



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 1st March 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11:00 Sung Mass

Hymns 434: **Responsorial Psalm** 121: 72: 63: 84

FOLLOWED BY CHURCH AGM

2:30pm Creative Children's Church

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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677 Reminiscere

Introit My heart hath talked of thee, seek ye my face; thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thy face from me. Ps. The Lord is my light and salvation: whom then shall I fear? Glory be ... As it was... My heart hath...

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 My delight shall be in thy commandments, which I have loved: my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.

Communion Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of Man be risen again from the dead.

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<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>: Vicar: Father Joe Thompson Tel.01481 720268

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis Ch12 v1-4a

The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

2 'I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.'

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

Responsorial Psalm 121:

'My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth'

New Testament Reading Romans Ch4 v 1-5 & 13-17

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? 2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. 3 What does Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.'

4 Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. 5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Gospel - John Ch3 v1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

3 Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'

4 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'

9 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked.

10 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

Monday - Friday 8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 3rd March 11.00am Mass

Saturday 7th March 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 8th March
3rd Sunday of Lent
9:30am - Said Mass with Children's Church
11.00am - Sung Mass

The Next Friendship lunch takes place on
Tuesday 10th March 12.00pm
Further details to follow

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

We also pray for Nikki and the family and friends of Brian Garner who died recently

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE FRONT OF THE
CHURCH PRIOR TO THE AGM**

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

*The nurse told the parents of a newborn, "You have a cute baby."
The smiling husband said, "I bet you say that to all the new parents."
"No," she replied. "Just to those whose babies really are good-looking."
The husband asked, "So, what do you say to the others?"
The nurse replied, "The baby looks just like you."*