



# NEWSLETTER

## ST STEPHEN'S

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St Bridget &  
St Oliver  
Plunkett  
Pray for us



### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

### 13 OCTOBER 2024

Saturday 12 October	St Stephen's	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Alan Andrews
Sunday 13 October	St Stephen's	10.45am Mass: Hines Family / Parishioners After Mass: Coffee/Tea/Refreshments
Tues 15 Oct	St Stephen's	No Mass Today
Wed 16 Oct	St Stephen's	Eucharistic Service Followed by Coffee/Tea/Toast
Thu 17 Oct	St Stephen's	No Mass Today
Fri 18 Oct	St Stephen's	No Mass or Devotions Today

### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

### 20 OCTOBER 2024

Saturday 19 October	St Stephen's	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Bill & Florie Burland / Parishioners
Sunday 20 October	St Stephen's	10.45am Mass: Baskerville & Tinkley Family After Mass: Coffee/Tea/Refreshments



To donate £5 to the parish please scan QR code

#### PARISH FUNDRAISING when you shop on-line

Access over 3,600 shops  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)  
and St Stephen's will receive donations

#### How to get started:

Log-on to  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)  
Type 'Parish Development Fund St Stephens' in the search box and click.

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...

14	Oct.	Optional:	St Calistus I (Pope & Martyr)
15	Oct.	Memoria:	St Teresa of Avila (Doctor & Virgin)
16	Oct.	Optional:	St Hedwig (Religious)
		Optional:	St Margaret Mary Alacoque (Virgin)
17	Oct.	Memoria:	St Ignatius of Antioch (Bishop & Martyr)
18	Oct.	Feast:	St Luke (Evangelist)
19	Oct.	Optional:	St John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions (Priests & Martyrs)
		Optional:	St Paul of the Cross (Priest)

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

Blessed Pope Pius IX  
1846-1878

*From Fr John's desk...*

**Retreat:** This week I will be leading a Spiritual Retreat for the Sisters of Charity of St Paul the Apostle at their Mother House in Birmingham. As many of you know my sister Anne is a member of the Congregation and now serves as house manager at the Convent. I am pleased to be leading the Retreat for the Sisters because, for me, it is a way of thanking them for their generosity in allowing Anne to come and live here at St Stephen's for the few years my family needed her help in caring for our sister Margaret during her final illness. The theme of the Retreat will be: '*Jesus - a man of prayer.*' The Retreat consists of Mass each day with a homily, then a formal talk each morning, in the afternoon time is set aside for me to speak with the sisters individually for direction or confession, each evening there is a guided Holy Hour with a theme, and on one of the evening's there will also be a Reconciliation Service. Please remember the Sisters during this time of Retreat and also a prayer for me too that the talks and the holy hours I have prepared will help the Sisters not just during this week of quiet and contemplation but also as means to enrich their spiritual lives beyond this week.

**Gospel Reflection:** A story by the Russian writer Leo Tolstoy, tells about a severe ruler who asked his wise men to show him God so that he could see him. The wise men did not know how to do this. So a shepherd, who was just returning from the fields, offered to take the place of the priests and the wise men. The king learned that his eyes would not suffice to see God. But the shepherd offered to show the king how God acts. To do this, we must exchange clothing, said the shepherd to the king.

Hesitantly, but urged by curiosity, the king consented, giving his royal clothing to the shepherd and dressing himself in the simple clothing of the poor man. And then came the answer: 'This is what God does. The Word became flesh. God left his divine splendour... and took on the condition of servant and became a man.'

Jesus, in the gospel today, looks with love at the man who asks him what he must do to enter life eternal. And in love he asks the man to become poor by getting rid of his vast wealth in order to gain the riches of heaven. Jesus asks him to do exactly what Jesus himself has done. Jesus empty's himself of his majesty and glory as God to take on the poverty of our human condition in order to restore some its dignity and wealth. There is a sacred exchange. He becomes poor by taking on our nature 'in all things except sin' in order that we might become rich by assuming our divine nature – the nature God intended in the beginning when God created us in God's own image and likeness. Christ restored what was lost - by putting on the clothes of our human nature so that we might cloth ourselves in Christ – this we do in baptism!

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in prayer:



Anne Bland, Cecilia Taylor,  
Rosemary Rylance, Shirley Byrne,  
Vin Mulholland, Teresa O'Connor,  
Barrie Cooper, Michael O'Halloran.

### LADIES GUILD

15 October 2024

7.30pm



St Stephen's - De Paul Room

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



St Stephen's  
Church Foyer

SATURDAY

12 October at 7.30pm  
(and every 2nd Saturday  
of the month!)

### Pray Through Singing

Monday

14 October 2024 at 7pm

St Stephen's Church

De Paul Room



For info. call Sandra on 811230

### Thank You

Tony Dubique sends his thanks to all  
at St Stephen's for their good wishes,  
prayers, cards and gifts received on  
his 100th Birthday – and also for your  
presence at his Mass and Party.

### ST OLIVER'S TOTE 2024

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wins £9.50



NEW...



MEN'S GROUP

Coffee/Tea/ Chat!

23 October 7pm-8pm

De Paul Room

Access from car park

### PRAYING THROUGH THE GOSPEL



30 October - 7pm - 8pm

Lady Chapel

Access from car park

### PARISH BONUS BALL 2024

16th October

S Halliwell

Cath J

Each Win £25

