

### Reflection for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

I must say that having the facility to live-stream has helped Father Paul and I to feel close once again to you especially in the celebration of the Eucharist. I imagine you all sitting in Church and together us worshipping and praising God. It will not be long now before this becomes a reality.

Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner the live streaming has been made possible and thanks to Mr. Con McHugh, a cousin of Monsignor Danny, for his installation skills we are now up and running. Thanks also to Mr. John French whose employees undertook the cabling.

Please remember a prayer a thanksgiving for them.

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I also wish to mention that a Mr. Stephen Foster died towards the end of last year. The name may ring a bell for some of you. Stephen was the sculptor and artist who designed and created the Calvary scene which we have hanging on the main Sanctuary wall. Before undertaking this work he also created the three panels fixed below the Calvary scene. He had gained a considerable reputation for his work which has adorned several Churches and Cathedrals. On a visit to Liverpool Cathedral I was delighted to see some of his early work in the chapel of Saint Joseph. Stephen was a very humble and saintly person and I, Father Sean and a few parishioners, had the privilege of visiting him in his workshop, which was part of the former Carmelite Convent in Ware. He was so attentive to our ambition to restore the sanctuary area and wished above all to create a scene that would lead us closer to our Lord in prayer and worship, but also a work of art that would be of appropriate size for the space on the sanctuary wall. As we now see he achieved both these aims in a beautiful manner.

Stephen certainly used the gifts that God had given him to the full and for us here at Saint Augustine's, will have brought us closer to Jesus in His Passion as we contemplate his work of art. May Stephen inspire us to use our God-given talents in His service.

Please pray for the repose of his soul and please remember his dear friend, Noreen, who must miss him very much.

Eternal rest grant to Stephen, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.