



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 11th February 2018

The Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 336: S 5

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 377: 336: S 5: 178

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Introit Be thou my God and defender, and a place of refuge that thou mayest save me: for thou art my upholder, my refuge, and my Saviour; and for thy holy Name's sake be thou my leader, and my sustainer.

Psalm In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Thou art the God that doest wonders; and hast declared thy power among the people. *V.* Thou has mightily delivered thy people: even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Tract O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness. *V.* Come before his presence with a song; be ye sure that the Lord he is God. *V.* It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Offertory Blessed art thou, O Lord; O teach me thy statutes: with my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of thy mouth.

Communion They did eat, and were well filled, for the Lord gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their lust.

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

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - 2 Kings Ch2 v1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

⁴Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

⁶Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

New Testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch4 v3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord

and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel - Mark Ch9 v2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf, Brenda Penfold
and Barbara Streek.

Please pray also for Pam; for Michele, Jaieke and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall,
Bill Brend, Chris Bellinger and Samuel.

Services for this week

Tuesday 13th February 11.00am Said Mass - Catherine dei Ricci - Virgin, 1590

Wednesday 14th February 7.00pm Sung Mass with Hymns - **Ash Wednesday**

Friday 16th February 7.00pm Said Mass - Elias - Martyr, 309

Saturday 17th February 1.00pm Renewal of wedding vows -

Adrian and Paula Exall

Sunday 18th February

The First Sunday of Lent

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

12.30pm Baptism of Alivia Mai Cindyana De Ornelas

Friendship Lunch

Tuesday 13th February at 12 midday

St Stephen's Community Centre

£6.50 per person

Please contact Jean Le Huray **today**

(tel 255207) for further details or to reserve a place.

It will be appreciated if you could pay at the time of booking .



Outreach Project 2018

For our Lent giving this year we will be collecting for

MAF and/or Tumaini

Please collect a box from the Black Chest



Electoral Roll

Please notify Jill of any changes of address or telephone numbers during the past year. Many thanks.

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vicarage after the 9.30am Mass*
- *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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