

St German's Church

18 November 2018 - Kingdom 3 (OT 33)



Jesus's words [in today's gospel] remind us that God's sovereignty exceeds even the most imposing worldly powers. Like the prophecy of Daniel, they call us to live "out of control" — without knowing the time or precise manner in which God will accomplish his purposes. As St Augustine says, while we do not know "what the nature of those signs will be when the end is really near at hand", what has been revealed to us is that "there are two nations and two kingdoms: namely, one of Christ, the other of the devil.". Angus Ritchie (Church Times 8122)

Parish Notes:

Rome, Subiaco & Montecassino Pilgrimage - Next and final meeting is today after mass when any outstanding amount need to be settled.

Benediction with Music from Taize - this evening at 6pm in St German's. Please join us for this quiet, prayerful and reflective service.

Advent Sunday - 2 December 2018 - Service of Advent Lessons and Carols by Candlelight at 6pm in St German's. All are welcome.

Advent and Christmas - Service details available next week.

Pre Christmas Fayre - Many thanks to all who came and helped at yesterday's event. A special thanks to those who set up and cleared away.

Remembrance - During November Christians remember the departed and offer lists of departed loved ones to be prayed for at each mass. Monday evening masses will be in the Lady Chapel during November.

Murder Mystery Evening - 29 & 30 Nov at 7pm in the hall - cost £15 and includes a 3 course meal. See Angela for tickets and details. Attire: 'Wedding Guest'.

Finance Meeting - Monday 26 November at 7pm in the Vicarage.

Nightshelter - We will have an information and training evening for those interested in helping with our Nightshelter on Monday 10 December at 7pm. If you would like to help out in any way please contact Fr Phelim.

Recently Departed: Stephen Barnes, Colin Symonds, RIP

This week:

Sun 18

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 19:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 20:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 21:

10am Mass (St G)

Presentation of BVM

Thur 22:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St Cecilia

Fri 23:

6pm mass (St S)

St Columbanus

Sat 24:

11am Mass (St S)

Sts Andrew Dung-Lac

& Companions

Sun 25: Christ the King

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Dan 12:1-3

Ps 16:5+8, 9-10, 11

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mark 13:24-32

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Dan 7:13-14

Ps 93:1a, 1b-2, 5

Rev 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

PSALM:

**Preserve me, God, I
take refuge in you.
(3vv)**

Hymns: 21 All people that on earth; 466 Nearer my God; 28 Love Divine; 580 Rejoice the Lord is King; (Mass setting: Rizza 955)

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Daniel.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Dan 12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Preserve me, God,
I take refuge in you.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R/**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

nor let your beloved know decay. **R/**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. **R/**

Psalm 16

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

This is the word of the Lord.

Heb 10

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

Jesus was teaching in the temple and a large crowd was listening to him. He said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 13