



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 15th March 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00 Sung Mass
Hymns **475: Responsorial Psalm 34: 185: 387: 186**

Chorus

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

679 Laetare

Introit Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. **Psalm** I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. ∇ Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Tract They that put their trust in the Lord, shall be even as the Mount Syon: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever. ∇ The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round about his people; from this time forth for evermore.

Offertory O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious; O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely: whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth.

Communion The Lord spat upon the ground and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed mine eyes, and I went and washed, and I received sight and believed in God.

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Collect

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of
those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading Exodus Ch2 v1-10

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. 5 Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. 6 She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said. 7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?' 8 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. 10 When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians Ch1 v 3-7

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. 6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Gospel Luke Ch2 v33-35

33 The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the
sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory
that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Jill Stephenson, Margaret Morris, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy Le Tissier, Margaret Boden Heaume, Lindsay Gallagher, Barbara Renouf, Peter Le Page and Helen Sheppard

NOTICES

**Please note there will be No Morning Prayer or
Tuesday said Mass during Father Joes absence**

Saturday 21st March 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church

**Sunday 22nd March
5th Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday
9:30am - Said Mass with Children's Church
11.00am - Sung Mass**



Things My Mother Taught me:-

*Contortionism - 'Will you look at that dirt on the back of your next'
Wisdom - 'When you get to my age you'll understand'
Justice - 'One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!'
ESP - Put your sweater on! Don't you think I know when you are cold!'*

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**

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