

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Remembrance Sunday

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Sat 13 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Sinead Free (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	Teresa Creamer (Anni.)
Sun 14 th	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Remembrance Sunday	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Bill Murphy (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Johnny Darcy (Anni.)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Thomas and Margaret McCarthy
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Mary Masterson (RIP)
Mon 15 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Don Sammons
Tues 16 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Edward Walsh (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Griffin, Pye and Byrne families (RIP)
Wed 17 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Aggie Flaherty (RIP)
Thurs 18 th	<i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Leonard Tolan (RIP)
Fri 19 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Conway family (ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass (Latin Mass)	Mary Connolly
Sat 20 th	<i>Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Vic Pye (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		4.45-5.15pm 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	Peter McCaul
Sun 21 st	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Frank Traynor (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Jim Moy RIP
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Dufficy (Ints.)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Nuala O'Connor

Thanks to all those involved in the consecration of the altar last Saturday. It was a lovely occasion - and the first parish social that we've had since December 2019! To those who were able to be there you would have seen a very visual liturgy: the stonemason cementing the altar stone in place over the relic of St John Henry Newman; the archbishop pouring sacred chrism into the five crosses on the altar before spreading it over the altar mensa; the billowing clouds of incense rising from the brazier placed in the centre of the altar and filling the church with its fragrance. These striking visuals were complemented by the beautifully sparkling church, the flower arrangements, the music and the expert altar serving. Thanks also to the stewards and the much-appreciated refreshments in the social centre which followed. For those who missed out, you can see photos and a recording of the Mass on the website.

New Altar Servers. Would you like to learn how to serve on the altar for Holy Mass at St Dunstan's? There will be a meeting on Tuesday 23rd November at 6pm in church.

Children's Liturgy. If any adults would like to help forming a team for children's liturgy on Sunday mornings, would you please contact the parish office (email would be fine). The usual DBS checks will need to be undertaken.

This Friday evening Mass will, as usual being the 3rd Friday, be celebrated in latin according to the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite. There are a good number of people who find this ancient form of the Holy Mass something which nourishes their faith and devotion. As Pope Benedict wrote in 2007: *"What earlier generations held as sacred, remains sacred and great for us too, and it cannot be all of a sudden entirely forbidden or even considered harmful. It behoves all of us to preserve the riches which have developed in the Church's faith and prayer, and to give them their proper place."*

Congratulations to Fr Paul Fitzpatrick and Fr Jonathan Vesey who were made Canons of the Cathedral Chapter last Thursday.

Contactless Payments. You will find our new contactless terminal in the new entrance to St Dunstan's church. Use your contactless debit, credit card or smart phone or device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

More help needed! Currently a small number of individuals are trying to maintain the exterior and grounds of our churches. Tasks include gardening, litter picking, painting, clearing leaves and gutters, minor building repairs, clearing graffiti and so on. We would like to put together a new list of willing volunteers with skills and availability whom we could contact as needs arise. If you can offer any help at all, please contact Ray Bielby on 07552192030 – many hands make light and friendly work!

'FOR YOUR TOMORROW: WE GAVE OUR TODAY'

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky, the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.

The poppies: 'The Cross of Suffering'

In November 2018, the world marked the 100th anniversary of the armistice which ended World War 1 (1914-1918). The parishioners of St Dunstan's and St Jude's expressed this anniversary by making hundreds of knitted and crocheted poppies to display in our churches on the cross of suffering. As an ongoing tradition, we will continue to display these same poppies annually as a gesture of peace, reconciliation and remembrance. 'Jesus, remember me when I come into your kingdom.'

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



Blessing of the Graves – an annual event when we can gather together to pray for departed relatives and friends and commend to the Lord's mercy. There will be a short service for the faithful departed at 2pm at each cemetery, and the timetable this year will be as follows:

*Sunday 14th November – Widney Manor & Lodge Hill
Sunday 21st November – Kings Norton & Robin Hood
Sunday 28th November – Wythall & St Nicolas.*

For those who wish to buy grave votive lights to light at the blessing, they are available from the piety stall.

We pray for those who have died recently: William Reid, Margaret Cox, Eugene McGlynn, and John Lynden.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you, or someone you know, is sick or can't leave the house and would like Holy Communion, would you let one of the priests know, or email or call the presbytery.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Tuesday 7th December 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.

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 word and reflect on your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys and challenges.

Sycamore Course. For those who are curious about our faith or who have perhaps not had much chance to learn about our faith. This Thursday, at 7:45pm, after the evening Mass.

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 in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday.

GUIDANCE FOR MASS

As the Covid virus is still circulating in our community the diocese is recommending continuing with **social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church.

Although a number of parishes have lifted the social distancing, we have it kept this in place. The spacing markings have now been removed from St Dunstan's, but please consider other people and leave some space from the person next to you. Please also only sit on the pews with the green ticks on.

Receiving Holy Communion. There have been increasing occasions where people have walked away with the sacred host without consuming it. So:

- 1) **It is very important for the respect we ought to give to the most holy sacrament, that if you do receive the holy eucharist in the hand that you consume the host immediately before stepping away from the priest. Please also remove your face covering from your mouth immediately before so that you can receive.**
- 2) **It is also respectful to leave a reasonable space before the person in front of you. There's no rush, and we won't run out of the Blessed Sacrament**

Parish Census During lockdown, when contact with parishioners was mainly by phone, it became apparent that we didn't have contact details for a number of parishioners, or that contact details were out of date where people had changed phone number or moved house. It has been a few years since we did the last census, and we have a new database in the office so thought it would be a good opportunity to have another census. Please could **all parishioners and regular church attenders** return your completed form to the box in either church. You can also find the census form on the home page of the parish website if you would prefer to complete the form and email it back to us.

WINDOW Parish magazine: the December issue is now being assembled. The deadline for articles, news, pictures or jokes is the 28th November. Send to robertwilcher@btinternet.com or 179, Alcester Road South or drop into the presbytery marked WINDOW.

Traidcraft Charity Christmas cards and crafts. Proceeds from card sales go to CAFOD, Christian Aid and the development charity Traidcraft Exchange. Catalogues and cards will be available to order after 10.30am Mass each Sunday until the 12th December.

Missio/Mill Hill: The Missio calendar for 2022 is available on your way out of St Dunstan's this weekend. Many thanks to the parishioners who have donated to the missions recently.

COMMUNION HYMN

*May the choirs of angels come to greet you.
May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.
May you find eternal life.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
It is he who protects me from harm.
The Lord is the strength of my days;
Before whom should I tremble with fear?
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord;
That he grant me my heartfelt desire.
To dwell in the courts of our God
Ev'ry day of my life in his presence.
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I cry;
Have mercy on me and give answer.
Do not cast me away in your anger,
For you are the God of my help.
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness;
I shall dwell in the land of the living.
Hope in God, stand firm and take heart,
Place all your trust in the Lord.

The organ voluntary after Mass today is C.H. Rinck, Trio in F minor, Op. 20

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.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 599.50	£148.00
Non-Gift Aid	£1,049.52	£113.13
Johnson Assoc.	£280.05	£ 20.00

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

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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.