

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 2 nd	<i>The Guardian Angels</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Shyla Roy (Thanksgiving) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by first Saturday devotions.</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	Jayden Thomas (Sp. Ints.)
Sun 3 rd	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Pye (special ints.)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Conway family (Ints.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Margaret and Jim Garvey (RIP Anni.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (RIP)
Mon 4 th	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Jim Reidy (RIP)
Tues 5 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	John and Violet Carney
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Dermot McBride (RIP)
Wed 6 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Dileep and family (ints.)
Thurs 7 th	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Dawn, baby and family (ints.)
Fri 8 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Brian Bramhall
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	John Green (RIP)
Sat 9 th	St John Henry Newman	11.00am	Holy Mass	Eva Duggan Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	Frank Finton
Sun 10 th	TWENTY- SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Mary Dunleavy (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Ann Connelly
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Persecuted Priests
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Hazel Bowden

Two events coming soon.....

Tuesday 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 **this Thursday**, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass, and will run for 10 weeks. Please call the Parish office to reserve a place.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is this Tuesday after evening Mass at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's Church. If you would like to come to this meeting, please contact the Parish office and leave your name and phone number.

Children aged 7 years and over who wish to be Baptised will need a short period of instruction first. Please contact the Parish Catechist Nuala Bielby on 689 2917.

There is a retiring collection for CAFOD this weekend. This year the appeal is focusing on helping communities affected by the climate crisis. As Pope Francis has said we are all one family, and we need to work to look after our common home. One of these communities is in the Brazilian Amazon. Homes and land is being ruined by the fires started by rich landowners to clear [deforest] the land. As well as donations we also need to think and pray to support those less fortunate, be in solidarity with them and help to build a sustainable future for us all in our common home.

You can donate using the envelopes (including Gift Aid), via the website, www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis, or text CAFOD10 to 70580 to give £10, or CAFODNOINFO to 70580 if you don't want marketing communications.

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.**

Prayer Group in the Conference Room every Sunday at 7.30pm. 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.

Little Lambs: Do you have pre-school aged children and are 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

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.

We pray for those who have died recently: Maria Hodgetts, Helena Gallagher, and John Merry.

St Alban's Primary School would like to welcome prospective parents to come and look around our school for Reception intake 2022 on Tuesday 9th November 9.30am-10.30am and Wednesday 10th November 5pm-6pm.

St Jude's Primary School: Do you have a child who is three and is due to start Reception in September 2022? St Jude's is a thriving Catholic school, rated 'Good' by Ofsted and 'Outstanding' in its most recent RE Inspection. We have a beautiful Nursery which runs a session from 9am until 12pm every day during term-time. Please contact school on 0121 464 5069 if you are interested.

School Cleaner's Wanted. Experienced, reliable school cleaner required in the B14 area of Birmingham by a friendly family run company, for afternoons. Working hours will be 39 weeks during term-time plus 4 weeks deep cleaning during school holidays. 15 hours per week (3 hours per day) Monday-Friday 3.15pm-6.15pm. £8.91 an hour (£486.71 per month gross). 4 weeks deep cleans are paid as overtime. 1 year cleaning experience (preferred). To apply, please phone Victoria Smith on 07495 532 623.

Christmas goods now in the piety stall at St Jude's. Cards, calendars, diaries, crib figure sets, candles etc.

Sanctus, * 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 nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sánna in excé-l-sis.

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. You do not need an appointment for this.

Please note that cards are now £1 each.

COMMUNION HYMN

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
 Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
 See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
 Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived:
 How says trusty hearing? That shall be believed;
 What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
 Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men,
 Here thy very manhood steals from human ken:
 Both are my confession, both are my belief,
 And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

O thou our reminder of Christ crucified,
 Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,
 Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,
 There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Jesu, whom I look at shrouded here below,
 I beseech thee send me what I thirst for so,
 Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light
 And be blest for ever with thy glory's sight.

The Voluntary playing after Holy Communion is: César Geoffroy, Choral: O Quam Suavis

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£580.50	£217.00
Non-Gift Aid	£621.27	£118.20

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

Indeed this shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said, 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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.