



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 23rd February 2025

The Second Sunday before Lent Sexagesima

9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

Hymns 339: Responsorial Psalm 65: 439: S.31: 466

Chorus

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, Come and Listen to me.

673 Sexagesima (or the Second Sunday before Lent)

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...

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 Ch2 v4b-9 & v15-25

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth^[a] and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground,⁶ but streams^[b] came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.⁷ Then the Lord God formed a man^[c] from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.⁸ Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.⁹ The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’¹⁸ The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam^[a] no suitable helper was found.²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs^[b] and then closed up the place with flesh.²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib^[c] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,
‘This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called “woman”,
for she was taken out of man.’

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Responsorial Psalm 65:

‘Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts’

New Testament Reading - Revelation Ch4

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits^a of God.⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the centre, round the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind.⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all round, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying

“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,”
who was, and is, and is to come.’

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.’

Gospel - Luke Ch8 v22-25

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out.²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!' He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.²⁵ 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'

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.

NOTICES

Monday - Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday 25th February 11.00am Mass
Saturday 1st March 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 2nd March
Sunday Next Before Lent
9:30am - Said Mass with Children's Church
11.00am - Sung Mass
2.30pm - Family Service



**Guernsey
Welfare
Service**

Next week will be the first Sunday in the month so please remember to bring your gifts for our food bank collection to help those in financial difficulties.

Deanery Electoral Roll 2025

Enrolment Application forms are available on the black chest or from Tony Goss, the Electoral Roll Officer. Please return your completed form to Father Joe, one of the Church Wardens, or Tony Goss.

Please join us for refreshments
In the Vestry after the 11am Mass
After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**
To Fliss or email fmi1397026@aol.com

*Two people are out sailing when suddenly a hand appears in the sea.
"What's this?" asked the skipper, "It looks as if someone is drowning!"
"No," explained his crew, "It's just a little wave."*