



NEWSLETTER

ST STEPHEN - ST BRIDGET

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (B) GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2021

Sunday 25 April	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: People of the Parish 11.30am Mass: Hans Aich
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only one entrance/exit point. - Sanitise hands with gels provided - You need to wear a face covering. - Leave your name and contact number. - Please wait to be seated. - Do not move around the building once seated. - Same household seating and separate seating accommodated. - Holy Communion distributed at the end of Mass before leaving. 		
Tuesday 27 April	No public weekday Mass	Mass: Private Intention
Wednesday 28 April	this week as Fr John will be in quarantine.	Mass: Stephen & Fred McNulty
Thursday 29 April	These Mass intentions will be celebrated privately	Mass: Private Intention
Friday 30 April		Mass Fr John Laide (LISCF)

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (B) 2 MAY 2021

Sunday 2 May	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Jack Lomas 11.30am Mass: Ida Teasdale
<p>Please follow the Sunday Mass attendance restrictions.</p>		

Feasts & Celebrations This Week...

26 April	Optional: Blessed Robert Anderton (Priest & Martyr) Optional: Blessed William Marsden (Priest & Martyr)
27 April	Isle of Man; Feast: St Maughold (Bishop)
28 April	Optional: St Peter Chanel (Priest & Martyr) Optional: St Louis Marie de Montfort (Priest)
29 April	Feast: St Catherine of Siena (Virgin, Doctor, Europe Patron)
30 April	Optional: St Pius V (Pope)
1 May	Optional: St Joseph the Worker (Holy Family Guardian)

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!

TEXT GIVING:

St Bridget's

Text STBRIDGET to 70085 to donate £2
Text STBRIDGET to 70450 to donate £3
Text STBRIDGET to 70460 to donate £5
Text STBRIDGET to 70470 to donate £10

St Stephen's

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From Fr John's desk...

This weekend I will be away from the parish for the first time since October 2019. You will be glad, I'm sure, to have a different priest celebrating Mass for a change. I am very grateful to Fr Austin Griffin for agreeing to come and celebrate the Masses.

As I mentioned last weekend on Friday (22 April) I am heading off to Gibraltar to attend the Episcopal Ordination of Mgr. Mark Miles which takes place on Sunday 25 April. His Eminence Cardinal Piero Parolin (Secretary of State of His Holiness Pope Francis) will be the main celebrant at the ordination. And Mgr. John Pardo and myself will be standing for Mgr. Mark (a little like being a best man at a wedding—but without the speeches!).

You will be able to watch the Mass this afternoon via Gibraltar TV channel by following this link: <https://www.gbc.gi/tv/watch-live> or the Gibraltar Diocese website: <http://catholic.gi> The time of the Ordination Mass will be 15:30 (UK time). I will be back on Monday 26 but I will have to isolate then for ten days (this will be reduced if my second covid test is negative). Fr Austin will return next weekend to celebrate the Masses during my quarantine. However, this means there will be no public weekday Masses next week.



**Mgr. Mark Miles
translator for
Pope Francis during the
Papal Visit to Ireland
(August 2018)**

The Most Reverend Mark Gerard Miles was born in Gibraltar, U.K., on 13 May 1967. He was ordained a priest on 14 September 1996 for the Diocese of Gibraltar. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music, an Ecclesiastical License in Moral Theology and a Doctorate in Canon Law.

He entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See on 1 July 2003 and was subsequently assigned to Papal Representations in Ecuador and Hungary, to the Section for General Affairs of the Secretariat of State. His most recent assignment has been as Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.

On 5 February 2021, the Holy Father appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to the Republic of Benin and elevated him to the titular see of Civitas Ducalis, with the dignity of Archbishop. The Holy Father subsequently extended his mission, on 2 March 2021, to include the Togolese Republic.

SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENS

A reminder that EU, EEA and Swiss citizens who were living in the UK by 31 December 2020 have until **30 June 2021** to apply for the Settlement Scheme. Those who do not apply are at risk of losing their rights to live and work here or access important services such as healthcare. Please note that Irish citizens do not need to apply.

All the relevant information can be found on the official Government website:

www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

from the European Commission:

www.eurights.uk/what-you-need-to-know

or from the charity Settled:

www.settled.org.uk

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