

Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 3 August



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10am St Stephen's Day Holy Communion Service

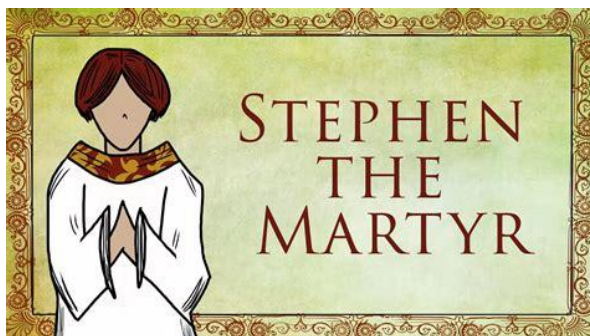
Homily: "The First Martyr" Rev David Smithson

Morning Tea: Melanie

In the book of Acts, after the early church begins to convert thousands of people to the Christian faith in a matter of days, we meet a man by the name of Stephen. He has a short introduction in Acts 6:5 and becomes the first martyr for the Christian faith just one chapter later.

⁵ The whole group was pleased with the apostles' proposal, so they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit...

So who was this man who has such a brief mention? Why did Stephen become the first martyr for the Christian faith, and what can the church today learn about this saint from the first century? God bless, David



+ Prayer & Praise Points +

- For those brothers and sisters who are persecuted and Martyred for the sake of the Gospel
- For God's blessing on Gordonton's church community of Oaks Church and St Mary's



Readings & Intercessor for 3 August

OT: 2 Chronicles 24:17-22 (p 496)

NT: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-60 (p 1318)

Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

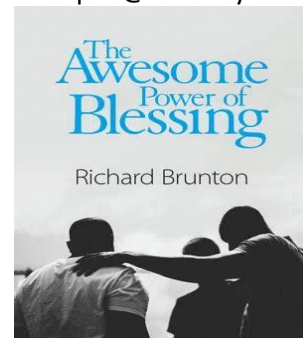
Reader:

Intercessor: Melanie

Foodbank: The continued basic needs are for flour, sugar, rice, pasta, milk powder, tea, coffee, jam, peanut butter



Prayer/Study Group: Resumes Weds 13 August,
7pm @ St Mary's



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