



ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5th July 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING OF ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH FOR MASS

From **Monday 6th July** St Dunstan's will be open for those who wish to come to Mass. This will, in many ways, be a very different experience from before the Coronavirus Lockdown.

While all that you are about to read may seem quite daunting and, possibly, off-putting please do remember, in the words of the Archbishops, that "none of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist". The Archbishops go on to say, "We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that (has been) issued and the instructions in each church".

Practical Points

There are several points that we would like to emphasise before describing for you some of the changes in the actual celebration of Mass. In all of this we are following advice from the Diocese which in turn has come from the Archbishops of England and Wales.

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains suspended.
- We would advise that anyone who is particularly vulnerable stays safe and does not yet come to Mass.
- Live Streaming of all Masses will continue as normal.
- If you can to come to Mass during the week rather than on Sunday that will, we believe, spread out the numbers in the church for any one Mass.
- Social distancing guidelines must be in place. We have taken the decision to allow people to sit 1 metre + apart, rather than insisting on 2 metres, but this means that everyone in the church (except the priest and deacon) must wear a face mask/covering. Please bring your own mask/covering.
- Stewards will be in the church during all Masses and you will be asked to follow their directions as to where to sit and when to go to receive Holy Communion.
- One-way systems are in place so directions must be followed both coming into the church and on leaving the church. There is only one way in and one way out. Automatic Hand Sanitisers are available at all entrance and exit doors and should be used by everyone arriving and leaving.
- We estimate that we can safely seat about 150 people in the church and Liturgy rooms – more if family groups come in. There is to be no standing at the back of church or in the aisles.
- Please do not use the kneelers in the Church, remain seated or standing at all times.
- Please do not bring Missals or any other unnecessary items into the Church.
- Toilet facilities will not be available. There will be no access to the Function Room or Narthex, including the Repository.
- Children's Liturgy and Toddlers' Prayers are not permitted.
- The Church will be locked and cleaned after every Mass.
- Signing-in sheets for school admission will NOT be available.
- We need volunteers (who are not vulnerable) to help with either cleaning or stewarding on Saturday evenings, Sundays and weekdays (not cleaners on weekdays). Please call or email if you can help.

The Celebration of Mass

The authorities are anxious to ensure that gatherings in Church do not last too long. They have introduced several temporary measures to help in this regard:

- No Prayers of the Faithful or Procession of the Gifts.
- No Singing (this is also a safety measure as singing has been identified as a way of spreading infection similar to coughing and sneezing).

- Short Homilies.
- After the 'Lamb of God' the priest will hold up a host to the congregation and say 'The Body of Christ' to which the people should respond 'Amen'. He then does the same with the chalice and says 'The Blood of Christ' to which the people should respond 'Amen'.
- No Sign of Peace (also safety).
- Holy Communion under one kind only (also safety).
- Readers must wear gloves.
- Collection baskets must not be passed round. Alternative ways of contributing will be available.
- No Altar Servers.
- The Blessing and Dismissal will be given after the priest (and deacon) have received Holy Communion. The congregation will then be invited to come forward for Holy Communion. Tables will be in place in front of the priest/deacon/minister of communion to ensure safe distances are kept.
- Holy Communion must be given silently and in the hand only. The priest/deacon/minister will NOT say 'The Body of Christ' to individuals nor should the recipient say 'Amen'. Everyone, together, will have already affirmed the presence of the Lord after the 'Lamb of God'.
- All those distributing Holy Communion will thoroughly cleanse their hands immediately before doing so.
- The consecrated host should be consumed as soon as it has been given to you. Clearly this will involve lifting your mask, but only for a very short time.
- Immediately after you have received Holy Communion you are asked to leave the church without returning to your seat. Please do not linger indoors but go straight out into the grounds.

We have decided, for now, to continue with Adoration and the Rosary immediately after Mass on weekdays and Saturday mornings. Many who watch the Mass over the Live Stream have found this helpful. If you have attended the weekday Mass in church you are welcome to stay for Adoration and Rosary, but otherwise please leave immediately after you have received Holy Communion as described for Sundays.

The opening hours for private prayer in the Church will remain as now. Church Opening Hours will be:

Monday – Saturday 9.45am (for 10.00am Mass) to 2.30pm

Saturday 5.45pm for 6.00pm Mass – church locked immediately after Mass

Sunday 8.45am for 9.00am Mass – church locked immediately after Mass

10.15am (for 10.30 Mass) – church locked immediately after Mass

11.45am for 12.00 noon Italian Mass – church locked immediately after Mass

1.30pm - 3.00pm for Private Prayer

5.15pm for 5.30pm Mass – church locked immediately after Mass

We look forward to seeing those who are able to come, Fr Peter

IF YOU KNOW OF PARISHIONERS WHO CANNOT ACCESS THIS NEWSLETTER FROM THE WEBSITE, OR DO NOT RECEIVE IT ELECTRONICALLY, PLEASE HELP THEM BY GIVING THEM A CALL TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THEM.

CHILDREN

Introduction: Sometimes grown ups seem very clever and to know all the answers. Today, Jesus tells us that it wasn't always the clever people who first understood him, often it was those who had child-like hearts.

Reflection: Children have many good qualities. Can you think of any good qualities that you have, as a child? Some answers might include 'trust' in those people who care for us; a 'smile' when you are happy; lots of love to share. Jesus was telling us that he wanted us to keep these qualities of goodness as we become grown-ups. If we have these qualities as children of God, we will stay close to God's love and never wander from his friendship. We can share our problems and worries with God and know that we can depend on Him to love and take care of us and our needs.

Activity: Draw a heart shape and inside draw a picture of something that you would like to share with Jesus. It might be something you are worried about or a thought you are holding in your heart.

Prayer:

Loving Father, trusting in your love, we bring our hearts to you.

Watch over your children, free us from useless worry and grant us your peace.

We make these prayers through Christ your Son. Amen.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:**

Fr John Healy RIP (former priest of this parish) and
Fr Michael Hickey RIP (friend of Valerie Richards).
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
May they rest in peace.*

Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and workers in Social Care

will be celebrated on Thursday July 9th at 7pm by Archbishop Tom Williams at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool. A link can be found at www.cbcew.org.uk/masses-for-sick-and-nhs-covid19/.

COVID-19 Indulgence:

press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
especially Jean Rignell.

[St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings for applications to start in Reception class September 2021](#)

Please note the Open Mornings for parents to visit the school for applying for a place in **September 2021**, will be on Thursday 15th October 2020 or Friday 20th November 2020. The morning will begin at 9.30am with a talk by Mrs Birch the Headteacher followed by a tour of the school. The session will finish at 11am. Prompt arrival for the 9.30am start would be very much appreciated. Car parking will be available in the lower school playground.

The Open Morning is for parents/carers only. Please therefore pre-arrange childcare for young children and babies.

Please book an appointment by phoning the school office on 01483 715190.

Readings for Sunday July 5th 2020

Zechariah 9:9-10 Zechariah is one of the twenty-five Old Testament prophets mentioned in the Koran. He is also mentioned in two of the gospels, which speak of his martyrdom. In the Jewish canon he is the penultimate of the twelve Minor Prophets. This is the reading we associate with Palm Sunday because of the reference to the king coming triumphantly to Jerusalem on a donkey.

Psalm 144 I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Romans 8:9, 11-13 Of all of Paul's letters, the one to the Romans is the longest and one of the most sophisticated in theological terms. It was most likely written in Corinth around the years 55–57 AD. This particular passage deals with Paul's understanding of the effect that sin has; even though the body can be the source and place of sin, we should never forget the Spirit of God which is in each one of us.

Matthew 11:25-30 This reading from Matthew takes on a completely new meaning when we realise the significance of the yoke. It was said at the time of Jesus a yoke was made for a specific animal. You brought your animal down to the carpenter's workshop and he constructed and formed the yoke so that it fit the animal perfectly. The better the fit, the easier the burden that the animal had to endure. It is not an easy thing to consider that what we are burdened with in life is made specifically for us, but it does hearken back to the adage that every Irish grandmother would offer, 'God never gave a burden to a back that couldn't take it.'

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Readings Next Weekend: Isaiah 55:10-11;
Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Do you know what the Catechism says...? Respect for health

2288 Life and physical health are precious gifts entrusted to us by God. We must take reasonable care of them, taking into account the needs of others and the common good.

Concern for the health of its citizens requires that society help in the attainment of living-conditions that allow them to grow and reach maturity: food and clothing, housing, health care, basic education, employment, and social assistance.

2289 If morality requires respect for the life of the body, it does not make it an absolute value. It rejects a neo-pagan notion that tends to promote the *cult of the body*, to sacrifice everything for its sake, to idolise physical perfection and success at sports. By its selective preference of the strong over the weak, such a conception can lead to the perversion of human relationships.

2290 The virtue of temperance disposes us to *avoid every kind of excess*: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco, or medicine. Those incur grave guilt who, by drunkenness or a love of speed, endanger their own and others' safety on the road, at sea, or in the air.

2291 The *use of drugs* inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense. Clandestine production of and trafficking in drugs are scandalous practices. They constitute direct co-operation in evil, since they encourage people to practices gravely contrary to the moral law.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th July

10.00am

6.00pm

7.30pm

Weekday *Live-streaming only today*

The Intentions of Christine and Vince Gradwell
Adoration and Rosary

The Intentions of Russell and Chrissie Young

Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 5th July

9.00am

10.30am

12 noon

5.30pm

8.00pm

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Live-streaming only today*

Gertrude Mary Sims RIP

Sr Margaraethe Maria Huizer

Mass in Italian

All Parishioners

Adoration (Italian)

Monday 6th July

10.00am

Weekday

John Broderick RIP

Adoration and Rosary

Tuesday 7th July

10.00am

Weekday

Robert O'Brien

Adoration and Rosary

6.00pm

Adoration and Rosary in Italian *live-streamed only*

6.30pm

Adoration and Rosary in Portuguese *live-streamed only*

7.00pm

Mass in Portuguese *live-streamed only*

Wednesday 8th July

10.00am

Weekday

Vince and Chris Gradwell

Adoration and Rosary

6.00pm

Adoration and Rosary in Italian *live-streamed only*

6.30pm

Mass in Italian *live-streamed only*

7.00pm

Adoration and Rosary in Portuguese *live-streamed only*

Thursday 9th July

10.00am

Weekday

Margaret Givens RIP

Adoration and Rosary

6.00pm

Adoration and Rosary in Italian *live-streamed only*

6.30pm

Adoration and Rosary in Portuguese *live-streamed only*

7.00pm

Mass in Portuguese *live-streamed only*

Friday 10th July

10.00am

Weekday

Peggy Shakesphere RIP

Adoration and Rosary

Saturday 11th July

10.00am

St Benedict, Patron of Europe, Feast

William Richards RIP

Adoration and Rosary

6.00pm

Roderick Mansell RIP

7.30pm

Mass in Portuguese *to be confirmed*

Sunday 12th July

9.00am

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Colin Peter Bull RIP

10.30am

All Parishioners

12 noon

Mass in Italian

5.30pm

Mrs Rita Dooley RIP

8.00pm

Adoration (Italian) *to be confirmed*

Readings: Cycle A for Sundays & Solemnities Year 2 for Weekdays

**Please note that all services will be Live Streamed at
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