Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 1st November 2026

All Saints

Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass
11:00	Sung Mass with Procession
Hymns	**197: Responsorial Psalm 34: 231: 341: 230**
2.30pm	**Creative Children's Church**

Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum onmes gentes, Alleluia!
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All Saints Day - End of Procession

℣. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness
℟ **And let thy saints sing <u>with</u> joyfulness**

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age; as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

731 *Gaudeamus*

Introit Rejoice we all, and praise the Lord, celebrating a holy day in honour of all the Saints: in whose solemnity the Angels are joyful, and glorify the Son of God. ***Psalm*** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be to the Father…

Gradual O fear the Lord, all ye Saints of his: for they that fear him lack nothing. ℣ But they that seek the Lord: shall want no manner of thing that is good. ***Alleluia*** Alleluia. Alleluia. ℣ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden: and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Offertory The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; and there shall be no torment touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace, alleluia.

Communion Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading -Revelation Ch7 v9-17

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm
branches in their hands. **10** And they cried out in a loud voice:
'Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.'
11 All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four
living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped
God, **12** saying:
'Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honour
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!'

13 Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and
where did they come from?'
14 I answered, 'Sir, you know.' And he said, 'These are they who have come out of
the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the
blood of the Lamb. **15** Therefore,

'they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.
16 "Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,"
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd;
"he will lead them to springs of living water."
"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."'

Responsorial Psalm 34: 'O taste and see that the Lord is gracious'

New Testament Reading - 1 John Ch3 v1-3

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called
children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is
that it did not know him. **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we
will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we
shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** All who have this hope in him
purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel -Matthew Ch5 v1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him, **2** and he began to teach them.
He said:
3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds
of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your
reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were
before you.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers
Fr John & Carol Luff, Jill Stephenson, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp,
Mandy & David Le Tissier, Margaret Boden Heaume, Lindsay Gallagher,
Barbara Renouf, and Helen Sheppard

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Monday 2nd November 7.00pm - All Souls Mass
Tuesday 3rd November 11.00am - Said Mass
Saturday 7th November 10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 8th November
The Third Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday
9:30am Said Mass
10.55am Sung Mass





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 fmil397026@aol.com

Why did the pure-hearted person never get lost?
Because they always followed their moral compass!