



NEWSLETTER

ST STEPHEN - ST BRIDGET

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EASTER SUNDAY (B) 4 APRIL 2021

Sunday 4 April	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Ann Maria Tighe 11.30am Mass: Malcolm Fox
Please follow the Sunday Mass attendance restrictions.		
Tuesday 6 April	St Stephen's	10.00am Mass: People of the Parish
Wednesday 7 April	St Bridget's	10.00am Mass: Ida Teasdale
Thursday 8 April	St Stephen's	10.00am Mass: Anne Vernon

LOW SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (B) 11 APRIL 2021

Sunday 11 April	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Mary McCue 11.30am Mass: Bernard Grime
Please follow the Sunday Mass attendance restrictions.		
Tuesday 13 April	St Stephen's	9.00am Mass: People of the Parish - - pm Requiem Mass: Sheila Thompson
Wednesday 14 April	St Bridget's	10.00am Mass: Linda Preece
Thursday 15 April	St Stephen's	9.00am Mass: Private Intention
Friday 16 April	Fox Covet St Bridget's	- - am Funeral Service: Brenda Hillman 6.00pm Mass: Fr John Laide (LISCF)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (B) 18 APRIL 2021

Sunday 18 April	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Mary McCue 11.30am Mass: Bill Heffernan
Please follow the Sunday Mass attendance restrictions.		

Happy
Easter



Sunday Mass Attendance Restrictions

- Only one entrance/exit point.
- Sanitise your hands
- Wear a face covering.
- Leave contact details.
- Please wait to be seated.
- Do not move around.
- Sit in your bubble.
- Communion before leaving.

PARISH FUNDRAISING raise money when you shop on-line

Access over 3,600 shops
www.easyfundraising.org.uk
and St Stephen's and
St Bridget's will receive
charitable donations from
the sites you shop at.

How to get started:

Log-on to
www.easyfundraising.org.uk
Then type 'Parish
Development Fund
St Stephens'
in the search box and click.
(despite the one title the
fund is for both parishes.)

Then follow the
instructions for set up -
name/email/password
and click.

Then access your chosen
shops and the parish will
receive charitable gift
form the stores you use.

Don't forget recommend
this to others!

From Fr John's desk...

May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter. And may the joy of the risen Lord overshadow us and fill us with blessings in abundance - for given the past year we certainly need them! How wonderful it was not to have to celebrate the Triduum in isolation like last year. Despite the restrictions it was so great to be together in church for our Easter celebrations.

2021 Easter Message
The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool

The events of the first Easter morning began quietly, in stark contrast to the violence and baying crowds which accompanied the crucifixion on Good Friday. Mary Magdalen went to the tomb early in the morning on the first day of the week – while it was still dark – while it was quiet with no people around and none of the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem, the busy city.

Things began to change when she saw that the stone had been rolled away, she ran to Simon Peter and the disciple John saying, ‘they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have laid him’. The disciples ran to the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, they believed.

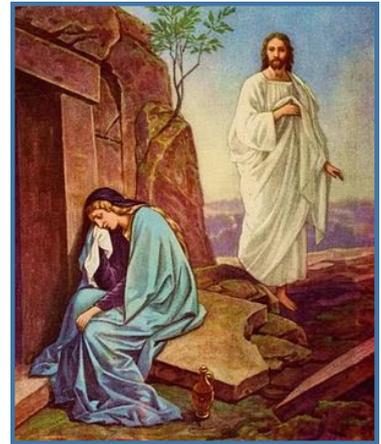
Mary though was not joyful, she did not have hope, she stood outside the empty tomb weeping asking where the body of Jesus had been taken. Yet as she recognised the risen Jesus her life was transformed moving from darkness to light, from sorrow to joy and from despair to hope.

For over a year now we have been living under the darkness of the pandemic, just as the light of the Risen Christ is always with us so we have seen light in that darkness through the bravery, generosity and kindness of others. The light offered to us by the heroes of our NHS, carers, and all who have worked to keep our country going.

Easter is always a time of reawakening and this year as a country we are approaching our own reawakening. Our villages, towns and cities have been quiet, but they are slowly and cautiously coming back to life. We are seeing hope through the vaccine, developed through the gifts of science, giving us hope for a better and safer future.

There have been times of grief, loss, doubt and despair during the dark days, and we hold in prayer all who have suffered. We bring those times to our celebration of the resurrection which begins in darkness in our churches with the lighting of the Easter Candle symbolising the risen Christ. A life-giving light overcoming the darkness, bringing healing to a broken world. Just as the lives of Mary Magdalen and the disciples were transformed on the first Easter morning so too our lives may be transformed as we embrace the light of the Risen Lord who sheds his peace on all humanity.

May God bless us all on this glorious Easter Day.
+ **Malcolm**



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Archbishop McMahon will be coming to Warrington in the Autumn to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with those young people who are currently in Year 8 at High School. An invitation will be issued to young people in Year 8 at St Gregory's Catholic High School and at Cardinal Newman High School in the next few weeks. However, if your child is in Year 8 at another High School and would like to be confirmed this year, please contact the parish office by the end of April. Thank you.

Fr John