

St German's Church

13 October 2019 - Trinity 17

"...when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice". He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him..." (15-16).



Thanking God for the blessings in our lives is a very simple, yet powerful, prayer. Like the leper in the story, we need to regularly pause our journey and story and turn to the Lord in deliberate, conscious thanksgiving. Yet, what do we thank God for? That is down to the individual but the more we look for God's gracious presence in our lives, the more we will find it.

Parish Notes:

Baptism - We welcome Jaxon Ted Nicky into the family of Christ's Church today.

Mass Setting - 'Simple Mass' arranged by Malcolm Archer music by John Merbecke. We hope to start introducing it later in October. See Brian for details.

Benediction and Holy Hour - Next Sunday in St German's at 6pm.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi - Meeting for all those going after Mass on Sunday 3 November. We will go through this year's itinerary.

Concerts at St German's - St German's will soon host many groups for concerts, carols or other school gatherings leading up to Christmas. There is a list of these events at the back of the church as well as a sign up page for those who are willing to help set up and tidy away. Please help us in this important work of outreach and fundraising. More hands make light work.

Book Clubs: We meet after mass on Mondays in St German's to look at Henri Nouwen's 'Return of the Prodigal Son' and after mass on Tuesdays in St Saviour's (starts on 1 October) for Rupert Shortt's 'Does Religion do more harm than good'.

Faith QI faith discussion takes place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm once a month in each church (begins this week 16th Oct in St German's). First topic is 'Mariology: the theology and place of Mary in the Church'. Open to all.

Confirmation Class - Classes every two weeks after the Thursday evening mass in St Saviour's. Next meets Thursday 24th at 6:30pm. Diocesan confirmation will be in the Cathedral with Bishop June on Sunday 1 December in Llandaff Cathedral. If you would like to be confirmed this Autumn please see Fr Phelim.

Recently Departed: Fr Alan Rabjohns.

This week:

Sun 13: Trinity 17 (OT 28)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

1.30 pm Baptism (St G)

Mon 14:

6pm Mass (St G)

St Callistus

Tues 15:

10am Mass (St S)

St Theresa of Avila

Wed 16:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 17:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St Ignatius of Antioch

Fri 18:

6pm Mass (St S)

St Luke, Evangelist

Sat 19:

11am Mass

Sun 20: Trinity 18 (OT 29)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

6pm Benediction & Holy Hour

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READINGS THIS WEEK

2 Kgs 5:14-17

Ps 98:1, 2-3a, 3b-4

2 Tim 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exod 17:8-13

Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations (vv.3)

Today's hymns: 485 O for a thousand tongues to sing; 552 O Worship the Lord; 517 O love that wilt not let me go; 572 Praise to the Holiest. Setting: Murray 'People's Mass'.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; 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

A reading from the 2nd book of Kings.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.'

But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.

Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

This is the word of the Lord.

2 Kgs 5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R/**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R/**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. **R/**

Psalm 98

SECOND READING

A Reading from the 2nd letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember the Good News that I carry, Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful,

but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

This is the word of the Lord.

2 Tim. 2

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 17