



NEWSLETTER

ST STEPHEN - ST BRIDGET

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B) 18 JULY 2021

Sunday 18 July	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Jenny Hales 11.30am Mass: Ida Teasdale
<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 20 July	St Stephen's	9.30am St Stephen's School Leavers Mass
Wednesday 21 July	St Bridget's	10am Mass: Margaret Flynn (Requiem) <i>the funeral having already taken place.</i>
Thursday 22 July	St Stephen's	9am Mass: People of the Parish
Friday 23 July	St Bridget's	6pm Mass: Private Intention

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B) 25 JULY 2021

Sunday 25 July	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Mary McCue 11.30am Mass: Thomas McLoughlin
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Please follow the Sunday Mass attendance restrictions.

Feasts & Celebrations This Week...

- 19 July. Optional: St John Plessington (*Priest & Martyr*)
- 20 July. Optional: St Apollinaris (*Bishop & Martyr*)
- 21 July. Optional: St Laurence of Brindisi (*Priest & Doctor*)
- 22 July. Feast: St Mary Magdalene (*Disciple*)
- 23 July. Feast: St Bridget of Sweden
Patron of Europe
(*Princess, Wife, Mother, Religious Founder*)

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Access over 3,600 shops
www.easyfundraising.org.uk
and St Stephen's and
St Bridget's will receive
charitable donations from
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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 a charitable gift
form the stores you use.

Don't forget recommend
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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

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From Fr John's desk... **CHANGES TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC REGULATIONS**

This week the clergy received notification from the archdiocese concerning the lifting of regulations. The following is taken from that communication:

- Due to the fact that the pandemic is far from over it is not the intention to restore an obligation to the attendance at Sunday Mass at this point. However, people should be reminded of the importance of keeping Sunday holy and if possible attending Mass weekly.
- In preparation for the legal changes to Covid regulations that will come into force on Monday July 19th this is what is being offered as the way forward for each parish in the Archdiocese.
 1. Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)
 2. Social distancing will not be mandatory in our churches.
 3. Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive. There will be no need to sanitise benches or people at the end. The stewards will be on hand to remind people to do this as they enter the church.
 4. The capacity of each church will depend on point 2 above.
 5. The numbers for weddings, funerals, baptisms are limited by the capacity of each building.

The Sunday Liturgy:

1. The Readers and Servers will resume their ministries.
2. The procession and reception of Holy Communion (in the hand) should be restored to its traditional place within the Mass. It is recommended that a steward be used to invite people to the Communion procession row by row.
3. Communion on the tongue is permissible but it must take place at the end of Communion and the priests must use sanitiser after each communicant has presented themselves.
4. Holy Communion under both kinds will not be re-introduced at this time.
5. Mass will end in the traditional way.
6. Singing can be restored. Hymn books and service books can be used but only once a day.
7. The basket for the Sunday collection will be on the table as you enter the church.
8. The Procession of Gifts may be restored (Those carrying the gifts will sanitise beforehand)
9. The shaking of hands for the sign of peace will not be restored at this time.

Further details may emerge in the coming weeks.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
THE IRENAEUS PROJECT**

'An initiative of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool'

The Irenaeus Project have recently extended their outreach programme and are looking for volunteers to help them to cover various aspects of the project. If you have time and would like to volunteer please contact Irenaeus: Tel: 0151 949 1199

Email: therese@irenaeus.co.uk

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION**



In the autumn Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for those who are currently in Year 8. An invitation has been issued to young people in Year 8 at St Gregory's & Cardinal Newman High Schools. 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 soon. Thank you.

'IN THE BEGINNING'



**Reflections
on John's
Gospel**

Mondays

7pm - 8.30pm

12th & 19th July

By Fr Chris Thomas

on Zoom

To book your place email
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

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