



St Alban's Parish Church



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.

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

Today at the Parish Mass:
Hymns: NEH 377, 234, 178, 343

During the Week

Tues 17th *Janani Luwum* **19.00** Said Mass Fr Graham
Ash Wed 18th **19.00** Said Mass Fr Graham
Thur 19th **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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Next Sunday 22nd February The First Sunday in Lent

We hear the story of Jesus' temptation. So in our worship we'll think about how we put God to the test and how we can resist temptation in our own life.

Readings

First Reading **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**
Adam and Eve are tempted by the serpent to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They succumb to temptation and their eyes are opened so they know that they are naked. They hide their nakedness with fig leaves.

Second Reading **Romans 5:12-19**
Sin and death came into the world because of Adam's disobedience, and held sway until the time of Moses, when God gave the Law to humankind. However, through the grace and obedience of Jesus Christ, humanity is offered the free gift of forgiveness and life.

Gospel **Matthew 4:1-11**
Three times Jesus resists the devil's temptations to ignore God's will, choosing not to act in self-interest, nor to behave recklessly to prove his divinity, nor to seize power for himself.

Services

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham
10.00 am Parish Mass
President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings Geraldine Rainey
Intercessions Patrick Newman
Eucharistic Minister Jim Weller
6.00pm Evening Prayer Jim Weller

Notices

Pancakes and Beetle Drive This Tuesday in Scout Hut at 6.30 pm
Lent Course starts this Thursday 11.00-12.30

Digital and Online Giving

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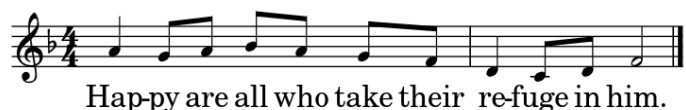
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in your prayers**

First Reading Exodus 24:12-end

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 2, 1-6



Why are the nations in tumult,
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?
The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take
counsel together,
against the Lord and against his anointed:
"Let us break their bonds asunder
and cast away their cords from us." R.

He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to
scorn;
the Lord shall have them in derision.
Then shall he speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury:
"Yet have I set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion." R.

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that

no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Acclamation

This is my Son, the Beloved,
he enjoys my favour; listen to him

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Intercessions

We pray for the Church; that its people may faithfully and joyfully proclaim the majesty, glory and love of God and Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son.

We pray for the world in all its beauty and its brokenness, asking God to give us the wisdom and desire to be faithful stewards of creation.

We pray for those holding positions of power in the nations of the earth; that they will govern with justice and mercy, seeking peace and reconciliation in places of conflict.

We pray for all who live with pain or distress; that they may know the touch of Jesus and hear his voice saying "Do not be afraid".

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:

Gladys Bulmer, Reg Grant, Harry Willis,
Marjory Tranmer, Alfred Minter, Cyril Beall,
Andrew Grindell, Sarah Stocks.