



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 19th February The Second Sunday before Lent Sexagesima

9:30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

Hymns: 440 (Omit *): 414(Tune 416 ii)

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 483: 264: S.3: 440 (Omit *)

673 *Exsurge, quare*

Introit Arise, O Lord, wherefore sleepest thou? awake, and cast us not away for ever: wherefore hidest thou thy countenance, and forgettest our adversity and misery? Our belly cleaveth unto the ground; arise, and save us, O Lord, our helper and our deliverer.

Psalm O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have told us. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Let the nations know that thou, whose Name is Jehovah: art only the Most Highest over all the earth. *∇* O my God, make them like unto a wheel: and as the stubble before the wind.

Tract Thou hast moved the land, O Lord: and divided it. *∇* Heal the sores thereof: for it shaketh. *∇* That they may triumph because of the truth: that thy beloved may be delivered.

Offertory O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not; incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words: shew thy marvellous loving-kindness, O Lord; thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

Communion I will go unto the altar of God: even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis Ch1 v1 - Ch2 v3

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on

the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

New Testament Reading – Romans Ch8 v18-25

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel – Matthew Ch6 v25-34

²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Edgar Blampied, Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Sheila & Alex Mather,
Christine Shaw, Doreen Hancock, Judy Bobbitt, Penny Taylor, Maureen Pitman,
Pippa Hearn and Dulcie.

Services for this week

Tuesday 21st February 11.00am Said Mass BCP - Peter Damian - Bishop,
1072

Wednesday 22nd February 7.00pm Said Mass - Margaret of Cortona,
Franciscan, 1297

Friday 24th February 7.00pm Said Mass - Matthias - Apostle

Sunday 26th February **The Sunday next before Lent** **Quinquagesima**

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Outreach Project 2017

For our Lent giving this year we will be collecting for **MAF**.
Please collect a box from the Library corner.

Mystery Plays 2017

The first part of the York Mystery Plays will be given in Guernsey on 11th-12th July 2017 in the St James Concert and Assembly Rooms. If you would like to participate, please come the next **Workshop** which will be held on **Thursday 9th March at 7.30pm** at the Princess Royal Arts Centre. David Le Lièvre and Nikki Attwooll have further details.

Chocoholics

Mother's Day orders must be placed with Steph Dragun by **Wednesday 8th March**; and Easter orders must be placed by **Thursday 23rd March**. Steph may be reached on 255654.

Fr Leslie Craske

On **Wednesday 29th March at 12.30pm**, Fr Leslie will be the invited speaker at the St James Lecture Lunch Series. His talk, entitled '**Ritualism or Pews?**', will take a look at the history of St Stephen's Church. Please book tickets (£20 per person) with the St James Box Office.

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<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

*Please join us for refreshments in the vestry after the 11.00am Mass
After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!*

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – 6.00pm Thursday

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