



NEWSLETTER

ST STEPHEN - ST BRIDGET

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 17 JULY 2022

Saturday 16 July	St Bridget's	5.00 pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 17 July	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: John Joe Tighe 11.30am Mass: Special Intention (T P R)
Tues 19 July	St Stephen's	No Mass Today
Wed 20 July	St Bridget's	10am Communion Service
Thur 21 July	St Stephen's	No Mass Today
Frid 22 July	St Bridget's	No Devotions or Mass This Evening
Sat 23 July	St Stephen's	No Devotions or Mass This Morning

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 24 JULY 2022

Saturday 23 July	St Bridget's	5.00 pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass: For Peace
Sunday 24 July	St Stephen's St Bridget's	9.45am Mass: Pat & Fred Holden 11.30am Mass: People of the Parish

- Sanitise your hands
- Face mask recommended 
- Holy Communion: bench by bench, in two rows.

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!

Feasts & Celebrations This Week...

19 July.	Optional:	St John Plessington (<i>Priest & Martyr</i>)
20 July.	Optional:	St Apollinaris (<i>Bishop & Martyr</i>)
21 July.	Optional:	St Laurence of Brindisi (<i>Priest & Doctor</i>)
22 July.	Feast:	St Mary Magdalene (<i>Follower of Jesus</i>)
23 July.	Feast:	St Bridget of Sweden (<i>Queen, Wife, Mother, Founder, Religious, Patron of Europe</i>)

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
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From Fr John's desk... A huge thankyou to Fr Raymond for celebrating the Masses this weekend.

It is the oddest thing that I should test positive for Covid-19 last Sunday evening after suggesting earlier, in my homily, that one good way to show ourselves to be a 'good neighbour to others' would be to start wearing our masks again in church (unless exempt) until the present spike in infections has past. On Sunday evening I began to feel quite unwell and took a test, as I have been doing at intervals over the year; I tested positive. I certainly agree now with the many reports which indicated that this present covid variant really knocks the stuffing out of you - it has for me! The last few days have been a harsh reminder that we need to step up our efforts to protect again the most vulnerable in our community — wearing masks is one way. We also need to make sure that we continue to sanitise our hands as we enter and leave the church. It was also a great disappointment that neither my sisters nor I could attend my brother's Silver Jubilee celebrations last Wednesday. My sister Anne also caught the covid which meant we had to rely on my brother Vincent to come and care for our sister Margaret while Anne and I recovered. It has been a worrying week trying to make sure Margaret did not catch the virus but she also tested positive on Wednesday last — so far thank God her symptoms appear to be mild. My apologies for having to cancel the Masses last week and for next - we will reallocate the Mass intentions as soon as possible. I was sorry too to have to cancel the St Stephen's School Leavers Mass but was pleased that the school organised an open air farewell liturgy for our 2022 leavers—we wish them well.

This was not the first time I had the coronavirus. In July 2020 I was asked to take part in a joint Governmental study between the NHS and Imperial College, London. The study was designed to investigate how many people may have actually had covid before our first lock-down. A blood test revealed antibodies which indicated I had had the virus a while back. It was only when I was completing the very extensive questionnaire that I remembered experiencing a shortness of breath for a 24/48-hour period in late January 2020. At the time I mentioned this to a few people and passed it off as a sign of increasing years. This was before we had even heard the word 'coronavirus' and two months before we went into our first lock down.

So let us keep up our precautions and keep safe, let us also keep others safe and let us remember all those who have lost their lives and continue to do so because of this terrible virus — not least my dear brother Thomas whose first anniversary is 22nd July. Like so many he is sadly missed. May he and all our loved ones rest forever in God's peace. Amen.

*Below is a new list for **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** - please contact us to add a name.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lord, we pray, send your healing and comfort on our loved ones.

Please remember in your prayers:
Shona, Leo-John,

Please inform the Parish Office if anyone's name needs to be added or removed.

LADIES GUILD

19 July 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.

ST BRIDGET'S PARISH MEETING

St Bridget's Parish Hall
on Tuesday 26th July at 7pm

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 27 July at 7pm
at St Stephen's Presbytery.

Pray Through Singing

Monday 8th August at 7pm
St Bridget's Church Hall
All Are Welcome.
Non-singers too!

St Stephen's Church Cleaning

TUESDAY 26 JULY 6PM



Spare an hour - come and help!

ST OLIVER'S TOTE 2022

9th July

Numbers: 5 + 13

Rollover is £22.50



JULY BAPTISMS



Please remember in your prayers Lilly-Jo McDonnell, Albie Thomas Tinkley, Lucas A Thornton, Julia K Kochanek, and Millie A Whyte who will be baptised this July at St Stephen's and St Bridget's. Please remember them and their parents and families.

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

SATURDAY

13 August 7.30pm
(and every 2nd Saturday of the month!)

BONUS BALL COMPETITION
Winners: £25 each

13th July 2022

Jane Withers
(St Bridget's)

No Winner
(St Stephen's)

