

Services for this week

The church is currently closed due to Covid restriction



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 7th February 2021

The Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass and Family Ministry
Hymns: 466: S 38

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 466: 433: Anthem: 265

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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. V. 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. V. 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.

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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 - Proverbs Ch8 v1, 22-31

¹Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

New Testament Reading - Colossians Ch1 v15-20

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and

through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel - John Ch1 v1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw,
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Val Moullin,
a woman suffering from depression, Anthony De La Mare,
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth, a woman battling with alcoholism,
Maria, Jeanette, Alan Warner, Eileen Price, James and
Gillian Harvey.