



NEWSLETTER

ST STEPHEN'S

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**St Bridget &
St Oliver
Plunkett
Pray for us**



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 17 MARCH 2024

Saturday 16 March	St Stephen's	<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass: Christine Willows / Parishioners
Sunday 17 March	St Stephen's	10.45am Mass: Elizabeth Mulholland <i>After Mass: Coffee/Tea/Refreshments</i>
Mon 18 Mar	St Stephen	11.30am Requiem Mass: Mary Rouse
Tues 19 Mar	St Stephen's	9am Mass: Olive Swift 10am: Funeral Service: Eileen Griffiths
Wed 20 Mar	St Stephen's St Bridget Sc	10am Mass: Helen Devaney <i>Followed by Coffee/Tea/Toast</i> Year 6: Class Mass (Afternoon)
Thu 21 Mar	St Stephen's	9am Mass: Ladies Guild
Fri 22 Mar	St Stephen's	12noon Mass: Aileen Phillips



PALM SUNDAY (B) 24 MARCH 2024



Saturday 23 March	St Stephen's	10am Stations of the Cross Today we host the Stations of the Cross for our Family of Parishes: St Stephen's, Blessed John Bell, and St Peter's. Followed by tea & coffee. <i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass: Terry Sargeant
Sunday 24 March	St Stephen's	10.45am Mass: Miriam Jones / Parishioners <i>After Mass: Coffee/Tea/Refreshments</i>

Feasts & Celebrations This Week...

18 March Memoria: St Cyril of Jerusalem (Bishop)
19 March: Solemnity: St Joseph, Husband of the Virgin



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www.easyfundraising.org.uk

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St Stephens**'
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and click.

Then follow the
instructions for set up -
name/email/password
and click.

Then access your chosen
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Text **STSTEPHEN** to
70085 to donate **£2**
70450 to donate **£3**
70460 to donate **£5**
70470 to donate **£10**

"Mount
Calvary
is the
school
of love."



St Francis de Sales

From Fr John's desk... One of the helps to my prayer at times is poetry—for me this is especially so in Lent. I share with you the poem I have been reflecting on recently. Its called The Ballad of Mary's Son by Langston Hughes. In the poem Langston contrasts joy and fear; the joy of springtime and Jesus , destroyed by those who fear such joy.

The Ballad of Mary's Son

It was in the Spring The Passover had come.
 There was feasting in the streets and joy.
 But an awful thing Happened in the Spring
 – Men who knew not what they did1 Killed Mary's Boy.
 He was Mary's Son, And the Son of God was He
 – Sent to bring the whole world joy.
 There were some who could not hear,
 And some were filled with fear
 – So they built a cross For Mary's Boy.



If you would like to make a donation or dedicate a donation in memory of a loved one for the flowers this Easter then please take a form from the church foyer.

CHRISM MASS.

Cathedral of Christ the King - Liverpool
Wednesday 27 March 2024

To book a place on the coach please phone Bernie
 at Blessed James Bell parish office Tel: 01925 630127
 Pick up St Oswald's 6.10pm - Pick-up St Benedict's 6.20pm
 Return approx. 10pm — £5 per person donation

EASTER TRIDUUM 2024

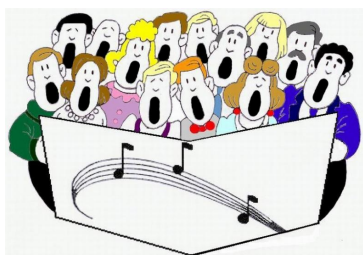
Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper
 7pm - 28 March

Good Friday: The Lord's Passion
 3pm - 29 March

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil
 8pm - 30 March

Easter Sunday: Easter Morning Mass
 10:45am - 31 March

SINGING FOR EASTER



If you would like to help lead the singing for the Easter Ceremonies then why not come practice with us in the De Paul Room at 7pm:

Monday 25 March

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Please remember in prayer:



Anne Bland, Cecilia Taylor,
 Rosemary Rylance, Shirley Byrne,
 Teresa Grainger, Norman Turner

Mary's Meals

For info contact

www.marysmeals.org.uk



St Stephen's Church Foyer

SATURDAY

13 April at 7.30pm

(and every 2nd Saturday of the month!)

LADIES GUILD

19 March 2024

7.30pm



St Stephen's Church Foyer

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

Pray Through Singing

Monday

8 April 2024 at 7pm

**St Stephen's Church Foyer/
 De Paul Room**



For info. call Sandra on 811230

ST OLIVER'S TOTE 2024

9th March

No Draw Today



PARISH BONUS BALL 2024

13th March

**Marilyn T
 Cath J
 Each Win £25**

