



St Albans Parish Church



Sunday 8th February Second Sunday before Lent

As God's beloved children, we join with all the beauty of creation in coming before God in praise and worship. We approach just as we are, with all our dreams and hopes, all our worries and struggles, all our gladness and sadness.

9.00 am	Said Mass	Fr Graham
10.00 am	Parish Mass	
President	Fr Graham	Preacher Mtr Linda
Readings		Andrew Mould
Intercessions		Jim Hickey
Eucharistic Minister		Sue Storey
6.00pm Evening Prayer		Liz Pacey

Today at the Parish Mass:

Hymns: NH&WS 168, 248, 289, 204

During the Week

Tues 10th	<i>St Scholastica</i>	19.00 Said Mass	Fr Graham
Thur 12th		10.00 Said Mass	Mtr Linda

WELCOME We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

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in your prayers**

Next Sunday 15th February The Sunday next before Lent

We join Peter, James and John, high up on a mountain with Jesus. We watch as dazzling white light transforms Jesus, and Moses and Elijah speak with him. In awe and wonder let us worship God, who calls Jesus "my Son, the Beloved", and listen for God's voice speaking to us today.

Readings

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-end

High on a mountain, Moses receives from God the promised commandments. Clouds cover the glory of God, as when Jesus too meets God on a mountain top.

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-end

Peter writes about hearing God's voice on the mountain top and speaks of the honour and glory given to Jesus by God, who calls him "my Son, the Beloved".

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

After all they have seen and heard up on the mountain, Peter, James and John are terrified. Jesus calms them with a touch and they return to familiar ground forever changed.

Services

9.00 am	Said Mass	Fr Graham
10.00 am	Parish Mass	
President	Mtr Linda	Preacher Fr Graham
Readings		Ian Franklin
Intercessions		Liz Pacey
Eucharistic Minister		Geraldine Rainey
6.00pm Evening Prayer		Fr Graham

Intercessions

We pray for all who suffer, whether through their own actions, the actions of others, or even our own. May they know God's compassion and guidance, and that those who cause the suffering of others will change their ways.

We pray for our communities; that we might take up the challenge of tending God's creation and following God's call to stewardship.

We pray for ourselves; that we may meet the challenges of life head on, that- when things become pressured- God will speak to us in the busyness of life, and that we will see a way through.

We give thanks for those who heal and comfort, and pray for all who long to be saved from their suffering and pain.

We give thanks for those who have departed this world in peace and pray for all who fear death and for those who mourn. We especially remember those whose years mind falls this week:

Dorothy Carter, Eileen Dowman, Peter Robinson, John Barnett, Joan Franklin, Alice Hopper, Richard Oxtoby, Thomas Fenn.

First Reading

Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very

good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalm 136, 1-9



For his mer-cy en-dures for_ e-ver_____

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, **R**

Give thanks to the God of gods, **R**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, **R**

Who alone does great wonders, **R**

Who by wisdom made the heavens, **R**

Who laid out the earth upon the waters, **R**

Who made the great lights, **R**

The sun to rule the day, **R**

The moon and the stars to govern the night, **R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Acclamation

May the Father of our Lord enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-end

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'