

# St German's Church

13 May 2018 - Easter VII



In many countries, and in many Christian traditions, the month of May has become a time of giving honour and devotions to Mary and so in our own way we echo the honour and dignity bestowed on Mary first by God: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb"(Luke 1:42).

## Parish Notes:

**Thy Kingdom Come Novena** - We will be joining in the world wide movement of prayer between 11-20 May (Ascension to Pentecost). We hope to have a time of prayer in each of our Churches for 30 minutes each day (0630 in St Saviour's and 1830 in St German's). We will follow the themes set out for this year's novena. Booklets now available for those who would rather pray at home at a time of their choosing as well as copies of prayer journals: pray as you can, not as you can't!

**Parish Lunch** today after mass, all are welcome.

**PCC** - Next meeting of the parochial church council will be on 14 May beginning with Mass at 6pm. At this meeting we will consider some review questions from Bishop June and confirming the officers of the PCC for the coming year. (NB - Novena Prayer will start at 5:30pm on Tuesday)

**Confirmation Classes** - Next meets on Thurs 7 June at 6:20pm in St Saviour's. This is now for children and young people. For adult faith formation see Fr Phelim.

**Croeso** - latest edition is now available. Please take a copy home with you.

**Rome and Montecassino Pilgrimage** 3-7 December 2018 - If you'd like to go this trip or for more details please see Fr Phelim. It is open to everyone and pricing will be roughly the same as last year c. £260 which will include flight, excursion by coach/taxi to Subiaco and Montecasino, Rome travel card, Capitoline museum entry). Pilgrims book their own accommodation separately.

**Recently Departed:** John Thomas, Mary Debono, Ronald Oaten *RIP*

**Today's Hymns:** 332 - I the Lord; 540 - O Thou who at Thy Eucharist; 610 - Soul of my Saviour; 752 - Will you come and follow me.

## This week:

### Sun 13 Easter VII

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 14:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

St Matthias

### Tues 15:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 16:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 17:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 18:

6pm Mass (St S)

### Sat 19:

11am Mass (St S)

### Sun 20: Pentecost

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass;

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 1:15-17,2—26

Ps 103

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11-19

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 4:8-12

Ps 118:1+8-9, 21-23,

26+21+29

1 John 3:1-2

## PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord has set his  
sway in heaven. (3vv)

**COLLECT:**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING**

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office. ‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper

place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

*Acts 1*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

For as the heavens are high above  
the earth  
so strong is his love for those who  
fear him.

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven  
and his kingdom is ruling over all.  
Give thanks to the Lord, all his  
angels,  
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

*Psalm 103*

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone

who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

*1 John 4*

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 17*