



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 9th March 2025

The First Sunday of Lent

9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 67: Responsorial Psalm 91: 495: 70: 64

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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12.30pm - Church AGM

We do hope everyone will stay for the meeting to show support for St Stephen's

676 Lent 1 (The First Sunday of Lent)

Introit He shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto him; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour: with length of days will I satisfy him.

Psalm Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Glory be...

Gradual He shall give his Angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways. V. They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Tract Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. V. I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my stronghold: my God, in him will I trust. V. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence. V. He shall defend thee under his wings: and thou shalt be safe under his feathers. V. His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler: thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night. V. Nor for the arrow that flieth by day; for the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday. V. A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. V. For he shall give his Angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways. V. They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone. V. Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet. V. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name. V. He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble. V. I will deliver him, and bring him to honour: with long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Offertory He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Communion The Lord shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 - Deuteronomy Ch26 v1-11

When you have entered the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵ Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. ⁷ Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.' Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. ¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

Responsorial Psalm 91: You are my God in whom I trust'

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch10 v8b-13

⁸ But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'[\[C\]](#)

Gospel - Luke Ch4 v1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."' ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.' ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."' ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here.' ¹⁰ For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;
¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

¹² Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

Monday - Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday 11th March 11.00am - Said Mass
Thursday 13th March 2.00pm and 7.30pm - Lent Course
Saturday 15th March 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 16th March
The Second Sunday of Lent
9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church
11.00am Sung Mass

We look forward to you joining us for our
FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

MENU
Beef in Guinness Stew / Hearty Vegan Irish Stew
served with Irish Soda Bread
Apple Crumble with Irish Mist Cream
GLUTEN-FREE AND DIABETIC OPTIONS PROVIDED

Tuesday 11th March
12h00

RSVP: Jean Le Huray 01481 255207

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 fml397026@aol.com

What's a desert's favorite type of footwear? 's'ad-puws