

PRAY SAFE: STAY SAFE

As we worship together we ask you to observe the necessary restrictions.

- Please wear a face covering inside the church and to use the Track and Trace facilities provided.
- Hand sanitisers are available at the entrance and in key locations.
- Please leave the kneeler you have used in your place, so that the volunteers know where to clean after Mass.
- We welcome you for drinks which will be served outside following the 11am Mass.

JOIN US IN MINISTRY!

We're recruiting from some key ministry roles, and invite you to consider joining our team of sidesmen who offer welcome at the 11am Mass on Sundays, or of readers who proclaim the scripture lessons. Do have a word with Minette Moss if you think you could help – we'd love to hear from you!

BOOK CLUB

Our next book for discussion will be the beautiful Gilead by Marilynne Robinson. Get reading bookworms! Does next Tuesday (13th) suit members? Let Fr Alan know...

DIARY DATES...

- **Sunday 11 July** the celebrant and preacher will be the Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Burnley.
- **Thursday 16 September** guided tour of the Brompton Cemetery starting at 3pm. The Fox & Pheasant afterwards!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS...

We pray this week for:

For Fr Alan and those preparing to be ordained.

Among the sick and those in need we pray for:

Fr Paul Chervasse, Giovanna Muszynska, Trevor Williamson, Chris Hill, Teresa Walker, Guzel Rivkina, David Drott, Fr John Hunter

We pray for the recently departed: John Hale White

We pray for those whose year's mind falls at this time: Claire Balmer, Marjorie Pelham-Burn (5th)



ST STEPHEN'S
GLOUCESTER ROAD

SUNDAY 4 JULY 2021
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO ST STEPHEN'S

It's very good to welcome you to Mass today.
Please follow the guidelines in place to ensure we can worship together safely.

TODAY

9am Mass

11am Solemn Mass

K O Pater excels Plainchant

G, S, B, A Kleine Orgelmesse 'Little Organ Mass Haydn

Mine eyes have seen the glory trad.

O salutaris hostia Elgar

Preacher Fr James Wilkinson

THIS WEEK

5 FERIA

6 FERIA

12.30pm Mass

7 FERIA

7pm Mass

8 FERIA

12.30pm Mass

9 FERIA

5pm Holy Hour

6pm Mass

10 FERIA

10am Mass

11 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am Mass

11am Solemn Mass

Celebrant & Preacher The Bishop of Burnley

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PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 2:2-5*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *29(30):2,4-6,11-13*

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt.

Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

SECOND READING *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

A reading from the Second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mark 6:1-6*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.