



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 10th December 2017
The Second Sunday of Advent



9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 5: 3

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 6: 7: 1: 3

AT THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND PURPLE ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true,
to you be praise and glory for ever!
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets
but in our days you speak through your Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble:
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas-tide
and show all the world God's love. Amen**

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Introit O people of Sion, behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard.

Psalm Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Out of Sion God hath appeared: in perfect beauty. *∞* Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *∞* I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

Offertory Wilt thou not turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee: shew us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

Communion Jerusalem, haste thee, and stand on high: and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah Ch40 v1-11

¹ Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

New Testament Reading - 2 Peter Ch3 v8-15a

⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel - Mark Ch1 v1-8

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services for this week

Monday 11th December 7.30pm Ladies' College Carol Service

Tuesday 12th December 11.00am Said Mass - Finnian of Clonard, Abbot-Bishop, c 633

Wednesday 13th December 7.00pm Said Mass - Lucy, Martyr of Syracuse, 304

Thursday 14th December 9.00am Rehearsal for Beechwood Carol Service
6.00pm Beechwood Carol Service

Friday 15th December 7.00pm Said Mass - Mary di Rosa, Foundress, Handmaids of Charity, 1855

Sunday 17th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

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Don't forget!

See Jean Le Huray TODAY

to book your **Friendship Lunch**
Tuesday 12th December at 12.00pm
(£6.50 per person)

and to order your Marzipan Fruits



Collect your envelope and label for our Christmas Message board. For further details please see the December Parish Magazine.



Help required

A date for your diary. We will be cleaning the silver for Christmas at **9.30am on Monday 18th December** and the church at **9.30am on Wednesday 20th December**. Please come and help if you can.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman, Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf, and Val Moullin.

Please pray for a family with young children that is going through a difficult time; for Pam; for Michele, Jaike and Glyn, all suffering from cancer; for Melvyn Boxall, Pam Harper, Bill Brend and Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel, a 12 year-old boy diagnosed with leukaemia.

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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