



# St Alban's Parish Church



## Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March The Second Sunday in Lent

In Lent we seek to walk more closely with Jesus, mindful of his costly obedience to the Father for our sake. We focus our minds and set our hearts on him as we come to worship.

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March The First Sunday in Lent

We hear about God's surprises, how small things can grow big and our vocation to spread the Good News.

**9.00 am Said Mass** Fr Graham

**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President Mtr Linda Preacher** Heather Black  
**Readings** Jim Weller  
**Intercessions** John Hotchin  
**Eucharistic Minister** Jim Weller

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Jim Weller

**Today at the Parish Mass:**  
**Hymns:** NH&WS 432, 368, 11, 282

### During the Week

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup>** 19.00 Said Mass Fr Graham  
**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>** 10.00 Said Mass Mtr Linda  
**Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** 19.00 Stations of the Cross Mtr Linda

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

**Today** we welcome Heather Black, the leader of the Diocesan Mustard seed project as our guest preacher. following the service we'll be showing a couple of inspiring videos about the Mustard Seed programme and Heather will be available to answer any questions or talk about the project further.



### First Reading Genesis 15:1-12. 17-18

God makes a covenant with Abram, gifting land to his promised blood heir and descendants. God ratifies this with holy fire amid Abram's sacrificed animals.

### Second Reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Paul exhorts the Philippians to follow his example of steadfast faith by focusing their minds on heavenly citizenship, confident in Jesus' power to transform them into his likeness.

### Gospel Luke 13:31-end

Jesus responds to reported threats to kill him by declaring that God's purposes will not be thwarted. He grieves over those who refuse his love. Human resistance, not divine reluctance, blocks God's grace.

### Services

**9.00 am Said Mass** Fr Graham

**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President – Mtr Linda Preacher -** Fr Graham  
**Readings** Geraldine Rainey  
**Intercessions** Elizabeth Franklin  
**Eucharistic Minister** John Hotchin

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Mtr Linda

### Notices

Our Lent Course continues on Thursday, 11 am.

### Digital and Online Giving

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Information and Notices for Pew Sheet

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## First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

## Psalm 126



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

then was our mouth filled with laughter

And our tongue with songs of joy. **R.**

Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has indeed done great this for us, and therefore we rejoiced.

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert. **R.**

Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them. **R.**

## Second Reading Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us,

in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

## Gospel Mark 4:26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

## Intercessions

**We pray for the Church**, as it works to proclaim the love of God throughout the world. May we remain true to our calling to follow Christ.

**We pray for our world**. Where there is conflict and suffering may there be renewed hope through the mercy of God.

**We pray for the communities** in which we live and work. We pray for those who hold power locally and nationally; that they might be faithful to their task of promoting the good of all.

**We pray for those who are ill, sad, or in particular need**. May they find healing and peace.

**We pray for the departed**, for those who have recently died and those whom we have loved: especially those we know including: John Suddaby, Ernest Gresham, Hans von Prondzynski, John Berry, Edward Scholes, Patricia Rutherford, William Storey, Bob Tiplady, Bernice Northover.

**Please take this sheet home and use it in your prayers**