

# St German's Church

12 May 2019 - Easter IV



The gospel of the fourth Sunday of Easter is always from John chapter 10. Today's quite short passage is a reflection on the 'Good Shepherd'. The message is clear: it is all about Jesus. Going deeper though might enable us to consider those who have been given authority over others: teachers, clergy, parents, spiritual guides etc. We might even begin to pray with gratitude for the good shepherds we have known already in life as well as an examination of conscience about the times we don't exercise authority well.

## Parish Notes:

**Messy Church** - The next Messy Church is in St German's this afternoon at 4pm. Please join us as we celebrate a family friendly reminder of Easter.

**Clergy School** - Fr Phelim (along with the other clergy, ordinands and diocesan officers) will be away this week retracing some of the ancient pilgrim steps on the Camino de Santiago. Please pray that this week may renew the life and ministry of those called to service in our diocese. No services this week in St German's as a result.

**Framed Prints of St German's Church** available - see Ron for details.

**Renovations and Works** - as you can see these are well under way. Thank you all for your forbearance during these essential works which will go a long way to preserving our building for generations to come. Thanks especially to Peter Lovitt for making much of this happen and overseeing it.

**Easter Course** - 'Faith Pictures' course (a faith nurturing course created by the Church Army to encourage confidence in sharing our joyful faith stories). Mondays after the 6pm mass in St German's and Tuesdays after the 10am Mass in St Saviour's. No course this week but resumes the week after.

**Next PCC Meeting** - on Monday 20 May after mass at 6pm.

**Social Events** - Forthcoming dates: 25 May BBQ; 22 June Summer Fayre; 20 July Ceili Night). Social Committee - brief update meeting today after mass.

**Benediction with music from Taize** - In St Saviour's on Sunday 19 May at 6pm. Next service of Benediction in St German's will be on 16 June.

**Recently Departed:** Joan Margaret Howes RIP

## This week:

### Sun 12 Easter III

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

4pm Messy Church (St G)

### Mon 13:

No mass today (St G)

### Tues 14:

10am Mass (St S)

St Matthias, Apostle

### Wed 15:

No mass today (St G)

### Thur 16:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 17:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

### Sat 18:

11am Mass (St S.)

### Sun 19: Easter V

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass;

6pm Benediction

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

Rev 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 14:21-27

Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Rev 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

## PSALM RESPONSE

We are his people, the  
sheep of his flock.  
(3vv)

## Today's Hymns: 8 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks; 286 Holy, Holy, Holy; 610 Soul of my Saviour; 672 Thine be the glory

### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 Acts.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and

Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. This is the word of the Lord.

*Acts 13*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*We are his people,  
the sheep of his flock.*

Cry out with joy to the Lord,  
all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. *R/*

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.  
*R/*

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. *R/*  
*Psalm 100*

### SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the book of Revelations.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*Rev. 7*

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Jesus said: 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 10*

### REGINA CAELI

*(Said or sung after the last hymn during the season of Easter).*

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.  
He whom thou  
wast meet to bear, alleluia.  
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.  
Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,  
alleluia.  
**For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray:  
O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**