

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 12 th	<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in</i>	5.30pm	Holy Mass	Mary Redeanton (Ints)
Sun 13 th	<i>Ordinary Time</i>	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Eddie Walsh (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Cedric Fairbotham (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Paul Collins (RIP 1 st Anni.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Colm Malone (RIP)
Mon 14 th	<i>Exultation of the Cross</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Don Sammons (RIP)
Tues 15 th	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Vic Pye (RIP)
		11.00am	Requiem Mass for	Renee Kingston (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Peter Marshall (RIP)
		7.45pm	Vigil of Reception for	Gerard McEvoy (RIP)
Wed 16 th	<i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	May Shuttleworth (RIP)
		11.00am	Requiem Mass for	Gerard McEvoy (RIP)
Thurs 17 th	<i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Cath Soubhy
Fri 18 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Tom Brosnan (RIP)
		7.00pm (<i>Latin Mass</i>)	Holy Mass	Thomas Arthur Hughes (RIP)
Sat 19 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Dennis Menezes (RIP)
		11.30am – 1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in</i>	5.30pm	Holy Mass	Anne Moriarty (RIP)
Sun 20 th	<i>Ordinary Time</i>	9.15am (<i>St Judes</i>)	Holy Mass	Kimberley Douglas (Ints)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Anne Murphy (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Margaret Holmes
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Baby Leo (RIP)

A warm welcome to those attending Mass today. Please follow the directions of the stewards who are here to help us finding a place and guide us to Holy Communion.

Welcome also to Fr John Waters as he begins his priestly ministry in the parish. Please do make him feel welcome and remember him each day in your prayers.

You will notice that Fr Simon is still around as he doesn't have a date for moving yet. Due to the pandemic a couple of the priests in Fr Simon's chain have not been able to move. Whilst here he can adopt the title of 'Curate Emeritus in Residence'.

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

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 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.

Congratulations and prayers to a good number of our young parishioners who received their first Holy Communion. Of course, it should have happened in May before COVID19 intervened, but not to be daunted by such things, the children were invited to receive our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion either on their own or as a pair at midweek Masses over the last seven weeks. Although these occasions were quite different from what we have grown used to with their noise and bustle, yet they were very personal occasions for the children and their close families. Perhaps something we can learn from! Please remember these children and their parents in your prayers.

Relief Car Park Attendant needed to cover sickness and holidays as and when needed. Those applying should be able to be flexible and available at short notice. If you would like to apply, please leave a message with the Parish Office or email your details to saintdunstan@btinternet.com. The deadline for this post is Sunday 20th September and interviews will take place on Monday 21st September.

We pray for those who have died recently: Renee Kingston, Gerald McEvoy, Patricia Clancy, Sr Stella, John Quinn, Dennis Menezes, Dr Colm Malone and Nora Cooney.

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.

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.

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 and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be out of bounds apart from for Confession.

St Jude's Lottery has been suspended since the beginning of lockdown and we are aware that parishioners have been asking about what is happening with it. We are looking into the best way of completing the outstanding draw and a way of re-starting the lottery going forward.

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 Order 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.

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!

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.

When coming to confession during this time, please be reminded to observe social distancing as you wait, and to be as brief and concise as possible in the rite itself, both to maximise the opportunity for others to come, and to reduce the amount of time spent in the closer presence of one another.

The 7.00pm Mass on Friday evening will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form, according to the 1962 missal. This will be a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Sorrows.

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.

There will be a Baptismal Preparation Meeting on Tuesday 6th October at 7.45pm. Those wishing to attend are asked to book a place by phoning 0121 444 1386.

Please remember in your prayers Deacons Benedict Skipper, Sean Gough, Alex Taylor and Clive Dytor as they prepare for their Ordinations to the Sacred Priesthood later this month. Alex and Clive were ordained on Saturday 11th September and Benedict and Sean will be ordained on Sunday 20th September at 3.00pm. Although the Masses will be closed to all but family and friends, both ordinations can be watched via the Cathedral's live stream available on the St Chad's Cathedral website.

Please also pray for Bishops Elect David Evans and Stephen Wright as they prepare for their Episcopal Ordinations later this year.

The Annual 40 Days for Life campaign will be starting again soon. The opening event will take place on Saturday 19th September from 3.00pm – 4.00pm in the Upper Cloister Hall of the Birmingham Oratory. For more information about this campaign please contact Isabel on 07773 501721.

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham is celebrated on Thursday 24th September and to prepare for this a nine-day Novena is available which should begin on Tuesday 15th September. The Novena prayers can be downloaded from <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Novena-in-Honour-of-OLW.pdf>

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

St Paul's School for Girls are holding a Virtual Online Open Evening on Thursday 1st October 2020. To find out more about the school, meet the teachers and experience a virtual tour of the school all from the comfort of your own home please visit www.onlineopenevening.co.uk/stpauls

Cardinal Griffin Catholic College in Cannock is seeking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Further details regarding this post can be found on the college website <https://www.cardinalgriffin.org.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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. *R*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. *R*

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. *R*

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. *R*

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart. Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.