy Mass</b>	David Lewsley (RIP Anniv)
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass *</b>	Michael O'Looney
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Lena Lyons (Anniv)
		11.00am	Funeral Service for	John Quinn (RIP)
		6.00pm	Vigil of Reception for	Dennis Menezes (RIP)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>St Monica</i>	11.00am	Requiem Mass for	Dennis Menezes (RIP)
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass *</b>	Mary O'Feeffe
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>St Augustine</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass *</b>	Mary McGarrell (Ints)
		11.00am	Requiem Mass for	Colm Malone (RIP)
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass *</b>	Marykuty Noble (Thanksgiving)
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Beheading of St John the Baptist</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Betty Kane (RIP)
		11.30am – 1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Peggy Churchill (RIP)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Glennon Family (RIP)
		<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Eileen Leahy
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Maureen O'Connor

\* Masses with First Holy Communion

From Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September Mass on Sunday itself will be at the following times.

9.15am	Mass at St Jude's
10.30am	Mass at St Dunstan's
12noon	Mass at St Dunstan's
6.30pm	Mass at St Dunstan's

The reason for these changes is to enable us to reintroduce a Mass at St Jude's on a Sunday and enable one priest from here to be available to supply at other parishes if needed during these challenging times.

Other weekday Mass times will remain unchanged. Due to the current circumstances, we hope you will all understand well the reasons for these adjustments and be supportive.

**Although things are different and a little strange** at the moment it still is a joy to come together at the altar and to offer the sacrifice of our redemption. For the Mass to run smoothly could all be aware of the following:

**Make sure you bring** a form of face covering to Mass. This is to enable us to sit at 1 meter+. **We have been reminded by the diocese that this is compulsory for the celebration of Mass apart from young children and those with significant respiratory difficulties.** Please make the steward aware of this and sit at least 2 meters away from others.

**Only single households to sit together for Mass** – others not of the same household must keep social distance.

**Please use** the hand gel as you enter and leave church.

**Please follow** the directions of the stewards who are here to help us finding a place and guide us to Holy Communion.

**If you are not going to Holy Communion** please enable others to go by (with a meter spacing)– or even better sit on the red seats at the back.

**For those coming to receive Holy Communion** please wait until the stewards on duty invite you to move forward to the priest. **Please maintain social distance (1 meter) as you go up to Holy Communion. Please adjust the face covering from around your mouth so that you can receive the host in your hand with dignity and reverence.**

**Collection bags** cannot presently be passed around, so please put your offerings in the baskets provided near the entrance and exit.

**You are welcome to light candles** and pray at the shrines around church before or after Mass. Cleaning will take place about 15 minutes after Mass.

**Church opening and closing times** will be advertised on the newsletter and at the church entrance. Unfortunately, we cannot leave the church open without the presence of stewards. However, church will open 30 minutes before Mass for private prayer.

**Our thanks** to all our stewards at St Dunstan's and St Jude's who enable the church to be open for Mass. If anyone is interested in becoming a steward, please do speak to Fr Philip or Fr Simon.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Due to changing work or college commitments** a few of our regular stewards and cleaners are no longer available to help in September with this important new role in our parish life during the pandemic. This means that there are gaps which need to be filled if the current timetable of Masses and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continue during September.

It is important to remember that public Masses and Saturday exposition cannot operate without them at this time. Neither is it fair for the same few people to do more and more.

If you have not been a steward before but would be willing and able to help during September, would you please email or let either Fr Philip or Fr Simon **know by this Friday.**

Here, due to our volunteers, we have been able to have more public Masses than most other parishes. **But it depends on your help.**

As it stands - in September - we will have to lose one Saturday morning Mass with no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on two Saturdays, and lose one Friday morning Mass, and two Friday evening Masses.

**Please note** that people who have booked intentions for times when there is now no public Mass will have their intentions offered at a private Mass on that same day.

**First Holy Communion Masses this week** for Luke Webb, Kalina Bridger, Lily Boulton, Scarlett Barnfield, Poppy Dillway, Laurence Finglass, Matilda Mayall, Grace McGeown and Freddie Blake. This is such an important moment in the lives of these children. The absence of the 'big do' that often surrounds such occasions can help to truly focus on what is important – the tremendous privilege and grace of receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

**St Jude's Tuesday Mass** is mainly for those who are unable to get down to St Dunstan's and so have the opportunity to be present at Mass at St Jude's. Space at St Jude's is limited, and if capacity is reached then we are not permitted to admit others. ***If you can attend the evening Mass at St Dunstan's instead, then please do.*** As with St Dunstan's, face coverings will be necessary as spaces are measured at one-meter distance. Please follow the directions of the stewards for seating and for Holy Communion. There will also be a 'one way' system. We will enter church via the usual entrance but leave by the side door near the toilets.

**For those of you unable to come to Mass today** due to sickness, frailty, or because of shielding, please be assured that you will be in the prayers of all of us as we offer Holy Mass today. Please also remember that the Obligation to hear Mass on Sundays is still lifted for the time being – alternatively you might prefer to attend Mass during the week when it will be a little quieter.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** Patricia Clancy, John Quinn (26<sup>th</sup> at 11am), Dennis Menezes (27<sup>th</sup> at 11am), Dr Colm Malone (28<sup>th</sup> at 11am) and Nora Cooney (4<sup>th</sup> Sept at 11am).

**Government restrictions for funerals have been restated.** There is a maximum of 30 permitted for funerals. It is encouraged that just close family and/or friends attend. It is an important task for us all to pray for the faithful departed, so please do remember them and their families at the time of the Requiem Mass, and perhaps attend another Mass on that same day to pray for them.

**Due to the kindness and skills of a family friend** Dennis Menezes' Requiem Mass will be available via a YouTube channel this coming Thursday morning. can be accessed at [https://youtu.be/jcAgrycvV\\_A](https://youtu.be/jcAgrycvV_A) or by typing '11am, 27 August, Funeral Mass' into a YouTube search.

**Church Cleaning** will take place this Wednesday at 10.15am after Mass. If you can come along and help you will be very welcome.

**Please note that the toilets will be closed** due to COVID regulations the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be out of bounds apart from for Confession.

**Weekly offerings** can be placed in the baskets in church 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 or Paypal donations** are a great way of giving to the parish and helping us to pay the bills. Details available on our Parish website. Thank you for all those who are continuing to support the parish during these difficult times.

**Weekly Giving Envelopes:** If you were unable to collect your envelopes before the lockdown please speak to either Fr Philip or Fr Simon and they will be happy to retrieve them from the Sacristy for you.

If you have accumulated a few weeks' worth of offerings during the lockdown, and are bringing them to church, please remember that you only need to use the most recently dated envelope. Even if this means you are putting four weeks' worth of offerings into one envelope, the Gift Aid can still be claimed back. It just makes the counting less confusing!

**Requiem Masses.** One of the difficulties of the recent lockdown was that families were unable to attend the Requiem Mass for loved ones on the day of the funeral. Now that the situation is easing a little, families are welcome to contact the priest who did the funeral to arrange a Requiem Mass for family members to attend.

**The Sacrament of Confession** will be available on Saturday morning's at St Dunstan's from 11.30am – 12.30pm and 4.45 – 5.15pm. For confessions please go to the side chapel using the 'one way' system and use the entrance by the Sacred Heart statue.

**Baptisms:** Parents are welcome to get in touch to arrange baptisms. At the present time the rite will be shortened, and you are asked to only invite a small number of people whilst the virus is still present in the wider community. The baptism service will all take place around the font where space is fairly minimum. For those who had baptisms postponed during the lockdown please get in touch with us about rearranging the date.

**First Holy Communion Masses** have been happening over July and August during the midweek Masses, with a maximum of ten guests per family allowed as these will be public Masses. Could parents please note that the restrictions and instructions that pertain to Sunday Mass (face coverings and social distance) will apply to these celebrations too. Parents are also asked to ensure the children make their confession on one of the Saturday's before, and to be at church ready for Mass about 15 minutes before. If your child was due to make their First Communion and hasn't yet done so, please could you speak to Fr Philip or Fr Simon in the next day or two.

**Thank you** to those who have donated the tabernacle, the veils and the lamp. We have had a good number of donations towards the altar, tabernacle plinth and ambo (lectern), but if anyone would like to contribute towards these stone items you are most welcome. Any cheques to be made payable to St Dunstan's Parish.

**Car Park Attendant** needed at St Dunstan's. 12 hours per week (2 hours per day), Monday to Saturday, and possible sickness and holiday cover when required. Please contact the Parish Office for more details or to apply.

**Job Vacancies:** RN Nurses and Care Assistants with NVQ 2 required at St. Joseph's Home in Harborne, day and night shifts available. Please email your CV to Kay Munns (HR) at [kay.munns@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:kay.munns@lsplondon.co.uk)

**Prayer to our Guardian Angel, for when we cannot attend Holy Mass:** O holy Angel at my side, go to Church for me, kneel in my place, at Holy Mass, where I desire to be. At Offertory, in my stead, take all I am and own, and place it as a sacrifice upon the Altar Throne. At Holy Consecration's bell, adore with Seraph's love, my Jesus hidden in the Host, come down from Heaven above. Then pray for those I dearly love, and those who cause me grief, that Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts, and suffering souls relieve. And when the priest Communion takes, oh, bring my Lord to me, that His sweet Heart may rest on mine, and I His temple be. Pray that this Sacrifice Divine, may mankind's sins efface; then bring me Jesus' blessing home, the pledge of every grace. Amen.

**An Act of Contrition:** My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

**A prayer to St Roch, a saint invoked in times of plague and pestilence:** O most merciful God, who through an angel, promised St Roch that all who invoked his name will be preserved from pestilent and contagious diseases. Grant that through his intercession we may be preserved from all dangers both of soul and body. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

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### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 22:19-23*

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall

close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Your love, O Lord, is eternal:  
discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of 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

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. R

### SECOND READING

*Romans 11:33-36*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.