

St German's Church

21 October 2018 - Trinity 21 (Confirmation Ceremony)



Christian Initiation and Confirmation - Today we welcome three people who have chosen to be confirmed. This is a celebration of their desire to affirm the promises made long ago at their baptism and their initial welcome into God's family. Affirming the promises of baptism comes after reflecting and praying on how God is calling us to enter ever more deeply into his loving community. Confirmation affirms yet also encourages those who have discovered how important their faith and discipleship in Christ is to them. For this alone we give great thanks to GOD.

Parish Notes:

Confirmation Ceremony 2018 - Welcome back to Bishop June as we celebrate the confirmation of Stella Payne, Aram Faris Rashid and Eoin O'Hare. We will have a chance to offer personal congratulations after the service in the hall with refreshments.

PCC - next meeting of the parish council will be on Monday 12 November at 6:45pm but please join us if you can for mass at 6pm.

Nightshelter - Very soon our focus will return to helping those who are homeless in our city. Our hope is to build on last year's nightshelter nights and host it again on a Saturday evening/Sunday morning from December to March. We will have an information and training evening on Monday 10 December at 7pm. If you would like to help out in any way please contact Fr Phelim.

Messy Church will launch in St German's on 28 October at 4pm. More details on what is involved in Messy Church at the end of today's mass. We especially need people to help staff the craft activities. Please spread the word to any local young families. We need about 15 people in total to help out.

Pre Christmas Fayre - Advance notice - Saturday 17 November.

Faith QI - This Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Vicarage. It is a series of meetings for adults keen to understand more about our faith, liturgy, tradition and history.

Rome, Subiaco & Montecassino Pilgrimage - Next and final meeting will be on Sunday 18 November after mass when any outstanding amount need to be settled.

Recently Departed: David Phillips, Jeanette Brown, Elaine Moorcraft RIP

This week:

Sun 21 Trinity 21

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)
11:00 am Said Mass
7pm Sung Mass and Confirmation service with Bishop June.

Mon 22:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 23:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 24:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 25:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 26:

6:00pm (St S)

Sat 27:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 28: Trinity 21

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass

St German's:

11:00 am Said Mass

4pm Messy Church.

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isaiah 11:1-4
Ps 103
Romans 8:26-27
John 15:18-21, 26-27

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Bible Sunday
Isa 55:1-11
Ps 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6
2 Tim 3:14-4:5
John 5:36-47

PSALM:

'Send forth your Spirit,
O Lord, and renew the
face of the earth' (3vv)

Today's Hymns: 118 Come Holy Ghost; (84 Breathe on me breath of God); 172 Fill your hearts; 503 O Jesus I have promised; 752 Will you come and follow me; (Mass setting: Rizza 955)

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. The fear of the Lord is his breath. He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

This is the word of the Lord.

Isaiah 11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. **R/**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R/**

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works! **R/**

Psalm 103

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Romans 8

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If the world hates you, remember that it hated me before you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you do not belong to the world, because my choice withdrew you from the world, therefore the world hates you.

Remember the words I said to you: A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you too; if they kept my word, they will keep yours as well. But it will be on my account that they will do all this, because they do not know the one who sent me. When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 15