

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer at 9.45am Monday - Saturday

Saturday 12th September 10.00am 6.00pm 7.45pm	Weekday Thanksgiving Mass for Joshy and Mercy Mary McCloskey RIP Mass in Portuguese
Sunday 13th September 9.00am 10.30am 12 noon 5.30pm	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Sunday All Parishioners Stuart Miller RIP Mass in Italian The Intentions of Georgie Smith
Monday 14th September 10.00am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast Mrs Georgiana Onaghete Ujomu RIP Adoration and Rosary
Tuesday 15th September 10.00am	Our Lady of Sorrows, Memoria Joe Dwyer RIP Adoration and Rosary
Wednesday 16th September 10.00am	Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs, Memoria John Walters Adoration and Rosary
Thursday 17th September 10.00am	Weekday Prafullata Wadivkar Adoration and Rosary
Friday 18th September 10.00am	Weekday Sarita Mascarenhas RIP Adoration and Rosary
Saturday 19th September 10.00am 6.00pm 7.45pm	Weekday May Cosgrove RIP Margaret Fuller RIP Mass in Portuguese
Sunday 20th September 9.00am 10.30am 12 noon 5.30pm	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Home Mission Day Mrs Kathleen Harrington Tim and Pam Crowley RIP Mass in Italian All Parishioners

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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13th September 2020—Education Sunday

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

St Dunstan's is open for those who wish to come to Mass or to pray. Please see the parish website 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for those who will celebrate their First Holy Communion at the Italian Mass this Sunday, September 13th: MATTEO MINNELLI, ALESSIO NOLANO and OLIVER TURITTO.

Please pray also for those who will celebrate their First Holy Communion next Saturday morning, September 19th: SOPHIE MOYLE, JACKSON WELLER, LAURA MAGULA RIBERO, KHLOE VELASCO, ANNABEL BOEKE, OLIVIA BATORSKA, SEBASTIAN BATORSKI, LEAH STUDNIEWSKI, NATANIEL STUDNIEWSKI, ISABELLA GAUDELLI, MEREDITH BRAITHWAITE, SEBASTIAN MCHARDY, WILLIAM CASE, STANLEY CASE, TAFADZWA MUKOKO and OLIVIA HOPKINS.

Please also pray for their families.

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 THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

**Philomena Belli RIP and
Rosa Muscari RIP.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
May they rest in peace.*

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Today is Education Sunday, and once again we give thanks for the wonderful work being done in our schools, especially during these difficult times.

SATURDAY MORNING 10.00AM MASS

On Saturdays 12th, 19th September, 3rd and 10th October there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation or Morning Prayer before Mass and no Adoration or Rosary after Mass. First Holy Communions 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.

CONFIRMATION GROUP 2019/20

We are delighted to inform you that Confirmation Masses for the 2019/20 cohort have been arranged, and parents have been contacted via email about booking a place for their child. Thank you to all parents who have already done so. The 10th of October is now fully booked, but there are spaces on the 3rd and 17th of October. Please do contact the parish office as soon as possible to book a place if your child is part of the group and wishes to receive the sacrament this year. Please don't forget to inform the parish office of the name of a sponsor (a confirmed, practicing Catholic, aged 16+) and a confirmation name for your child - a saint's name or a Christian virtue, such as "Faith" or "Hope" are good choices. Confirmations are very significant for our parish community and for the universal Church. Due to Covid-safe protocol, the number of attendees has to be very restricted, but all are welcome to follow on livestream via our website (all Masses are at 12 noon). 'Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!'

RCIA

Please pray for Gavin Heath who is to be Baptised and Confirmed this weekend, and for David Paul who is to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and Confirmed. Both will receive Holy Communion for the first time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK especially **John Walters**.

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.

Online Prayer Petitions - Click on the 'Submit Online Petition' link on the website. 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 zilightfoot@gmail.com. Deadline 1st October.

COVID-19 Indulgence:

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

St Vincent de Paul Society:

If you are lonely, the SVP are always ready for a chat, and they can also help with shopping. Please contact 07947 714139 or the Parish Office.

Signing of SJB Supplementary Information Forms

There will be an announcement soon about the signing of application forms for SJB by the priests. Please keep reading the newsletter for more information.

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.

A New Normal for Christian Unity

How do we think Christians will or should work together in the community and to bring others to awareness of and faith in Jesus both now and as we move away from the pandemic?

What is the Pope's view on Christian Unity today? All are welcome to attend a special session of talks and discussion organised by our Diocese via Zoom on this subject on Saturday 26th September from 10:45am—1pm. This will include a talk from Pippa Ford, current Moderator of Churches Together in Woking as well as other speakers.

To register and receive the Zoom link, please email catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk.

CHILDREN Education Day

Introduction

Jesus taught us that if we wanted God to forgive us, then we must first learn to forgive each other.

Reflection

Peter probably thought that he was being particularly generous and understanding when he suggested forgiving someone as many as seven times. Jewish law at the time encouraged people to demand 'an eye for an eye'. Jesus however said that true forgiveness cannot be counted or measured out. It is the loving response which we are expected to make when someone is sincerely and genuinely sorry for a mistake or offence they have committed. The king in the story was willing to forgive the servant, but disappointed when he later learned that the servant was unwilling to forgive another servant for so little. God is full of compassion and mercy and wants us to be the same. Like the king in the story, God expects us to treat each other as kindly as he treats us.

Activity

Jesus taught us a prayer that mentions how we must forgive others when we ask forgiveness ourselves. Listen closely to the words that speak of forgiveness when you say the 'Our Father'.

Prayer

Loving Father,
You are full of mercy and compassion.
Help us to become people of forgiveness,
So that we may grow closer to you.
Amen.



Readings for Sunday September 13th 2020

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Today's first reading comes from the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament and from a book which goes by two names – The Wisdom of Sirach (or simply Sirach) who is the named author, and Ecclesiasticus, which means 'Church Book'. For the author, keeping the Law of Moses is the ultimate wisdom. In Leviticus 19:17-18 observant Jews are counselled against taking revenge. Sirach echoes that teaching and warns that divine punishment will be visited on those who harbour anger and resentment.

Psalms 102:1-4, 9-12 The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Romans 14:7-9 St Paul reminds Christians in Rome that they belong to Christ in life and in death. Therefore, it follows that the death of the Christian, as well as his/her life, has witness value. This has implications for parish and faith community. How we die, how we support the dying and the bereaved, how we celebrate Christian death – all make statements about the distinctiveness and importance of death for believers. Funerals provide opportunities for memorable and graced liturgical celebrations that are quite unique. If we celebrate funerals well (as the records show that we do!) it is because Jesus is Lord of the dead and of the living.

Matthew 18:21-35 Perhaps Peter is weary of hearing Jesus talk about forgiveness. Perhaps he is puzzled by Jesus' own seemingly endless forgiving of wrongs. He takes the courage to 'step up' to Jesus (v 21) with an obvious question: 'How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Seven, being the complete number in biblical lore, gives a hint that there will not be a limit. As is his habit, instead of answering the question directly, Jesus tells a story. This one is about a king and his subjects, linking the story vaguely with 'the Kingdom of Heaven'. It is really a parable about the remission of debt and about the fate of the third 'actor' who will not forego vengeance. It is a multi-faceted parable with many applications. One clear message emerges. Forgiveness received is for passing on to others, echo of the Lord's Prayer: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'. Genuine forgiveness is 'from the heart' (v 35).

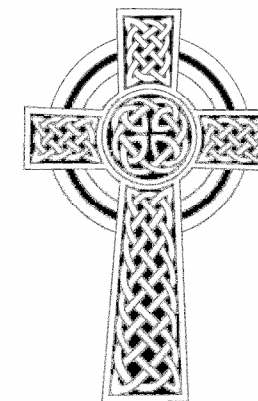
Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

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HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

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.



Do you know what the Catechism says...?

THE LIFE OF PRAYER—CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER (continued)

2714 Contemplative prayer is also the pre-eminently intense time of prayer. In it the Father strengthens our inner being with power through his Spirit "that Christ may dwell in [our] hearts through faith" and we may be "grounded in love."

2715 Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. "I look at him and he looks at me": this is what a certain peasant of Ars in the time of his holy curé used to say while praying before the tabernacle. This focus on Jesus is a renunciation of self. His gaze purifies our heart; the light of the countenance of Jesus illumines the eyes of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men. Contemplation also turns its gaze on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Thus it learns the "interior knowledge of our Lord," the more to love him and follow him.