

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 11 th	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Tony Quirke (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	Brid Hanninghan (RIP)
Sun 12 th	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Edward Walsh (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Peggy Jordan (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Paul Collins (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Kieran Kealey
Mon 13 th	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Frank Kealey
		6.00pm	<i>Reception and Vigil</i>	Steven Rawley (RIP)
Tues 14 th	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Mary O'Keefe
		12 noon	Requiem Mass	Steven Rawley (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Harry Allen
Wed 15 th	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Jack Howe
		6.00pm (<i>St Jude's</i>)	<i>Reception and Vigil</i>	Bridget Grimes (RIP)
Thurs 16 th	<i>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian</i>	11.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Requiem Mass	Bridget Grimes (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Don Sammons
Fri 17 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Freda and Bill Lynch
		7.00pm	Latin EF Mass	Carley Bright (Ints.)
Sat 18 th	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Sue Blake Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	Conway family (Ints.)
Sun 19 th	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Frank Traynor (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Patrick Jordan (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Margaret McCarthy (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Andy Keenan (RIP)

Today is Education Sunday when we give thanks to God for those involved in nurturing our children in the faith. So, we pray for all Catholic parents who strive to be an example of faith, along with parents and godparents. We pray for those who contribute to the passing of the faith in our parish schools through their role as teachers and those who assist them. We remember in our prayers the children who are educated in our schools that they may grow in faith and humanity, and for those leaving school for college or work that they may be salt to the earth and lights to the world. A number of the teachers from our parish schools will be at the 10.30am Mass today to dedicate themselves for the tasks of the year to come. May the Lord bless them in their work.

Prayer for Education Sunday

God our loving Father

thank you for the gift of our parish schools.

We pray for those who teach in them, that they may pass on the faith given by Christ to the apostles.

We pray for those who lead our schools, for all who work within them, and for those who govern them.

We pray for all our pupils, that they may recognize that they are made in your image and likeness, and so through grace become the people you have created them to be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Two events coming soon.....

Thursday 12th October at 7pm will be the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop David Evans will visit the Parish on that evening and confirm those children who were in year 6 last year and now moved on to various High Schools. This is the delayed celebration from last February which was cancelled due to the restrictions put in place due to the pandemic. Would candidates please ensure that your previous school knows that you are going to be a candidate so that they can have a list for numbers.

Saturday 6th November at 11am. The Archbishop will be visiting St Dunstan's to consecrate the new altar at the celebration of Mass. This should have been done some eighteen months ago of course were it not for the pandemic. More details of this important event in the life of our parish will follow.

Sycamore. In October we shall begin running a "Sycamore" course. This is an ideal course for those who are curious about our faith or who have perhaps not had much chance to learn about our faith. The course consists of a series of short videos, presented by Fr Stephen Wang, Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome. Each video explores a topic like "Does God exist?" or "Who is Jesus." There are opportunities for gentle discussions during the videos.

The course will begin on Thursday October 7th, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass, and will run for 10 weeks. Sign-up sheets will be available in church and at our primary schools in the weeks approaching the 7th.

Next Sunday Fr Royston Price from the Redemptorists at Erdington Abbey will be saying the 5.30pm, 10.30am & Noon Masses to speak about vocations in the Church today.

Walsingham. Last weekend we took the largest group of pilgrims ever on the Parish pilgrimage, and a great time was had by all. Many thanks to Isobel O'Connor who did all the booking and arranging that made for a successful visit – and even organising a scenic tour of Eastern England on the first day of the pilgrimage!

Piety Stall. It was great to see so many people at Mary Masterson's Requiem Mass recently. One of Mary's important contributions to St Dunstan's Parish was her dedicated service in running the piety stall. It's important that we preserve her legacy, and so a number of volunteers have come forward to run it. From this Sunday, the piety stall will be open before and after the 10.30am and 12noon Masses. There are Mass cards, rosaries, prayer books and much more. Do pop along and have a look.

The Parish SVP have been busy throughout the pandemic helping individuals and families in need. There is some information from the SVP on the parish website and Facebook. If parishioners want to help them financially or otherwise there is plenty of information there. Also, there are the SVP wall boxes in church if anyone wishes to make contributions. Anything you can afford is gratefully accepted.

Care Homes in the Parish. For those looking for an opportunity for some work, a number of our care homes are pretty desperate for carers. If you have the gifts of patience, dedication and compassion then it might be something you might want to consider.

Many thanks to all those who bought jams and chutneys recently. The grand total of £248.50 was made for the Jane Smith Education Fund. The fund is currently supporting girls' education in Loreto Sisters schools in South Sudan.

Prayer Group in the Conference Room every Sunday at 7.30pm. *"When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you seek me with all your heart and soul, I will make myself available to you," says the Lord" (Jeremiah 29:12-14).* All welcome.

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 words and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges. Everybody welcome.

Legion of Mary meet on Wednesday at 11am in the Conference Room.

Little Lambs: Do you have pre-school aged children and free on a Friday morning come and join us at Little Lambs? A chance for a coffee and chat with other parents, grandparents and carers whilst the children play in a COVID safe environment. Come and join us from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday. All welcome it would be great to hear from anyone able to spare an hour on a rota basis to help support the group. For further information contact Nikki Stewart nikz.stew@gmail.com

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

During this time of pandemic, the diocese is asking us to **continue to keep social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church. A number of people are still fearful of larger gatherings, and so we try to ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable during the celebration of Mass.

When coming to Holy Communion would you ensure that your face covering is removed so that you can receive the sacred host reverently before replacing your face covering. Please do not move away with the host still in your hands but consume immediately before moving on. When receiving on either the hand or tongue please be as still as possible as it is important that the priest doesn't make contact with either hand or tongue when giving holy communion.

There are no longer restrictions on capacity for weddings, funerals or baptisms as long as social distancing remains. Please note that for baptisms, only one child is permitted to be baptised at any one time unless they are siblings, **and the rules concerning face coverings, hand sanitisation and social distancing still apply.**

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, let one of the priests know, or email the presbytery.

Stewarding: Would you be interested in joining the rota at either at St Dunstan's or St Jude's? As well as keeping church clean and welcoming people into church, it is a good opportunity to get to know other parishioners. A couple of stewards are no longer able to help because of work commitments so it would be helpful to have a few extra volunteers. Please contact the Parish office **this week** if you are able to help.

We pray for those who have died recently: Maria Hodgetts, Helena Gallagher, John Merry, Bridget Grimes, Steven Rawley, and Mary Masterson.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 5th October after evening Mass at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£741.65	£ 81.00
Non-Gift Aid	£721.02	£119.36

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.

S anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us
Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a
tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit
in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me, from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

*The Voluntary playing after Holy Communion is:
Louis Vierne, Berceuse from 24 Pièces en style
libre, op.31 no.19*

The Parish Office will be open from 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays and from 9am to 4pm Tuesday to 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 pre-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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8: 27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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.