

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Weekday Morning Prayer - 9.45am

Sunday 6th January

6.00pm (*Vigil of Sunday*)

9.00am

10.30am

12.00 noon

5.30pm

The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

Dominic McDonnell RIP (12th Anniversary)

All Parishioners

Joan Freda Harvey RIP

Mass in Italian

Fionnuala and Mike Runswick

Silver Wedding Anniversary

Monday 7th January

10.00am

Monday after Epiphany

Betty Fairhurst RIP

Tuesday 8th January

10.00am

Tuesday after Epiphany

Maureen and Seamus O'Flaherty RIP

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (& Sacrament of Reconciliation) until 11.00am

Wednesday 9th January

10.00am

Wednesday after Epiphany

Devis Thaikattil RIP

Thursday 10th January

10.00am

Thursday after Epiphany

Georgie and Flora Oakley RIP

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (& Sacrament of Reconciliation) until 11.00am

Friday 11th January

10.00am

Friday after Epiphany

Requiem Mass for Helen Warren RIP

Saturday 12th January

10.00am

6.00pm (*Vigil of Sunday*)

7.45pm

Saturday after Epiphany

L. J. Scaria and Prafullata Wadivkar

Mrs Mary McCarty RIP

Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 13th January

9.00am

10.30am

12.00 noon

1.30pm

5.30pm

The Baptism of the Lord, Feast

Sverre Egeland RIP

All Parishioners

Mass in Italian

Baptisms

Marie Nelson RIP

Readings: Cycle C for Sundays & Solemnities Year 1 for Weekdays

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: After 10.00am and 6.00pm Masses *or by appointment.*

Tuesdays and Thursdays during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6th January 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord

Entry Into St Dunstan's School for Reception Class September 2020

The supplementary Information Form (SIF) for entry into St Dunstan's School, Reception Class September 2020, requires a signature from a priest confirming parents' level of attendance at Mass for one year. (As do other Catholic Schools). We are delighted that this is such a busy, successful parish. However this does mean that it is difficult for us to identify, on a week by week basis, which families are attending Mass. In order to help us to be as fair as possible in signing the SIFs, and so to ensure that frequent, committed Mass-goers do have priority when applications to the school are being considered, we have a 'signing-in' system at Mass each weekend. For entry in September 2020 the signing-in will begin on the weekend of 12th/13th January 2019. Please come to the parish office to set up a 'sign-in sheet' for this purpose.

Father Peter

The Requiem Mass for **Helen Warren** will be on Friday, January 11th at 10am.

Youth Alive Nights are coming...

For people in school years 7 to 13. More details to follow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK especially for those whose names are on our prayer board.

Youth Alive Junior

Calling all in school years 4, 5 and 6

From Wednesday the 16th January, we would love to see you at our brand new group! Meetings are from 4.30 to 6.15pm. They include an episode of the series "Friends and Heroes", activities and a meal. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Please ask your parents to return filled forms to the parish office.

There is no obligation to come to every session of **Youth Alive Junior** (although we think you will love it so much that you will not want to miss out)!

'Thank you' to all those who helped to organise our New Year's Day Mass and lunch. It was wonderful to see so many beginning the New Year together.

Flame 2019

The biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Saturday 2nd March, SSE Arena, Wembley. See the poster in the Narthex or Flame 2019-CYMFed, <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame2019/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: Georgie and Flora Oakley RIP

(sister-in-law and brother-in-law of Herbie Chappell)

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

May they rest in peace.

Admissions for Reception September 2019

St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School Applications for children to start St Dunstan's school in September 2019. A reminder please that the school supplementary information form and accompanying documents need to be completed and received in school by the 15th January 2019. If you have already submitted your supplementary information form to the Parish Priest please also ensure that you bring the following original documents into the school:

- * Proof of Baptism (if appropriate)
- * Proof of your child's date of birth
- * Proof of your current address

(council tax statement for this current year or utility bill within a 3 month period)

Please contact Mrs A. Murray via the school office on 01483 715190 if you require any further information.

2019 Diocesan Directories

The 2019 Diocesan directories have now arrived, and are available for sale in the Repository at a price of £5.

Chilworth Abbey Study Day by Fr John Seddon OSB

Saturday January 19th, 9am-4pm

You are warmly invited to a presentation of part 5 'The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure', of 'Catholicism—a journey to the heart of faith', by Bishop Barron.

The day begins with Mass followed by coffee. The film will be shown chapter by chapter. Fr John Seddon OSB will contextualise each episode, and then teach and lead discussion. Bring a packed lunch and a friend. Tea and coffee are provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, GU4 8QR.

For more information, see their website at www.chilworthbeneditines.com.

Help with Car Parking required

The Saturday evening 6.00pm parking team needs several new volunteers to help keep things running smoothly in the car parks. It involves taking a turn every few weeks, and the roster will take account of any other weekend commitments you may have from time to time. If you could volunteer or even be available for occasional back-up, please leave your contact details with the parish office or one of the attendants on duty before Mass. Several members of our team walk to Mass, so you don't even have to be a driver. Thank you.

The Parish needs your help

Can you spare 1 hour, once a month on a Wednesday or Thursday morning? Our Church cleaning teams are getting smaller and we need your help to keep the church clean. Please phone Chris on 766913 or email chris.peacock@ntlworld.com

Thank you.

St Dunstan's Grandparents Group

The Grandparents group will next meet after Mass on Wednesday 16th January. All grandparents and honorary grandparents are very welcome for tea/coffee, cake and a chat.

Christian Service

Everyone is invited to the annual service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity arranged by Churches Together in Woking, at St John's Church, Church Lane, St Johns, GU21 7QN at 6.30pm on Sunday 20th January. The speaker will be Dr Dave Landrum, Director of Advocacy from the Evangelical Alliance. He will talk about Speak Up, a resource developed in association with the Lawyer's Christian Fellowship and commended by the Prime Minister. Speak Up encourages Christians to share about Jesus without fear of legal restraints, but wisely and lovingly, whether at home, at work, in public or online. Do put this date in your diary!

Infant Baptisms

A reminder that the closing date to apply for the next preparation course is Monday 7th January.

Toddler Group

We shall be meeting this term from Thursday 10th January, 10-12 noon in the Function room. Everyone is very welcome, further details from Jane Potter, 01483 772981.

Catholicism

The course will resume on Tuesday January 29th at 7.30pm, and will continue over the following four Tuesday evenings.

Wanted: Left over Christmas wrapping paper to wrap children's presents for Santa's Grotto 2019. Also any unwanted Christmas gifts will be very welcome. Please leave in the collection box on 12 and 13 January **only**. Many thanks

Live Streaming

Services are streamed daily at <http://www.st-dunstans.org/streaming.html>.

On the same page there is a list of recorded services that can be watched on demand. Alternatively a Church Services TV app is available from the App Store.

Justice & Peace Assembly 2019 'Slavery On Our Doorstep'

Saturday 26th January, from 10am (coffee from 9.30). Learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. To book please contact Rosie Read, Formation Secretary, 01293 651161 or at rosie.read@dabnet.org.

Thank You for last Sunday's Offertory collection of £3,557.60 (*the cash offertory plus the average of the standing orders*). No retiring collection this weekend or next weekend.

Mass Readings for 6th January 2019

Isaiah 60: 1-6

'It's always darkest before the dawn'. At the time of Isaiah's prophecy, the birth of Christ was several hundred years away. This is a prophecy of hope, a hope that must have seemed frail and insubstantial at the time, that God would honour his promise and bring unity among people. Yet this deep faith that the light would come sustained the Jewish people. This same faith sustains us today.

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Though Jesus was a Jew, his message was not reserved for the Jewish people. He also called pagans and Gentiles by name, inviting them into his company, sharing his words and work with them, issuing the promise of eternal life to all. God's love had never been as clear as in the life of Jesus. His plan for the unity of all humanity, his children, was made manifest.

Matthew 2: 1-12

The success of the Roman Empire depended on the division of its subjects; Jews and Gentiles, Judeans and Samaritans, Pharisees and Zealots. Only when all these factions were at odds with one another could Rome effectively occupy and rule Palestine. So when wise men, probably gentiles, came from the East to worship a Jewish King, so overwhelmed by the signs of this special child, Herod became panicked. The unity of people is always a threat to those who wish to exert power and control over others for their own ends. From the earliest days following his birth, it was clear that Jesus would challenge the human perception of 'otherness' in his mission to draw the children of God into one.

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Readings Next Weekend: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; Psalm: 103; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22