

St German's Church

1 Sept 2019 - Trinity 11 (OT 22)

Understanding Jesus: All who Exalt Themselves will be Humbled



The imagery of God's Kingdom as a great banquet is rich in Christian tradition. Jesus in today's gospel teaches about how one should approach this great feast - humbly and with no great thoughts about oneself. Places of honour at a table, a committee meeting or even in a church often say more about our egos and inadequacies instead of our commitment to serve, to care, to reach out to those who need us. Today we pray for the grace to live like Jesus in all things and not least in humility and gratitude that we are invited to the table of the Lord.

Parish Notes:

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

Messy Church - the next Messy Church is on Sunday 6 October at 4pm in St Saviour's - theme: St Francis of Assisi. Other dates will be published soon. If you'd like Messy Church to be a regular feature of our worship and outreach here in St German's please consider helping us. See Fr Phelim for details.

Faith Groups - We hope to launch again the faith and theology discussion group 'Faith QI' this coming Autumn. We will also have trial a **book club** when we will read and discuss a book on faith and spirituality. The first book to be explored is written by Henri Nouwen 'The Return of the Prodigal Son', a reflection on the parable and the Rembrandt painting of the same title.

Autumn Confirmation Dates - Diocesan confirmation in the Cathedral with Bishop Philip North on Thursday 3 October at 7:30pm. Other dates are available with Bishop June: Sunday 24 November in Ely or Sunday 1 December in Llandaff Cathedral. If you would like to be confirmed this Autumn please see Fr Phelim.

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

Gardening Club - next meets this coming Saturday 6 Sept in the memorial garden.

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

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: Peter Alan Mapstone, Terence Clive James, Maureen Ttophi RIP.

This week:

Sun 1: Trinity 11 (OT 22)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 2:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 3:

10am Mass (St S)

St Gregory

Wed 4:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 5:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 6:

6pm Mass (St S)

Sat 7:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 8: Trinity 12 (OT 23)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14:1, 7-14

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Wis 9:13-18b

Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,

14+17

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

PSALM RESPONSE

In your goodness, O
God, you prepared a
home for the poor.
(3vv)

Today's hymns: 97 Christ is made the sure foundation; 72 Bind us together; 195 From heaven you came; 177 For all the saints;: Rizza (955)

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 Ecclesiasticus.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

This is the word of the Lord.

Sir 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. *R/*

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom: *R/*

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. *R/*

Psalms 68

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the letter to the Hebrews.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

This is the word of the Lord.

Heb 12

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 14