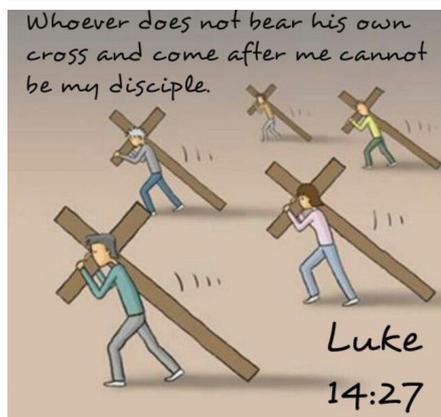


St German's Church

8 Sept 2019 - Trinity 12 (OT 23)



“Many leaders today (even in the church) are afraid of losing their followers, the great crowds who accompany them’, so rather than challenge them, they feed them with empty slogans which pander to their worst instincts, for example their feelings of superiority to others. Or else they make demands on others that they do not live up to themselves. We celebrate leaders like Jesus ... who speaks out of personal experiences. The choices he is asking from his followers he has made himself - and is glad he did”.

(Michel de Verteuil, 'Lectio Divina with the Sunday Gospels')

Parish Notes:

Parish Lunch - After mass today. We won't have tea and coffee today because of the lunch. Still places available.

Messy Church - the next Messy Church is on Sunday 6 October at 4pm in St Saviour's - theme: St Francis of Assisi. Other dates will be published soon. If you'd like Messy Church to be a regular feature of our worship and outreach here in St German's please consider helping us. See Fr Phelim for details.

Faith Groups - We hope to launch again the faith and theology discussion group 'Faith QI' this coming Autumn. We will also have trial a **book club** when we will read and discuss a book on faith and spirituality. The first book to be explored is written by Henri Nouwen 'The Return of the Prodigal Son', a reflection on the parable and the Rembrandt painting of the same title.

Autumn Confirmation Dates - Diocesan confirmation in the Cathedral with Bishop Philip North on Thursday 3 October at 7:30pm. Other dates are available with Bishop June: Sunday 24 November in Ely or Sunday 1 December in Llandaff Cathedral. If you would like to be confirmed this Autumn please see Fr Phelim.

Mass Times - no mass this Monday as Fr Phelim is at a conference.

Tea and Coffee Rota - Many thanks for all who help in this ministry of hospitality. Geraint is currently drawing up the next rota. Please email him with your requests and availability up to Christmas on wgjohn89@gmail.com

PCC Meeting - the next PCC meeting has been changed to Monday 30 September.

Church Times - recent copies of the Church Times (an Anglican weekly newspaper) are now available at the back of the Church for people to read or take away.

Recently Departed: Terence Clive James, Jennifer Freedman RIP

This week:

Sun 8: Trinity 12 (OT 23)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 9:

No Mass (St G)

Tues 10:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 11:

10am School Mass (StG)

Thur 12:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 13:

6pm Mass (St S)

St John Chrysostom

Sat 14:

11am Mass (St S)

The exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sun 15: Trinity 13 (OT 24)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Wis 9:13-18b
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,
14+17
Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exod 32:7-11, 13-14
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17+19
1 Tim 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

PSALM RESPONSE

O Lord, you have been
our refuge from one
generation to the next.
(4vv)

Today's hymns: 314 Immortal invisible; 411 Lord Jesus Christ; 674 This is my body; 758 Ye watchers and ye holy ones. Mass setting: Murray 'People's Mass'.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Wisdom.

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

This is the word of the Lord.

Wisdom 9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,

no more than a watch in the night.
R/

You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. *R/*

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. *R/*

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. *R/*

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. *R/*
Psalms 68

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from St Paul's letter to Philemon.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of

kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

This is the word of the Lord.

Philemon 1

GOSEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 14