



NEWSLETTER

ST STEPHEN - ST BRIDGET

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CORPUS CHRISTI (C) 19 JUNE 2022

Saturday 18 June	St Bridget's	5.00 pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 19 June	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Edmond Gerke & Family 11.30am Mass: Mary Irving
Tues 21 June	St Stephen's	9am Mass: Private Intention
Wed 22 June	St Bridget's	10am Mass: John Raby
Thur 23 June	St Stephen's	9.00am Mass: Thomas Peter
Frid 24 June	St Bridget's	5.30pm Exposition & Devotions 6pm Mass: Agnes Cook
Sat 25 June	St Stephen's	9.30am Exposition & Devotions 9.30am Confessions 10am Mass: Private Intention

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 26 JUNE 2022

Saturday 25 June	St Bridget's	5.00 pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Edwin Dadley
Sunday 26 June	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Simon Ellam 11.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Feasts & Celebrations This Week...

- 20 June. Optional: St Alban (*First Martyr of Britain*)
21 June. Memoria: St Aloysius Gonzaga (*Priest & Religious*)
22 June. Feast: St John Fisher (*Bishop & Martyr*) &
St Thomas More (*Chancellor of England & Martyr*)
23 June. Solemnity: Birth of St John the Baptist
24 June. Solemnity: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
25 June. Memoria: Immaculate Heart of Mary



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St Bridget's will receive
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(despite the one title the
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name/email/password
and click.

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From Fr John's desk...

'The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ'

Today's feast of the most holy Body and Blood of Christ became popular because of St. Juliana of Liège (also known as St. Juliana of Cornillon). She lived between 1191 and 1258. She became an Augustinian nun and eventually found herself in charge of a leper colony. At the age of 16 she had a vision of Jesus who told her to plead for the establishment of this feast to promote the adoration of the Eucharist, to increase faith and virtue, and to atone for offenses against the Eucharist.

This vision continued for twenty years. She kept it secret until she eventually spoke to her confessor and asked his advice about it. As a result the feast was first approved locally, and then finally established for the entire Church in 1264 by Pope Urban IV. Eucharistic processions were not initially part of the feast but were gradually included in many celebrations.

Perhaps the pandemic lock-downs, which deprived us of gathering together for the Mass, has made us appreciate the great gift of the Eucharist which Jesus left for us. I hope it has. Some have not yet returned to church to celebrate the Eucharist since the pandemic. Some are still afraid while others have got use to watching the Mass on-line. But the Church calls us to GATHER for Eucharist. In the 'GATHERING' we meet Christ Jesus before we meet him in Word and Sacrament. For the Mass; the holy Eucharist is always a living sign to us of God's continual generosity, God's charity — seen first in his people; called together in his name.

The Mass is also an invitation to take seriously our baptismal calling to share in the mission of the risen Lord. The food we receive at this sacred meal is not just comfort food for our journey through life, it is food which strengthens us for service. Service to our brothers and sisters in the world. Because, as Christians, we are not simply chosen to be bound together as one family in God's love who gather each Sunday for our own nourishment - **NO** - we are called upon to share that nourishment and love with others in and through our ordinary, everyday lives.

We do so in our acts of charity and kindness, in our acts of mercy and forgiveness, and in our respect and love for others. This is the meaning of the dismissal at the end of Mass 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.' To which we all reply 'Thanks be to God' – this is our 'Yes' to continue the mission of Jesus and nourish others with what we ourselves have received.



LADIES GUILD

21 June 2022
7.30pm
St Bridget's
Church Hall



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

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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.

ST OLIVER'S TOTE 2022

Draw: 11th June
Numbers: 6 + 12
Winner: H. Abbott



BONUS BALL COMPETITION
Winners: £25 each



15 June 2022
Paulie
(St Bridget's)
Will Yaxley
(St Stephen's)



For more information please Contact...

www.marysmeals.org.uk/

AFTERNOON TEA

St Bridget's Church Hall
Sat 2 July at 2pm
Tickets £3 on sale in church foyer



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

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

St Stephen's Church
Cleaning
TUESDAY 28 JUNE 6PM



Spare an hour - come and help!