



NEWSLETTER

ST STEPHEN - ST BRIDGET

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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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- Sanitise hands with gels provided
- You need to wear a face covering
- Holy Communion distributed bench by bench.

Tuesday 27 July	St Bridget's Sch St Stephen's	a.m. - St Bridget's School Mass 12 noon Mass: Olive Swift (Birthday Remembrances)
Wednesday 28 July	St Bridget's	10am Mass: Remembering Lost Souls
Thursday 29 July	St Stephen's	9am Mass: People of the Parish
Friday 30 July	St Bridget's	6pm Mass: LISCF

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B) 1 AUGUST 2021

Sunday 1 August	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Sheila Taylor 11.30am Mass: Private Intention
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Please follow the Sunday Mass attendance restrictions.

Feasts & Celebrations This Week...

26 July. Memoria: St Joachim & Anne
(Parents of Our Lady)



29 July. Memoria: St Martha (Disciple & Friend of Jesus)
30 July. Optional: St Peter Chrysologus (Bishop & Doctor)
31 July. Memoria: St Ignatius Loyola (Priest & Founder)

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 a 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

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From Fr John's desk... **Thomas Patrick McLoughlin RIP** - My grateful thanks to you all for the prayers you offered over the last two weeks for my brother Thomas. Thomas died on Thursday evening he was 62. He had been living with cancer since he was 55—and doing remarkably well. But, despite having had his double vaccination, he contracted Covid and battled against the virus for the last two weeks. May he rest in peace. In your kindness would you please now pray for the repose of his soul and for his widow Julia and their children Charlotte, Kieran and Edward. I am grateful to Fr Tony Reynolds for coming to celebrate the Masses this weekend because I did not feel quite up to it. Thank you for your understanding and kindness.

Following the homily I gave last Sunday quite a few of you asked for a copy of the rhyme that I read in conclusion — so here it is:

THE DIFFERENCE

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.
“Why doesn't God help me? I wondered. He answered, ‘You didn't even ask’,
I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on grey and bleak,
I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, ‘But you didn't even seek’.
I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided, ‘My child, you didn't even knock’
SO - I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I had to make time to pray.’

Author unknown

Synod 2020 (2021) - Update

After all the Synod votes were counted and considered the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place at the Pastoral Centre of the Leeds Diocese for 5 days from July 12th.

During this week the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions of the listening stage were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the pastoral plan. Alongside this the prayer and liturgy of each day inspired our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live.

It was a hard week but one full of life and energy. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging but also life giving and most of all faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole synod journey.

The ideas, and there were many of them, have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather (for a week) and to try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put it into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his council will review the Plan; the Pastoral Plan Group will meet again for 3 days in September and then we will work out how to rollout the Plan towards it being shared at the end of November. We will keep updating you as steps emerge.

Archbishop Malcolm, Fr Philip and Fr Matthew

LADIES GUILD

NEXT MEETING: 3 August
at 7.30pm in St Bridget's Church Hall

The **Ladies Guild** is open to ladies of both St Bridget's and St Stephen's parishes. If you are a parishioner you are more than welcome to attend the next Guild meeting. The guild meets every two weeks. Please just come along and you will be made most welcome.

BAPTISMS



Let us remember in prayer Thomas Joseph O'Halloran who will be baptised at St Stephen's Church today (Sunday 25 July 2021) We also remember Kayla Ferreira Gouveia who is to be baptised at St Stephen's Church on Sunday 1 August 2021. We ask the Lord to watch over them and bless their parents & families.