

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Third Sunday of Easter

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Sat 17 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<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	Billy Hopkins (RIP)
Sun 18 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Emily McCormack
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Jones (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Brian Reaney (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Denis and Chris Sexton (RIP)
Mon 19 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Deceased of O'Sullivan family
Tues 20 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Dawn Feeney (Sp. Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Bridget O'Boyle
Wed 21 st	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Michael Hayes (RIP)
Thurs 22 nd	<i>Easter Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Maria Victorio Ennis (Thanksgiving)
Fri 23 rd	Solemnity of St George. Patron of England	9.30am	Holy Mass	Lorna Gardner (Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Haydee Tallou (Ints.)
Sat 24 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Celia Erlinda Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<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	Ann Farrell (RIP)
Sun 25 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Remy O'Neill (Ints.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Margaret O'Donaghue
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Marion Hayes
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Pat Conaghan (RIP)

In place of the Angelus during the Easter season we would usually sing the Regina Caeli. As congregational singing isn't yet allowed under the regulations, we will say it together before Sunday Mass.

**Regina caeli, Laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

*Rejoice and be glad, O virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.*

Let us pray.

O God, who has brought joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may be brought to the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The season of Easter continues as we try and unpack that extraordinary event of the resurrection. St Luke makes it quite plain that the risen Jesus wasn't just some apparition, vision or ghost. His presence was mysterious, not immediately recognisable, and yet they could touch him with their hands.

We shouldn't be surprised that it's hard for us to get our heads around it – for after all it was a struggle for the apostles, even though they are eyewitnesses, to understand with their minds and hearts what they see with their eyes.

Next Sunday is *Good Shepherd Sunday* which is observed as a day of prayer for vocations. It is especially prayer for vocations to the priesthood we pray for on that day as priests are those who are called to share in the care of the Lord's flock.

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 to 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 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 Communion to the sick and housebound.

Restrictions around us, due to the effects of lockdown and 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.

Baptisms: Changes in guidance means that we can begin celebrating the sacrament of Baptism from May 17th. 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 meeting, then the next meeting (at which we will arrange dates) is on Tuesday 4th May at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's church.**

Becoming Catholic? Two or three people have mentioned the possibility of instruction in the faith. If anyone is interested if you could email the presbytery or speak to Fr Philip or Fr John. For those who would 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 interest, we will hope to begin in May or June depending on the schedules for the easing of restrictions.

We pray for those who have died recently: Peggy Ensor, Mark Woodcock (Requiem 27th April), Bernadette Johnston (Requiem 28th April), Stanislaw Mielewski, Baby Poppy Buswell, Maureen Cody and HRH The Prince Philip.

Bernadette Johnston was the former headteacher at St Jude's School.

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.**

Funerals. A number of families have been concerned about the length of time it now seems to take (often over a month) between a loved one's death and the funeral. It can be an advantage, when arranging a funeral, to have a week for the funeral in mind and then look around at different firms to see what they can do.

Confessions are at the normal advertised times from next weekend. 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.**

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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES. If you didn't pick up your box last weekend from St Dunstan's, could you do so today!

The envelopes for St Jude's were unfortunately delayed in transit from the suppliers but will be available for collection from St Jude's this weekend.

CAFOD Lent Challenge: Walk for Water Brian and Jackie Trewby would like to thank parishioners for their very generous donations to CAFOD. In total, they walked 524 miles, and raised £1,650 – well above their original target of £200!

Bishop Challoner TSA is currently working with around 40 Primary and Secondary schools in the Birmingham area to help new teachers into the profession. Anyone is welcome to join for a free online information event on **Wednesday 28th April at 6pm** or **Thursday 13th May at 5pm** to find out more about the School Direct / PGCE route into this exciting and rewarding profession. See www.bctsa.org for details, or email teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Job Vacancy: Two RN Nurses and two Care Assistants required at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Harborne. Permanent day shifts available including alternative weekends. Please email your CV to Kay Munns (HR) at kay.munns@london.co.uk or telephone 0121 427 2486 for more information.

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. CAFOD featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term

development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

If, during Lent, you have been collecting items at home for the SVP feeding programmes at the schools and Manningford Hall and would like them collected please phone or text Andy Gudge on 07855 824434 or email him at andygudge@blueyonder.co.uk

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£550.60	£ N/A
Non-Gift Aid	£586.60	£ N/A

If you would like a standing order for, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and
hear me! **R:**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he
loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R:**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R:**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R:**

SECOND READING

John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'