

The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 7 th	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Tony Murray (Ints.) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	Confessions Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Ena Cole (RIP)
Sun 8 th	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Tom and Kathleen Finn (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Pat Hardiman (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Peter Bartram (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Kevin Bunting (RIP)
Mon 9 th	<i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Diarmuid Burns
Tues 10 th	<i>St Lawrence</i>	10.00am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Mamanna Kypis (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	John Connolly
Wed 11 th	<i>St Clare</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Susan Barrado
Thurs 12 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.30am	Requiem Mass	Arthur Thornton (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Nora Cooney (RIP Anni.)
Fri 13 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Lavelle (Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Gearoid Molloy (RIP)
Sat 14 th	<i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Wayne John Turner (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	Confessions Confessions	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Abraham Mathew
Sun 15 th	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.15am (<i>St Jude's</i>)	Holy Mass	Bernadette Johnson (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Catherine and John Brophy
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Martin and Louise Doherty
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Thomas Varghese

The holiday season is well and truly upon us. If you are going away do have a restful time. For those who have returned from holiday....never mind, there's always next year!

St Dunstan's Roof. We've had a fair few weather events over the past couple of months with both torrential rain and high winds. Despite that the repairs seem, at long last, seem to have held. Having said that, I think we will have to come to terms with the fact that it is a roof with a complex design that will mean that there are high chances of problems in the future! **St Jude's roof** also has significant problems. In the next few months both buildings will have their quinquennial inspection which will identify problems that need sorting as well as to flag up things that will need looking at in the coming years.

Church Readers at St Dunstan's and St Jude's. If you used to read at Sunday Mass and would like to re-join the rota, or if you would like to start to read at Mass, please could you email the Parish office. It would be great to have a few more readers on the rota. Also, it seems a good time to restart the readers at weekday Mass. If you would like to offer please let the office or Fr Philip or Fr John know.

Gift Aid Envelopes. There are still a number of Gift Aid boxes that haven't been collected for both churches. If you normally have a box of envelopes and haven't yet collected these, please could you collect your box from the Parish office either on a Wednesday or a Friday. Donating through Gift Aid means we are able to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. If you are a tax payer and you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact the Parish Office.

Could we be sensitive to others in the minutes before the beginning of Mass as many people like to use this time for preparation and prayer. Please keep conversation to a minimum before Mass and have a good old chinwag to each other afterwards – with the appropriate socially distancing of course!

The Government announced a general relaxation in the Covid regulations on July 19th in order to free up the economy and to encourage the nation to return to some semblance of normality. However, the virus is still very present in our community - although with the vaccine roll out the signs are very promising that infections are not nearly as serious. We have ensured that attendance at Mass in both our churches is as safe as we can make it.

Message from Archbishop Bernard:

Following the announcement that step 4 of the Government's Covid-19 response roadmap will come into effect on Monday 19th July, I am pleased to be able to forward to you the latest guidance from the Bishops' Conference. The guidance is accompanied by the statement Sunday – it is our Day which says, "It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church."

At this stage, it is important for us all to remember that, although legislation is being relaxed, the pandemic is not yet over and there continues to be a duty of care for all who use our churches and other facilities. The guidance therefore seeks to ensure that, where opportunity permits, there is some degree of relaxation - but there remains a cautious approach and **people are asked to continue social distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitizing and daily cleaning** where these help to minimise risk and provide comfort and confidence to our people. What is important is that the emphasis is now on the corporate endeavour of all involved in our church life to maintain the exemplary good practice that has been exhibited over the past 15 months in our churches whilst moving into a freer expression of our church life, worship and mission.

There are no longer restrictions on capacity for weddings, funerals or baptisms. Please note that for baptism only one family is permitted at any one time.

Communal singing may begin from Monday, but it is encouraged that this is phased in over time and the congregation should wear masks whilst singing.

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.

Thanks to those who have let us know if they are willing to help with Holy Communion on Sundays when one of the priests isn't available. At the moment there are usually two priests able to give Holy Communion at the larger Masses. It would, however, be useful to have some ministers of the eucharist we can ask to help when an additional priest isn't available for the distribution of Holy Communion. Please email the Parish office if you are willing to help if needed, with the Mass you usually attend.

Eucharistic Ministers: Please could you have a word with Fr Philip or Fr John, or email the Parish office, if you would be willing to help with Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. There are basic safety guidelines for this during the present time to make sure that such things are as safe as possible.

We pray for those who have died recently: Mary Masterson, Baby Emma Rose Boulton, Noel Anderson (Requiem Mass 19th August), Sr Joan Coffey, Arthur Thornton (Requiem Mass 12th August) and Arthur Campbell, Sarah Hagan.

We pray for those who are being Baptised today: Ella Bailey at St Dunstan's.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 3rd – 5th September 2021. The final payments for the Walsingham Pilgrimage must be made by Friday 22nd August. The total cost of a standard single room is £170, and the cost of an en-suite room is £200 (remember to deduct any deposit you have paid from the total amount). Payments can be made by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to 'St Dunstan's Church'. Place your payments in an envelope marked 'Walsingham' with your name, address and contact number and post or hand into the Presbytery. Please let Isabel O'Connell know if you have any dietary requirements on 07758004306.

March for Life UK will take place on Saturday 4th September in central London from approximately 10am – 4.30pm. To ask for coach details or to book a seat, contact Brian Healy at brianhealy@talktalk.net or phone 07726311261. Recently there was the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK (last year saw 210,860 abortions in England and Wales as well as the introduction of home/DIY abortions. Let's do our part in turning the tide in our nation. More information, or to give a donation, please visit marchforlife.co.uk or contact Isabel on 07773 501721 / izzyvs@gmail.com.

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.

Are you or anyone you know living with dementia?

The Birmingham Irish Association run a weekly group in St Dunstan's Conference Room so people with Dementia meet other people with Dementia for socialisation and fun activities. If you or someone you know may be interested in receiving support please contact: Ruth Geoghegan, ruth@birish.org.uk or 0749571170.

COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£441.50	£ NA
Non-Gift Aid	£634.65	£ NA

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.

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They will all be taught by God*, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. 'I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert, and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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.