

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Third Sunday of Lent

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Sat 6 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (Ints.) Pro Populo
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Estrella and Ricardo Victorio (RIP)
Sun 7 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Kathleen and James Jennings
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Martin Mannion (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Martin Wood (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Frank Lydon (RIP)
Mon 8 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues 9 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	Mick, Helen and Judy Slattery (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Ann Anna Thomas
Wed 10 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Patrick Holmes
		6.00pm	<i>Vigil and Reception for</i>	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP)
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Thurs 11 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	6.45am	Holy Mass	Christine Doherty (RIP)
		11.30am	Requiem Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Eric and Olive Shelton
Fri 12 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Margaret Holmes
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	M. Woodcock (Ints.)
Sat 13 th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Bridget McGrath
		11.30am-1pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Frances Dixon
Sun 14 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Mary Carney and deceased family members
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Ted Woodcock
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Rita Phipps
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Ian Grundy (RIP)

WELCOME TO 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.

A reminder of the guidelines for the celebration of Mass during this time of pandemic.

- 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 in the hand 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.

Some of these – especially the way of receiving Holy Communion and wearing face coverings – a few have found onerous. Nevertheless, it is a price worth paying for the continuation of public worship.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES

Reflecting on the demand on places at Mass on Ash Wednesday recently it seems prudent to issue tickets for the main Masses and Liturgies of Palm Sunday, the Sacred Triduum and Easter Day - much as we did at Christmas. This will mean that, not only do we prioritise those who usually come to Sunday Mass in our churches, but that the congregation at these Masses can be spread out across the various Masses to ensure that Mass continues to be as safe as possible, and people feel safe.

At St Dunstan's: Before and after Mass this weekend and the following weekend - that means the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday Masses - two stewards will be in the **Conference Room** where you can collect tickets for Masses at St Dunstan's. Please help our stewards by waiting to be called in.

At St Jude's on these same weekends, there will be two stewards in the **porch area** before and after the Sunday Mass where you can collect tickets for the Masses and Liturgies at St Jude's. We thank them for this extra commitment.

To avoid confusion – tickets for St Dunstan's will be available at St Dunstan's, and for St Jude's at St Jude's.

Palm Sunday – Masses at usual times.

Maundy Thursday Mass – 7.30pm in both churches.

Good Friday Liturgy – 3pm in both churches.

Easter Vigil - 8pm in St Dunstan's.

Easter Sunday - Masses at the usual times.

NB: Other services – e.g. Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross will not need tickets.

When you come for your ticket you will be asked which Masses or liturgies you would like to attend; how many tickets you would like; your name; any access requirements; and if anybody you are coming to Mass with is mask exempt, so that spacing can be allocated appropriately.

Please read the following so that you are clear in your mind.

-There will be a different ticket for each of the services, so a ticket for Maundy Thursday will not get you into Good Friday. You need one for each. Obvious we know – but worth saying!

-Please understand that it might not always be possible to attend the Mass at your preferred time – or place - if the building has already reached capacity.

-Initially, until we are sure of demand, there will be a limit of one Easter Vigil/Easter Day Mass per person/family.

-You can collect tickets for those in your 'bubble' who will be sat with you in church at Mass (in accordance with government regulations), but not for other people/groups. They will need to come themselves.

- The seat allocations will be sorted out when you collect your tickets. Stewards will have a plan of where people will sit which maximises capacity and accommodate special needs...so no 'usual seats'!

- You will need to be at church 20 minutes before Mass begins. The logistics for Mass will be quite complex, and we will all need patience. If you come late, then you may not be able to enter church.

- If you have taken tickets for a Mass, and then can't go, please return ASAP to the presbytery in an envelope with your name so that they can be redistributed to those without. It was a shame that, at Christmas, a number of people had tickets and chose not to come, and a few didn't have tickets who wanted to come, leaving spare spaces.

-if you have any symptoms of COVID19 please do not attend church.

Church Flowers for Easter There will be a collection for church flowers after all Masses next weekend.

Easter Offering Envelopes will be available at the back of both churches next weekend. Do please use them – especially if you are unable to come to church and wish to make a donation towards the upkeep of your priests. As there is no salary structure, the Easter offering (with Christmas) are the priest's main source of income – not only personal but for the support of their ministry in the parish too.

Church Readers Needed. If you have previously read in either St Dunstan's or St Jude's and would like to re-join the rota, or if you would like to start reading in church, please contact the Parish office.

Works of charity - Helping Others During Lent with the SVP. As well as giving up something we enjoy for Lent, we are also called to do something for those in need. The SVP continues to provide food for struggling families - particularly via the "bank" at St. Jude's School. It would be wonderful if you could help us supplement this by providing some hygiene and sanitary items (e.g. shower gel, shampoo, soap, and women's sanitary products) and drop them off in the Church entrance (box under the stairs) before weekend Masses.

Another way to help would be to keep a large cardboard box in your household and, each day during Lent, adding an item for the "foodbank; suggested goods – cereals, tea, coffee, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, hygiene products. The boxes could be brought to Church during the last week of Lent or, if need be, we can collect them.

Thank you for your generous CAFOD Fast Day donations. Your generosity will enable people like Hagos in Ethiopia, struggling to cope in an increasingly hotter and drier climate. Hagos and his family nearly starved due to drought, but thanks to our church family and support like yours, we provided him with solar-powered water pumps. Hagos and his neighbours now have flowing water to cultivate their land. Remember it is not too late to give to the Lent appeal at cafod.org.uk/lent **Also** Brian and Jackie Trewby are undertaking the CAFOD Lent walking challenge - to walk 400,000 steps before Easter! If you would like to see how they are progressing and donate to CAFOD through their Justgiving page, please follow the link below: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/well-wishers2022>

We pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Wilkins, Marie Reid, Fr Oliver Kemp, Mary Coffey, Eileen Middleton, Ann O'Sullivan and Elizabeth Brown.

Year of St Joseph. St Joseph's Feast Day is on Friday Week. Below is a novena prayer to St Joseph that you might like to use from Tuesday. Presently we have no statue or image of St Joseph in St Dunstan's. Originally the side chapel was dedicated to Our Lady before becoming the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Now that the Blessed Sacrament has returned to the sanctuary, we now have a chapel without a dedication. Fr Philip is proposing that this will become the chapel of St Joseph, and for a suitable image to be installed there. In his letter 'Patris corde' (with a father's heart) Pope Francis speaks about the various reasons that he wishes to strengthen devotion to St Joseph in these challenging times. It's well worth a look.

St Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of having been chosen by God to be the foster-father of His Divine Son. As a token of your own gratitude to God for this your greatest privilege, obtain for me the grace of a very devoted love for Jesus Christ, my God and my Saviour. Help me to serve him with some of the same self-sacrificing love and devotion which you had on earth with Him. Grant that through your intercession with Jesus, you foster-Son, I may reach the degree of holiness God has destined for me and save my soul. Amen

Queen Elizabeth and Birmingham Women's Hospitals and St Mary's Hospice. If you know that you (or a family member or friend in the parish) will be going to hospital for significant treatment, it is important to have confession with anointing of the sick before you/they go into hospital as these sacraments are not presently readily available during your stay. **There is a cover rota provided by priests around the area. This is for emergency use only when there is danger of death. Such visits are arranged from the hospital so that the priest on call will be allowed admission.**

Government restrictions for funerals stipulate a maximum of 30 attending.

Confessions are at the normal advertised times. Social distancing means using the side chapel at St Dunstan's. **Please keep the time spent in the confessional to a minimum (5 minutes max) to both make it as safe as possible, and so that others have opportunity for the celebration of this sacrament.**

Please note that the toilets are presently closed due to COVID regulations, and the side chapel is out of bounds apart from for Confession.

Weekly offerings can be placed in the baskets in church during Mass, 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 are also a great way of giving. Standing order forms can be requested from the Parish office.

COLLECTIONS		
	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 415.00	£ 155.80
Non-Gift Aid	£ 616.99	£ 116.91
Standing Orders for February	£1,409.00	£ 202.00

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.

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R.**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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.