



## ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### OPENING OF ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH FOR MASS

St Dunstan's is now open for those who wish to come to Mass. While you will see and experience a number of things that are different do remember that, in the words of the Archbishops of England and Wales, "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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:  
Giovanna Diliberto RIP, Bob Odroft RIP** (husband  
of Anne) and **Mary Mannus RIP.**  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
May they rest in peace.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**  
especially **Fr Tony Collins** (priest of our Diocese).

Please note that the Church will not be open for  
Private Prayer on Tuesday as there is a Requiem  
Mass.

### Healing prayer by phone

Experienced prayer ministers from Alton Day of Renewal will pray for anyone feeling isolated, anxious, depressed or physically ill. We will help you draw close to the love of Jesus, who said: "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." On Monday to Friday, 10am–4pm, telephone 07579 824523, leave your name and number and you will be called back within 90 minutes from a withheld number. For full details and Terms and Conditions click on [https://www.altonrenewal.com/prayer\\_request.html](https://www.altonrenewal.com/prayer_request.html)

### Abortion law: wonderful news but more to do

Last Monday the back-bench attempt to further liberalise abortion law through the Domestic Abuse Bill failed. Further information [here](#). Thanks to all those who generously responded at short notice last week and helped to bring about this great and powerful result.

However, following the debate it seems the Government is now extending the sanction of 'home abortions'. This sanction was to be a temporary response to the practical challenges of the Covid-19 lockdown but it will now continue pending the outcome of a public consultation and could become permanent. See [this commentary](#). For more on home abortions: the physical and psychological dangers and the potential for abuse see [this article](#). So we continue to need your help.

For enquiries or for information on ways to help further please contact Pauline Gately: [p.gately@btinternet.com](mailto:p.gately@btinternet.com).

### Offertory Collection

During the coming weeks baskets will not be passed around during Mass. There will be baskets available as you leave the Church.

We now have a contactless giving machine situated just by the Parish Office. To use the machine, select the category 'Offertory', then select the amount and tap your card against the white box on the machine.

There is also a DONATE option available to parishioners on the website, set up by our diocese, whereby you can make one-off, occasional or regular donations to our parish. When making your donation, please make sure to leave a message which includes the following: "I would like my donation to go to St Dunstons Woking". This will ensure your donation is given to our parish. GiftAid helps our parish to thrive. Please GiftAid your donation, if you are eligible. You will be asked whether you would like to share your details with the diocese. Telling us who you are really helps, as it means the diocese can share details of your donation with us.

*Donations can also be made by you direct, through your bank, with the payee details being RCD A&B ST DUNSTANS WOKING., Sort Code 40-05-20, Account Number 41077325.*

If you are already a GiftAid donor, please also reference your six-digit GiftAid donor number.

### CHILDREN

#### Introduction:

Jesus often told simple stories called 'parables' to help people to understand something important. Today we hear the parable of the sower whose seed fell on four very different types of ground.

#### Reflection:

What did Jesus mean when he talked about the seed in the story? The seed was God's word which Jesus brought to share with us.

Are we like the stony path (people who do not listen to God's word), the rocky ground (people who listen, but give up), the patch of weeds (people who listen and understand) or the rich deep soil (people who listen, understand and really try to live as Jesus taught them)?

If we listen to God's word and understand it, God's love will grow in our hearts like a strong healthy plant. We will bear much fruit by allowing his love to show in our actions, our thoughts and in our words.

Activity: Recycle a yoghurt pot or similar container, fill with a little soil and sow a plant seed. Try to grow a healthy plant!

#### Prayer:

Jesus, help us to grow like a strong healthy plant,  
rooted in your Love,  
blossoming in joy  
and radiantly courageous in faith. Amen.



### COVID-19 Indulgence:

[press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html](https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html)

### ORDINATION

Please pray for Deacon Tom Kent who will be ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday afternoon.

### Online Prayer Petitions

Click on the 'Submit Online Petition' link on the parish website. Many have. Thank you.

*We have been asked to include this appeal in our newsletter this weekend:*

A British family are looking for a bone marrow donor for their daughter. The case is urgent as doctors have estimated that she has only a month to live. All people need to do is request a donation kit to be sent to their homes and mail it back. They can join the registry online at: <https://www.dkms.org.uk/en/liya>

For more information see

<https://news.sky.com/story/liya-gumusoz-girl-1-given-a-month-to-find-stem-cell-donor-as-she-battles-rare-leukaemia-12020842>

### St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings for applications to start in Reception 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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 or Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 12th 2020

**Isaiah 55:10-11** This reading comes from the middle part of the book of the prophet Isaiah. The people of Israel have been in exile in Babylon for seventy years and now they are to return to Jerusalem. The reading speaks to the power of God's word, which has the ability to change all who encounter it. The rain falls indiscriminately, but the things that are receptive to it will flourish because of it.

**Psalm 64** Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

**Romans 8:18-23** Reading scripture, we can look at it from the point of view of the first hearers, those who heard it subsequently, and those of us who hear it today. Suffering for the faith was something very real in the lives of those who heard Paul's letter for the first time and for later communities who lived with the reality of suffering for the faith. While today, we may not suffer in the same way or by the same methods, to stand up in this day and age and say that I believe does take courage.

**Matthew 13:1-23** We begin a series of Gospel readings on the parables used by Jesus to describe the kingdom of God. I suppose it is easy for us to understand the message behind the parable, hearing it again for the umpteenth time. For those listening to Jesus, it must have been tough to grasp the full extent of the metaphor. However, that's not to say that the parable has nothing more to teach us. Like the image from Isaiah, the Word of God coming down upon us again, might just nourish and give life to some other part of us and open us up to a new way of looking at the parable.

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**Readings Next Weekend:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-33

### Do you know what the Catechism says...?

### Respect for the person and scientific research

**2292** Scientific, medical, or psychological experiments on human individuals or groups can contribute to healing the sick and the advancement of public health.

**2293** Basic scientific research, as well as applied research, is a significant expression of man's dominion over creation. Science and technology are precious resources when placed at the service of man and promote his integral development for the benefit of all. By themselves however they cannot disclose the meaning of existence and of human progress. Science and technology are ordered to man, from whom they take their origin and development; hence they find in the person and in his moral values both evidence of their purpose and awareness of their limits.

**2294** It is an illusion to claim moral neutrality in scientific research and its applications. On the other hand, guiding principles cannot be inferred from simple technical efficiency, or from the usefulness accruing to some at the expense of others or, even worse, from prevailing ideologies. Science and technology by their very nature require unconditional respect for fundamental moral criteria. They must be at the service of the human person, of his inalienable rights, of his true and integral good, in conformity with the plan and the will of God.

