



NEWSLETTER

ST STEPHEN - ST BRIDGET

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) 29 MAY 2022

Saturday 28 May	St Bridget's	5.00 pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 29 May	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Marjorie Lomas 11.30am Mass: Ian Woodey
Tues 31 May	St Stephen's	9am Mass: Rebecca & Glover George
Wed 1 June	St Bridget's St Stephen's	10am Communion Service 12.30pm Requiem Mass: Anthony Ryan
Thur 2 June	St Stephen's	9.00am Mass: Michael O'Hara
Frid 3 June	St Bridget's	5.30pm <i>Exposition & Devotions</i> 6pm Mass: George Sargeant
Sat 4 June	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.30am <i>Exposition & Devotions</i> 9.30am <i>Confessions</i> 10am Mass: Winn Wightman 1.30pm Nuptial Mass: Mr A Abbott & Miss H Barrick

PENTECOST SUNDAY (C) 5 JUNE 2022

Saturday 4 June	St Bridget's	5.00 pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 5 June	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Charles Reeves 11.30am Mass: Helen Broderick

Feasts & Celebrations This Week...

- 30 May. Optional: Bld Lawrence Richardson of Crosby (*Martyr*)
31 May. Feast: The Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
1 June. Memoria: St Justin Martyr (*Martyr*)
2 June. Optional: St Marcellinus & St Peter (*Martyrs*)
3 June. Memoria: St Charles Lwanga & Companions (*Martyrs*)
Sunday 29 May — World Communication Day — special collection



PARISH FUNDRAISING 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

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 donations.

Don't forget recommend
this to others!

From Fr John's desk... **St Stephen's & St Bridget's Parish Council.** When I arrived at the parish in 2016 I organised a meeting of the Parish Council but only the Chair came to the meeting. Later some of the members explained that they had taken the opportunity of a change of parish priest to step down from the council - some had served for many years! Following a few more attempts to gather the Council together I eventually abandoned the idea - intending to come back to it when I got more settled. And there it remained until a couple of Sundays ago! After Mass one of the parishioners suggested a Parish Council to help guide our future and to help me in my ministry and decision making. As I was reflecting on this later that day it dawned on me that the Holy Spirit was speaking - so, as a result, I have spoken with some parishioners and invited them to serve on an initial **Parish Council** to get it up and running again. The members are:

- Karen McElroy (Reader)
- Denis McCue (Counter)
- Mike Withers (St Bridget's Sacristan)
- Jane Withers (Catechist, Eucharistic Minister)
- Mags Cawley (School Governor)
- Lauren McElroy (Head Altar Server)
- Grace Mellor (Altar Server, Catechist, Reader)
- Ladies Guild (Awaiting appointment)

**FIRST MEETING
IS YET TO BE
ARRANGED**

At the same time I have also asked Maria McGarry to be our joint parish representative on the Deanery Synodal Council. Thank you to one and all for your willingness to serve on these bodies.

ST OLIVER'S TOTE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR 'NEST OF HOPE' CHARITY IN BRAZIL

Following a mission to the parish by Fr Eddie McGettrick, who spoke of his work in Brazil, St Oliver's adopted to support this charity. The 'Nest of Hope' (Ninho da Esperanca) is a home in Sao Paulo, Brazil, that offers free care for up to 50 children, adolescents and adults with disabilities, and intellectual and physical needs. The home provides a safe environment for its residents. The Tote is a weekly draw which takes place after the Vigil Mass at St Bridget's. It costs £1 for two numbers between 1 & 15 (50p goes to the *Nest of Hope* and 50p goes to the prize fund). If there are no winners the prize money rolls over until there is a winner. The last draw was held on 14 March 2020—there were no winners so the Tote resumes on Saturday 28th May with a rollover of £122.00. To play the Tote and for more information about the Nest of Hope please see Sandra at St Bridget's church foyer after the Saturday Vigil Mass.

JUNE BAPTISMS



Please remember in your prayers Maisie Cridland, Mason W. Carny, Skyla J. McEntee, Niamh A, Dawson who will be baptised this June. Please remember their parents and families.

AFTERNOON TEA

St Bridget's Church Hall
Sat 2 July at 2pm
Tickets £3 – see church foyer



LADIES GUILD
31 MAY 2022
7.30pm
St Bridget's Church Hall



A warm welcome to ladies of St Bridget's & St Stephen's and neighbouring parishes. All welcome.

LATELY DECEASED

In your kindness please remember the following in your prayers and those who mourn their passing.

St Stephen's:

Maureen Laff
Tony Ryan
Roy Kippax

St Bridget's:

Mary Ann Irving
Patricia Clegg



May they, and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



For more information please Contact...

www.marysmeals.org.uk/

St Stephen's Church Cleaning
TUESDAY 28 JUNE 6PM



Spare an hour - come and help!

BINGO *St Bridget's*
★ **Night** ★ *Church Hall*

SATURDAY
11 June 7.30pm
(and every 2nd Saturday of the month!)

BONUS BALL COMPETITION
Winners: £25 each



25 May 2022

Mike Withers
(St Bridget's)

No Winner
(St Stephen's)