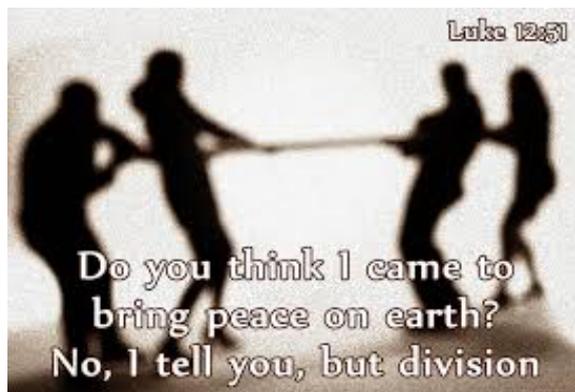


St German's Church

18 August 2019 - Trinity 9 (OT 20)



There are many difficult sayings of Jesus. In today's gospel we hear one of these. A warning to those who follow him that being a disciple will result in conflict. He tells it as it is (and how true his words turned out to be). It will mean that families (and Church families) will be divided – those who follow Christ and those who ignore and reject the hope and true peace that he is offering. He is giving his followers this warning now so that they will not be shocked when they realise that following Jesus will mean some very tough choices – and what can be tougher than choosing between loyalty to family and loyalty to Jesus. This is why we, as Church, rely totally on the grace that comes only from God.

Parish Notes:

Weekday Services - As normal this week - daily mass (see left).

Parish Lunch - There is a sign up list for a parish lunch in St German's on Sunday 8 September. See Angela for other details.

Many thanks to Fr Keith and Fr Thomas for covering our Sunday services in the last two weeks. Next Sunday we welcome Fr Jordan Hillebert, Theology Tutor from St Padarn's institute.

Friends of St German's AGM and Lunch Advance notice: Sunday 6 October 2019.

PCC Meeting - the next PCC meeting has been changed to Monday 30 September.

Memorial Garden 'Gardening Club' - Gardening club meets on the first Saturday of every month and is always open to newcomers. Next meets on Sat 7 September.

Cardiff Foodbank - Currently, we urgently needed the following items: long life fruit juice, UHT milk, Rice Pudding, Sponge Pudding, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned fish. They also have plenty of: Beans, pasta, cereals, snacks & sweets, soup, tea, meat. Many thanks again.

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.

Recently Departed: Arthur Petty, Louise Anne Lloyd, Terence Clive James RIP

This week:

Sun 18: Trinity 9

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

1.30pm Baptism (St S.)

Mon 19:

6pm Mass (St G)

St John Eudes

Tues 20:

10am Mass (St S)

St Bernard

Wed 21:

10am Mass (St G)

St Pius X

Thur 22:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Our Lady, Mother & Queen

Fri 23:

6pm Mass (St S)

St Rose of Lima

Sat 24:

11am Mass (St S)

12:30pm Wedding (St G)

St Bartholomew

Sun 25: Trinity 10 (OT 21)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Heb 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 66:18-21
Ps 117:1, 2
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

PSALM RESPONSE

Lord, come to my aid!
(4vv)

Today's hymns: 19 All my hope on God is founded; 554 Peace, perfect peace; 66 Be still and know that I am God; 625 Take my life and let it be; Mass setting: Rizza (955)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Jeremiah.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Jer 38

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R/**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **R/**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R/**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay. **R/**

Psalm 40

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the letter to the Hebrews.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne*. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

This is the word of the Lord.

Heb 12

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 12