

THE PARISH OF ST DUNSTAN AND ST JUDE

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome to Mass – a phrase we haven't been able to use for some time – although many of you have joined in the celebration of Mass online over the past weeks.

For those of you unable to come to Mass today due to sickness, frailty, or because of shielding, do know that you will be in the prayers of all of us as we offer Holy Mass today.

For those of you at Mass, you will notice a few changes. First the more unpleasant ones.....

Spaces at Mass will be limited, and this means it will be on a first come first served basis until we can measure the need. Please be patient. We will try our best! As you arrive for Holy Mass the stewards will direct you to a seat. These are signified at weekends by the YELLOW CARDS (the green ones are 2-meter distance for other occasions). This will mean those attending Mass may not be able to sit in a *usual* seat and may have to do what many Catholics fear – sitting near the front! Please listen to the advice of the stewards.

Face Coverings. The wearing of face coverings mean we can have social spacing at 1 meter + (the '+' is the face covering). Many of you use them already around the shops and on buses and trains. Some use medical type masks, and others use homemade ones out of handkerchiefs etc. **I'm afraid that to attend Mass means face coverings are obligatory for the time being, which you will have to bring**

with you – although there is an exception for under 5's and those with serious respiratory diseases or breathing difficulties - In the latter case please keep 2-meter distance from others.

All Masses will be *said Masses* without congregational singing, and kept fairly short – music to the ears of many a teenager!

I am incredibly grateful to all those who volunteered to be stewards at St Dunstan's. It's a generous commitment to enable us to celebrate Mass together. Only where we have stewards can public Mass be offered. If anyone is interested in becoming a steward, please do speak to Fr Philip or Fr Simon.

Another - more pleasant – change, and that is that those coming into St Dunstan's for the first time since the lockdown will notice that the sanctuary has now been completed, and the Blessed Sacrament is once again reserved in the tabernacle behind the altar as a focus for devotion and prayer. **So, from now on, we should adopt again the catholic practice of genuflecting when we come into church or taking our seat.**

For many years we will have bowed to the altar as a sign of honour and reverence—for the altar is the principal sacred symbol of Jesus Christ in a church building, marked on its top by five crosses, representing the five wounds of Our Lord.

But now we will do something more - we genuflect (to kneel on the right knee). This is more than a sign of honour – it is a sign, an expression, of worship. To genuflect is a *'faith action'* – for by it we acknowledge the constant faith of the Church - that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass truly becomes the real presence of Jesus Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, and the consecrated hosts from Mass are reserved day and night in the tabernacle. To genuflect is, in a sense, to say with the apostles who saw the Risen Lord on the shore of the Sea of Galilee after the resurrection: *'It is the Lord!'* (John 21)

Age old signs of the Lord's presence are the veil that covers the tabernacle (as the veil shielded the Holy of Holies in the Temple in Jerusalem), and the lamp that burns by its side – for Jesus told his disciples: *'I am the Light of the World'*.

The presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church has already added a warm sense of the close presence of Jesus to us, and it is around Him that we gather.

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 make a contribution towards these stone items you are most welcome.

Church Cleaning takes place this Friday at 10.15am after Mass. If you can come along and help you will be very welcome. As the saying goes, 'cleanliness is next to godliness...'

Now that public Masses have resumed, sadly time constraints mean we are unable to offer the streamed Sunday Mass and Holy Hours. The priests and friars based at the shrine at Walsingham do live stream Mass and devotions each day. If

you google 'Walsingham National Shrine' you should find a link.

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 Adoration Chapel, using the 'one way' system and use the entrance by the Sacred Heart statue.

Please also note that the toilets will be closed due to COVID regulations and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be out of bounds.

Mass Intentions for this week: Ellen Connolly (nee Crotty); Anne Moriarty (RIP); Picton family; Tom Reidy; Larkin, Rogers and McLaughlin families; Rita Saldaha (RIP); Sean Sweeney; Edward Lawlor (RIP); Ouseph Mathew (RIP); Rick Coleman (RIP); Trewby family (Thanksgiving); Des McGarrity (RIP); Peter Duffey (RIP); Billy Bowman (RIP); Maureen McCann (Ints); Mary McGoldrick (RIP); Pauline Conmee (RIP); Joan Hollington (RIP); Des McGarrity (RIP); Darren Carlin (RIP).

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'.

Baptisms: We are yet to receive the guidelines regarding the celebration of baptisms. When we do we will publicise on the newsletter and website.

Standing Orders or Paypal donations are a great way of giving in times such as these which helps us to keep paying parish bills. Details available on our Parish website. Thank you for all those who are continuing to support the parish during these difficult times.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

Saturday 4th July

10.15am Church Open
11.00am Holy Mass
11.30am Adoration
1.00pm Church cleaning
4.45pm Church Open
5.30pm Holy Mass
6.15pm Church cleaning

Sunday 5th July

9.15am Church Open
10.00am Holy Mass
10.45am Church cleaning
11.15am Church Open
12 noon Holy Mass
12.45pm Church cleaning
5.45pm Church Open
6.30pm Holy Mass
7.15pm Church cleaning

Monday 6th July

9.00am Church Open
9.30am Holy Mass
10.15am Church cleaning

Tuesday 7th July

6.30pm Church Open
7.00pm Holy Mass
7.45pm Church cleaning

Wednesday 8th July

9.00am Church Open
9.30am Holy Mass
10.15am Church cleaning

Thursday 9th July

6.30pm Church Open
7.00pm Holy Mass
7.45pm Church cleaning

Friday 10th July

9.00am	Church Open	6.15pm
9.30am	Holy Mass	7.00pm
10.15am	Church cleaning	7.45pm

We are also conscious that some of you will be uncertain about attending Mass due to health concerns. Please 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, and leave the Sunday Masses for those who work during the week.

Initially we will reopen St Dunstan's for Mass and see how it goes before opening St Jude's for public Mass.

If you need to speak to either one of the priests, it is encouraged initially to do so via a phone call or email. Similarly, if you should require a priest in an emergency, please do not hesitate to call the Presbytery.

We pray for those who have died: Maureen Power 7th July at 1.30pm, James Redmond (16th July), Sharon Albert, Louise Sullivan (15th July).

Please note: For Funeral Services there is a limit of 30 at the moment for the service in church, although most cemeteries and crematoria lesser number for attendance at the committal.

A Prayer written by Bede Jarrett, a Dominican friar: We seem to give them back to Thee, O God who gavest them to us. Yet as Thou didst not lose them in giving, so do we not lose them by their return. Not as the world giveth, givest Thou O Lover of souls. What Thou givest Thou takest not away, for what is Thine is ours also if we are thine. And life is eternal and love is immortal, and death is only an horizon, and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly; draw us closer to Thyself that we may know ourselves to be nearer to our loved ones who are with Thee. And while Thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us also for

that happy place, that where Thou art we may be also for evermore. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers the four deacons of the diocese who are due to be ordained priests this coming July – Benedict Skipper who was with us for part of the last year will be amongst them. Obviously, these are difficult times to make definite plans, but please remember them in your prayers as they prepare for their ordination – whenever it will be!

Let us pray for one another at this time, and especially for the sick and those in our hospitals, care homes and local surgeries who care for the sick

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.

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.