

St German's Church

22 Sept 2019 - Trinity 14 (OT 25)



The challenge of living with wealth, real or comparative, is reduced to a simple option in today's gospel: no one can serve two masters. The attraction of holding on to the riches that have come our way and choosing how much of these to use for our own purposes remains always great. Yet, this little phrase is both a warning and an encouragement to look for the sources of real wealth in our lives. The warning comes from puncturing our illusions that our wealth is remote from the pursuit of discipleship - that somehow we can follow Christ and ignore how greatly we are blessed in worldly wealth. The good news comes in the reminder that there is something greater than all the wealth in the world: knowing and following Jesus Christ our Lord.

Parish Notes:

Messy Church - is on Sunday 6 October at 4pm in St Saviour's - theme: St Francis of Assisi. Other dates will be published soon.

Proposed New Mass Setting for Autumn 2019 - 'Simple Mass' arranged by Malcolm Archer music by John Merbecke. Brian is available to play it a bit more at the piano after mass again today. We hope to start learning it in October.

Benediction and Vespers - in St Saviour's next Sunday 29 September at 6pm.

Faith Groups - Our groups launch on the first week of October. **Book Clubs:** We hope to look at four books through the course of the year. We meet after mass on Mondays to look at Henri Nowen's 'Return of the Prodigal Son' and after mass on Tuesday's for Rupert Shortt's 'Does Religion do more harm than good'. Copies will be available for those interested in coming weeks. **Faith QI** faith discussion group will be topical and take place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm once a month in each church (1st Wed in St Saviour's and 3rd Wednesday in St German's). If there's a particular aspect of church life and doctrine that interests you let Fr Phelim know.

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.

Tea and Coffee Rota - New rota now available. Thanks to all who volunteered and thanks to Geraint for drawing it up.

PCC Meeting - the next PCC meeting is on Monday 30 Sept in the Church.

Recently Departed: Terence Clive James, Jennifer Freedman RIP

This week:

Sun 22: Trinity 14 (OT 25)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)
11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 23:

6pm Mass (St G)
St Pius of Pietrelcina

Tues 24:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 25:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 26:

5:45pm Mass (St S)
SS. Cosmas and Damian

Fri 27:

6pm Mass (St S)
St Vincent de Paul

Sat 28:

11am Mass
St Wenceslas

Sun 29: Trinity 15 (OT 26)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Amos 8:4-7
Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 Tim 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 28:10-17
Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10
Revelation 12:7-12
John 1:47-51

PSALM RESPONSE

Praise the Lord who
raises the poor. (3vv)

Today's hymns: 16 All hail the power; 359 Jesus shall reign; 541 O thou who camest from above; 131 Come ye faithful raise the anthem; Setting: Murray 'People's Mass'.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Exodus.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Exodus 32

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Praise the Lord,
who raises the poor.**

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **R/**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne

yet stoops from the heights to look
down,
O look down upon heaven and earth? **R/**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R/**
Psalm 113

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from St Paul's first letter to Timothy.

Pray for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved
My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.
In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Tim 1

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was

squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.
'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 16