

St German's Church

14 July 2019 - Trinity 4 (OT 15)



Moral dilemmas often come down to questions of 'should I act? Should I do or say something? Maybe it's best to leave things as they are?' In today's gospel we can imagine all sorts of questions like this crossing the minds of the passersby who see the man left for dead by robbers. Jesus tells the story of the good Samaritan as an illustration of the kind of mercy and love God values above all: selfless, non-judgmental, seeking the good of the other for no other reason because it is a good act. This is what it means to be a real 'Good Neighbour'. In our Eucharist we ask for that same grace to be given to us.

Parish Notes:

Summer Ceili - the last of our Summer social occasions is on **20 July** and tickets are now available to collect from Angela. Please collect tickets today. Proceeds of the concert go to the Nightshelter and our adopted charity: sight2020direct.org. Tickets are free and can be ordered by contacting the wardens or Angela. Refreshments included on the night. Please let us know numbers asap to help with catering.

Diocesan Conference - this Monday from 5:30pm. No mass in St German's.

The PCC meeting on 11 July is postponed until September 9th because it clashes with the Llandaff Diocesan Conference at the Cathedral.

Adamsdown PS - Are having their summer fair on Thurs 18 July (afternoon) and have invited us to host a table or two. Volunteers will be most welcome.

Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage 2019 - 2-6 December. If you are interested in going please see Fr Phelim. Cost of flights from Bristol, transfers and transport in Rome and to Assisi will be £250.

Benediction and Evensong - Sunday 28th at 6pm in St German's.

Memorial Garden - As the weather improves the time for weeding and tending to our garden returns. If you can, please help us in the garden over the next few weeks. '**Gardening Club**' meets on the 1st Saturday of every month (next meeting on Saturday 3 August 2019) from 10-12noon to 'hack and rack the growing green'.

Recently Departed: Toni Fender, Teresa Newbury, Cynthia Olsen RIP

This week:

Sun 14: Trinity 4

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 15:

No Mass (St G)

St Bonaventure

Tues 16:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 17:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 18:

5:45pm mass (St S)

Fri 19:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

Sat 20:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 21: Trinity 5 (OT 16)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Deut 30:10-14
Ps 69:14+17, 30-31,
33-34, 36a+37
Col 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Gen 18:1-10a
Ps 15:2-3a, 3b-4, 5
Col 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

PSALM RESPONSE

Seek the Lord, you
who are poor, and your
hearts will revive.
(4vv)

Today's hymns: 573 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty; 156 Faithful Shepherd feed me; 34 And now O Father; 227 God of mercy, God of Grace. Mass setting: Rizza (955)

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Deut 20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. *R/*

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. *R/*

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. *R/*

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah and men shall dwell there in possession. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. *R/*

Psalm 69

SECOND READING

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

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

Col 1

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 10