

St German's Church

11 Feb 2018 - Ordinary Time 6 (next before Lent)



At this still early point in Mark gospel we are learning about Jesus and what discipleship as one of Jesus' followers might be. Mark has shown us a Jesus able and willing to heal all sorts of woes from illnesses to possession. These healings, it is very clear, are signs of what God's reign means for human beings - a restoration to a condition of blessedness or thriving or flourishing. Humankind will no longer be oppressed by the powers of evil. We have seen Jesus' intense interactions with the demons who know him. We have also heard Jesus insist that it is his calling to destroy these powers hostile to God's reign even as he must go about announcing it so that all may have the opportunity to repent and trust God. (Commentary by Sarah Henrich).

Parish Notes:

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter Many thanks to all who continue to support our Nightshelter. Please keep our guests and helpers in your prayers over the remaining winter weeks and months. The Nightshelter will continue until 12 March 2018.

PCC Meeting - the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be on Sunday 11 March at 1pm. The Vestry meeting at Easter will be on Sun 15 April at 1pm.

Mass Settings - Thank you to everyone as we introduced the Rizza Mass setting to our repertoire. Today we return to the Murray setting and will revisit the Rizza in due course.

Confirmation Classes - The next meeting will be this Thursday 1 March at 6:30pm in St Saviour's. This is also for those wanting to deepen their understanding of our faith.

Ash Wednesday - 14 Feb 2018. Mass with Ashes at 10am in St German's and Sung Mass with Ashes at 7:30pm in St Saviour's. Please return any palm crosses you may have.

Lent 2018 - Lent soup lunches each Friday for charity with a short talk beforehand. All are welcome. Also each week in Lent St Saviour's and St German's will celebrate the Stations of the Cross preceded by a talk on a Eucharistic theme. Details of days and times to follow.

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Lent Courses - St Martin's, Roath will host a Lent talk by Mr John Guess on Thursdays at 7pm. Please see flyers and poster at the back of the church. Bishop June is also leading a Lenten course in Llandaff Cathedral on the first four Thursdays of Lent also at 7pm.

Social Events - Forthcoming events for your diary: Quiz evening Tues 6 March at 7pm; Parish lunch on Sun 8 April; Night at the Races & Bingo on Saturday 28 April at 7:15pm.

Recently Departed: Vivian Warren, Alice Lewis, *RIP*

Hymns: 21 All people that on earth; 67 Be still for the ...; 343 Jesu, lover of my soul; 295 How lovely on the mountains ...

This week:

Mon 12:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 13:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 14:

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10am Mass (St G)

7:30pm Sung Mass (St S)

Thur 15:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 16:

No Mass this week (St S)

Sat 17:

11am Mass (St S.)

Sun 18: Sunday

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

13:30 Baptism

St German's:

8:00 am Said Mass

(Nightshelter);

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Cor 10:31—11:1
Mark 1:40-45

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Gen 9:8-15
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Pet 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

PSALM RESPONSE

You are my refuge, O
Lord; you fill me
with the joy of
salvation. (3vv)

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING :

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Leviticus 13

PSALM**Response:**

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

Psalm 32

2ND READING :

A reading from St Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.
1 Cor 10

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
John 1