



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 29th December 2019

The First Sunday of Christmas

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 25 : 39

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession
Hymns: 37 : 25 : 23 : 39

At the beginning of the procession

∇ Let us proceed in peace.

℟ **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Prayers at the Crib

Let us pray:

Holy Jesus, to deliver us from the power of darkness
you humbled yourself to be born among us and laid in a manger.

Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at last to the
joyful vision of your beauty, for you are now alive and reign with the Father and
the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

At the end of the procession

∇ The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

℟ **And all mankind shall see it.**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love; gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

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Introit God is in his holy habitation; it is he that maketh brethren to be of one
mind in an house: He will give the dominion and pre-eminence unto his people.

Psalm Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate
him flee before him. Glory be to the father...

Gradual One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require, even that I
may dwell in the house of the Lord. ∇ To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and
to visit his temple.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. ∇ God, who at sundry time and in divers manners
spake in time past unto the fathers by the Prophets: hath in these last days
spoken unto us by his Son. Alleluia.

Offertory: My hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God,
my time is in thy hand.

Communion: All the ends of the world: have seen the salvation of our God.

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
though your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so may we share the life of his divinity:
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah Ch63 v7-9

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';

and he became their saviour

⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel

but his presence that saved them;

in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;

he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

New Testament Reading - Hebrews Ch2 v10-18

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

¹³And again,

'I will put my trust in him.'

And again,

'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers

and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel - Matthew Ch2 v13-23

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'

¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet,

'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.'²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Post Communion

Heavenly Father.
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home:
help your church to live as one family.
united in love and obedience ,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services This Week

Monday 30th December 10.00am [Little Treasures Toddlers' Group](#)

Tuesday 31st December 11.00am Mass - BCP

Wednesday 1st January 7.00pm Mass - The Feast of the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Sunday 5th January

The Second Sunday of Christmas

and the Feast of the Epiphany (transferred from 6th January)

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession

Please remember in your prayers

Tony Renouf, Hazel and John Greany,
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin,
Andy Mauger, Anthony De La Mare, Val Moullin,
a woman battling with alcoholism,
Bridget, Daphne Swann,
Melvyn Boxall, Chris Bellinger and Janice Firth.

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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