

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer at 9.45am Monday - Saturday

Saturday 5th September	Weekday
10.00am	Maria Le Thuy Ha RIP
6.00pm	Russell and Chrissie's Intentions
7.45pm	Mass in Portuguese
Sunday 6th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	For the people of Beirut
10.30am	Joseph Tran RIP
12 noon	Mass in Italian
5.30pm	All Parishioners
Monday 7th September	Weekday
10.00am	Private Intentions of John and Lynne Langan Adoration and Rosary
Tuesday 8th September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, Feast
10.00am	Davidson, Emmanuel and Blessy, in thanksgiving Adoration and Rosary
Wednesday 9th September	Weekday
10.00am	Holy Souls Adoration and Rosary
Thursday 10th September	Weekday
10.00am	John Dwyer RIP Adoration and Rosary
12 noon	Funeral service for Betty Swinscoe RIP
Friday 11th September	Weekday
10.00am	Abraham Selvadurai RIP Adoration and Rosary
Saturday 12th September	Weekday
10.00am	Thanksgiving Mass for Joshy and Mercy
6.00pm	Mary McCloskey RIP
7.45pm	Mass in Portuguese
Sunday 6th September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	All Parishioners
10.30am	Stuart Miller RIP
12 noon	Mass in Italian
5.30pm	The Intentions of Georgie Smith

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Morning 9.15-9.45am

(see note on page one)

Saturday Evening 5.15-5.45pm

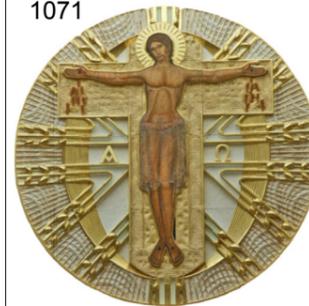
Also available on request.

Please ring the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Please note that all services will be Live Streamed at

st-dunstans.org/streaming/

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ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6th September 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING OF ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH FOR MASS

St Dunstan's is open for those who wish to come to Mass or to pray. Please see the newsletter of 5th July for more details or read the notices as you arrive at the Church.

Now that numbers at Mass are increasing, it would be very helpful if, please, you could take the centre seats of an empty row, not seats by the aisle. Thank you.

Following Morning Prayer, Mass, Adoration and Rosary (Mon-Sat) the Church will remain open for private prayer (not Saturday). On Mondays Adoration will begin after Mass and continue until 2pm.

PARISH DATABASE

Our new Parish Database is now up and running and it is now possible to register yourself directly onto the database. If you were already on our parish records there is no need to register again, as all existing records have been transferred.

New parishioners, anyone whose address has changed, or anyone who had not previously registered with the parish can now do so, simply by clicking on "Register with the Parish" on the home page of the parish website, and filling in your details.

Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2019-2020

It is our intention that the Confirmations will be celebrated this autumn, and we hope to publish dates in the newsletter within the next few weeks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Joe Dwyer RIP (husband of Frances).

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
May he rest in peace.*

SATURDAY MORNING 10.00AM MASS

Please note that on Saturdays 5th, 12th and 19th September there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation or Morning Prayer before Mass and no Adoration or Rosary after Mass. First Holy Communion are being celebrated during these Masses. Please note also that the main body of the Church is likely to be full according to our current capacity.

Please pray for those who will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning, 12th September: ISABELLA EDWARDS, SAMUEL POLCARO, SARIYAH DOVER, AMAYA GEDDES, GIOVANNA DE CAMARGO LIMA, SCARLETT MURPHY, LOGAN GIEMBICKI, LOGAN REEVES, EDITH DADSWELL, OLIVIA OKONOWSKA, DARCY PEACOCK, ALEX HOLLAND, FELICIA D'CUNHA, MAK MAJEWSKI, ANTHONY CONNOLLY and WILLIAM CARNELL. Please pray also for their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019-2020

Please contact the Parish Office urgently if your child has been preparing for First Holy Communion and you have not yet arranged a date for them to celebrate this Sacrament.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020-2021

Preparation for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion next year will not begin until late Autumn. Please keep reading the newsletter for further information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK especially Eileen Philpott and Abbe Nazaire Sawadogo.

YOUR SAFETY and the SAFETY OF OTHERS

Thank you to all those who are remembering to bring, and wear, face masks when they come to Mass.

Please could we ask you, for your sake and the sake of others, to wear the masks correctly during the whole of Mass. This means that the mouth **and nose** should be completely covered at all times.

Thank you.

The **Parish Magazine** is now accepting contributions in the form of stories, comments, letters, reflective accounts, prayers or photos for the Autumn edition.

Please send via the church office for the attention of the editor or alternatively email zlightfoot@gmail.com.

Deadline 1st October

Signing of SJB Supplementary Information Forms

Dates will be announced soon when application forms for SJB will be signed by the priests. Please keep reading the newsletter for more information.

On August 28th **Ray Smyth** cycled from Woking to Crewkerne - 120 miles - in 13 hours, raising £1200 for **Woking and Sam Beare Hospices**. He thanks you for supporting him.

Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE)

Saturday 19th September 10am-12.45pm

Mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk "Here is your mother" from Fr John Seddon, Please register in advance for Zoom at bit.ly/adore0920 For more information go to the ADoRE website www.altonrenewal.com.

CHILDREN I am with you

Introduction

Today, Jesus reminds us that he will be with us in a very special way, every time we meet together to pray.

Reflection

Can you think of times when two or more people gather together to pray?

Some examples might include:

- Church celebrations – Mass, weddings, baptisms and so on.
- School assemblies or class worship
- Saying prayers as a family, perhaps at bedtime or at mealtimes.

Why is it good for us to come together to pray?

When we meet to pray, we come together as one family, and Jesus joins with us in our prayer. Such prayer is very powerful because we know that God the Father will answer any prayer offered by several people when they pray for the same thing. We do not always have to use words. Sometimes, we can just sit quietly sharing with our thoughts or play some beautiful music. The important thing is that we share them together.

Activity

Make a banner, 'Jesus is with us always'. Then, with suitably quiet background music, think of someone you would like to pray for today. With the help of an adult use a taper to light an individual nightlight from a central candle.

Prayer

Prayer helps us to grow our faith because we get to know God a little better through everyday conversation...

Loving Father,
Who knows and loves us so well,
Help us to grow each day
In the image of your beloved Son.
Amen.



We are delighted that Fifteen Adults recently joined the Catholic Church at St Dunstan's ...

If you have ever thought that you might like to find out more about the Catholic Faith, possibly with a view to being baptised or, if you are already baptised in another Christian tradition, being received into the Catholic faith then do please let us know by email or by 'phoning the Parish Office. Each year we have a group of adults who meet together to explore what it means to have a relationship with Christ and to learn more about how the teaching and life of the Catholic Church can help to nurture that relationship. We will shortly be forming a new group who will meet together over the coming months (we are not sure how yet - but we will meet!) to learn, to share experiences and to grow in awareness of the love of God in our lives.

If you are baptised Catholic but have never been Confirmed you are equally welcome to join the group. Just get in touch, please.

COVID-19 Indulgence:

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

Online Prayer Petitions - Click on the 'Submit Online Petition' link on the website. Thank you.

Do you know what the Catechism says...?

THE LIFE OF PRAYER—CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER (continued)

2712 Contemplative prayer is the prayer of the child of God, of the forgiven sinner who agrees to welcome the love by which he is loved and who wants to respond to it by loving even more. But he knows that the love he is returning is poured out by the Spirit in his heart, for everything is grace from God. Contemplative prayer is the poor and humble surrender to the loving will of the Father in ever deeper union with his beloved Son.

2713 Contemplative prayer is the simplest expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gift, a grace; it can be accepted only in humility and poverty. Contemplative prayer is a covenant relationship established by God within our hearts. Contemplative prayer is a communion in which the Holy Trinity conforms man, the image of God, "to his likeness."

Readings for Sunday September 6th 2020

Ezekiel 33:7-9

It is generally assumed that Ezekiel was sent from Judah to Babylon with the first Deportation of exiles in 597 BCE. From the banks of a river in a strange land he delivers the message given him by God. This means speaking harsh words of warning to the rebellious exiles from Israel. Ezekiel's task resembles that of sentinel or lookout watchman who sees danger before it is at the gate and issues appropriate warning. This demands extraordinary courage.

Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Romans 13:8-10

This short passage from the letter of St Paul to the Romans stresses the importance of responsible civic behaviour. In a word, this means keeping the commandments, which in turn means loving one's neighbour as oneself. Love is the one thing that matters.

Matthew 18:15-20

Today's gospel is part of Matthew's lengthy discourse on life in the Christian community. It contains practical guidelines on actions to avoid and actions to be taken. Among the latter is the duty of brotherly (and sisterly) correction (vv. 15-18). This is to be done in a spirit of love and concern for the welfare of the other. If it is not well received, as may be the case, responsibility will rest with the recipient and not with the giver. Communal prayer is powerful (vv. 19-20) and the whole community has a role in 'binding and loosing' (v 18).

Readings Next Weekend:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12; Matthew 18:21-35

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