

# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
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Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mrs Malone (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Louise Sullivan (RIP)
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	William and Margaretta Hanna
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Michael and Catherine Sugrue (RIP Anni.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Mark Woodcock (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Marcella Kearney (RIP)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	The Reiling family
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Hilda Walsh (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Frank Owens (RIP)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Sarah Conway and family
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Edward Lawlor (RIP)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dedication of the Cathedral</b>  <i>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Teresa Gavin (Ints.)
		11.00am	Funeral Service	Peter Murray (RIP)
		7.00pm	Missa Cantata (Latin EF)	Brian McSweeney (Ints.)
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Breda Power (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and First Saturday devotions of Our Lady</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Nellie Jordan (RIP)
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Loughlin McManus (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Margaret Brady (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Garry Greenfield (RIP 4 <sup>th</sup> Anni)

**Today, there is a Pastoral Letter** from Archbishop Bernard which will be read out and/or made available at all Masses.

The Pastoral Letter is focused on the Diocesan Vision: **Unfolding God's Plan**. The Archbishop will introduce the Vision and how we intend to move forward as an Archdiocese over the coming years.

The diocesan vision is that....

- Formation in the faith
- Liturgy and worship
- Evangelisation
- Social Outreach

are essential components of the life of any parish community. As we make a fresh beginning after more than a year of lockdowns and restrictions, our aim is for clergy and the lay faithful to work closely to create vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour. There is a prayer card for you to collect today and the letter and details of the plan will be on the Diocesan website as well as a copy of the letter in audio and video format.

**Some of our younger parishioners will be making their first Holy Communion in the coming weeks.**

Those receiving First Eucharist will do so in small groups at weekday Masses as we did last year. Although this first happened last year as a consequence of the pandemic, it has been something appreciated by a number of families as it has enabled some of the razmataz (and expense) that's surrounded first communion celebrations over recent years to slide away, and to focus on the joy and privilege of receiving our Blessed Lord in the Holy Sacrament, and to celebrate this with close family. Thanks to all those parents who have bringing the children along to Sunday Mass to prepare them. Please remember all these children in your prayers.

**Friday's evening Mass** is a *Missa Cantata*, which is the ancient form of the Latin Rite Mass with the singing of the chants at Mass by a cantor. The Mass will be a Votive Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**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.

**The Lifting of Restrictions and Holy Mass.** As restrictions are lifted in a number of ways, the way we celebrate Mass will become more normalised. In some cases, we are also able to adjust seating to enlarge the capacity at Mass, which has become more important in recent weeks. Also, at the Sunday Masses and solemnities there will be the epistle or second reading.

**Altar Servers** – it has been good to have the return of altar servers in time for Easter. Previously we were limited to household groups, but this is no longer the case. There will now be an opportunity for the training for new altar servers. If you have made your first Holy Communion – or making it in the next few weeks – or you are older, you are welcome to come along. The first session will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in St Dunstan's, and will then stay to share the serving at the 11am Mass.

**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. We are sure that we all understand the necessity of this in these challenging times, and when the number of priests is reduced.

**Becoming Catholic?** Two or three people have mentioned the possibility of instruction in the faith. If anyone is interested, could you email the presbytery or speak to Fr Philip or Fr John. For those who desire to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church there will be an expectation of attendance at Sunday Mass at St Dunstan's or St Jude's as well as the instructions. If there is sufficient interest, we will hope to begin shortly depending on the schedules for the easing of restrictions.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.** 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, so that we can build up a list.

### **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.

### **We pray for those who have died recently:**

Margaret McCarthy (Requiem Mass 22<sup>nd</sup> June), Peter Murray and Keith Dunsby.

### **We pray for those who are being Baptised today:**

Isaiah Hanlocks at St Dunstan's.

**Baptisms:** If you had already booked a baptism that had to be postponed, could you get in touch as soon as possible to arrange a date. **For those who haven't been along for the preparation meeting, the next meeting (at which we will arrange baptism dates) is this Tuesday at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's church. We pray for those who will be Baptised today:** Immanuel Leo Thompson at St Dunstan's.

**Little Lambs parent and toddlers** will re-start on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 10.15am in the Conference Room. There will more information about this in the bulletin next week.

### **The next issue of WINDOW, the Parish magazine is being prepared.**

Please send items for inclusion to [robertwilcher@btinternet.com](mailto:robertwilcher@btinternet.com) or 179 Alcester Road South, B14 6DD. One topic will be about how people's experience of lockdown has affected the practice of their faith. Pieces can be brief so we can use comments to form a collage. **DEADLINE next Sunday**

### **Walsingham Pilgrimage Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

£170 for a standard room with shared bathroom. £200 for an en-suite room. The cost includes transport and accommodation with breakfast and dinner. A non-refundable deposit of £20 is required to secure your place and the remaining balance must be paid in full by **Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Payments can be made by cash or cheque (please make cheques payable to 'St Dunstan's Church'). Payments in an envelope marked 'Walsingham' with your name, address and contact number. Please let Isabel O'Connell know if you have any special requirements e.g. diet or mobility. The pilgrimage was originally organised in 2020 but was postponed as a result of the COVID pandemic. As a result, all of the places have been allocated however it is possible that a small number of rooms may become available. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, contact Isabel O'Connell on 07758004306.

### **PARISH HELPERS**

Do you have a bit and spare time and would be interested in volunteering in the Parish, at either St Dunstan's or St Jude's?

Maybe you could do a few simple maintenance jobs or some light gardening work such as watering the flowers or cutting grass?

If so, please leave your name and phone number at the Parish office.

**St Dunstan's Primary School** have initiated a project to transform an outdoor area at the back of the school into a peaceful prayer garden. This area will be a space for the whole community of the school to enjoy in quiet reflection and prayer. If you would like to volunteer to help with this, or if you have any ideas, please contact the school office on 464 4628.

**St Jude's School** is busy looking for new recruits to join their Nursery crew in September 2021! They have the perfect setting for three and four year olds. The school is in the parish and welcomes all enquiries. Little ones can join the class every morning for three hours in term time. Contact school on 0121 464 5069 for more information.

**St Pauls Convent are currently looking to recruit a Support Service Co-ordinator** for 37.5 hours per week. Female applicants only (advertised in accordance with the Equality Act 2010). This unique service has been designed to support elderly Sisters living in their own Religious Community. Also, a Support Worker for 21 hours per week to provide a bespoke service for the members of a Religious Community in their home, enabling them to maintain their independence and live a fulfilled life. For more information, please either email [secretary@sellypark.org](mailto:secretary@sellypark.org), telephone 415 6105 or Geraldine Garry on 07813332648. The closing date for applications is 25<sup>th</sup> June.

### **COLLECTIONS**

	<b>St Dunstan's</b>	<b>St Jude's</b>
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£507.00	£114.75
<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	£614.87	£129.10

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:26-34

### FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

### SECOND READING

*Corinthians 5:6-10*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
**Alleluia!**

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

**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.