



NEWSLETTER

ST STEPHEN - ST BRIDGET

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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
<p>- Sanitise hands with gels provided - You need to wear a face covering - Holy Communion distributed bench by bench.</p>		
Monday 2 August	St Stephen's	11am Mass: 50th Wedding Anniversary of Catherine & Raymond Galligan
Tuesday 3 August	St Stephen's	9am Mass: Kath Ormson
Wednesday 4 August	St Bridget's	10am Mass: Thomas McLoughlin
Thursday 5 August	St Stephen's	9am Mass: Olive Swift
Friday 6 August	St Bridget's	6pm Mass: People of the Parish

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B) 8 AUGUST 2021

Sunday 8 August	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Pauline & George Davies 11.30am Mass: Thomas McLoughlin
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Please follow the Sunday Mass attendance restrictions.

Feasts & Celebrations This Week...

- 2 August. Optional: St Eusebius of Vercelli (*Bishop*)
Optional: St Peter Julian Eymard (*Priest*)
4 August. Memoria: St John Mary Vianney (*Priest*)
5 August. Optional: Dedication of St Mary Major (*Basilica*)
6 August. Feast: **The Transfiguration of Jesus**
7 August. Optional: St Sixtus II (*Pope & Martyr*)
Optional: St Cajetan (*Priest*)
Optional: Bld John Woodcock, Thomas Whitaker

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...

Thank you — a huge thank you to you all for the messages of condolences, sympathies, prayers and Mass intentions received for the loss of my brother Thomas. Your thoughts and prayers have lifted me and indeed our entire family during this time of grief. A Mass will be said for all your intentions.

Maintenance Works:

St Stephen's

I met with our archdiocesan surveyor this week to organise works which need to be done soon.

- 1) The coping stones along the flat roof over the sacristy, car-park corridor and the disabled entrance all need to be lifted so as to replace the sealant underneath and then refitted. This work will cost just short of £5,000.00
- 2) I have organised new lighting for the new car park and this will be fitted soon. Cost of this work along with some other minor electrical works around the site - which can be done at the same time - will cost £2,000.00
- 3) We would need a permit to store the amount and type of weed killer needed to treat the mares-tail weed growing at the entrance and around the car park so I have arranged for someone to come and treat this - not yet received a quote.

So we will need to do some fund-raising as soon as we can! Any donations towards these works will be greatly received.

St Bridget's

- 1) The recent rain has highlighted, once again, the need for some roof repairs. We also need to do some internal cosmetic work where rain penetration has damaged wall-paper on the sanctuary and the ceiling tiles in the hall. This will be discussed at the next joint council meeting.
- 2) Following the retirement of the piano tuner I arranged for *Cheshire Pianos* to come and tune our piano last Tuesday ready for Janet to accompany the hymns at Mass this Sunday.

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It is truly wonderful to be able to sing again at Mass. St Augustine of Hippo once said: 'he who sings prays twice,' in other words, 'our pray is doubled if it accompanied by singing' Thank you to the musicians in both parishes for your eager return to duty! So too the servers and readers. Other ministries will return as more restrictions are lifted. And finally thank you to the entire congregation for your patience and respect of each other during these early stages of the lifting of covid restrictions. Thank you for following the archdiocesan restrictions by still wearing your masks and sanitising your hands as you enter and leave the church buildings.

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 Kayla Ferreira Gouveia who is to be baptised on Sunday 1st August at St Stephen's Church. We also remember in prayer Finley James Jolley who is to be baptised at St Bridget's and Zackary Matthew Thomson who is to be baptised at St Stephen's on 15 August 2021.