

# St German's Church

23 July 2017 - (Ordinary Time 16 - Trinity 6)

## Discerning Wheat from Weeds



Tares - Darnell

Wheat

Wheat and Darnel are mentioned in this Sunday's gospel. One gives food and sustenance whereas the other is poisonous. The difficulty lies in the fact that they look so similar whilst growing and can only be separated when the harvest is due. Discerning what sustains life and what threatens to take it away is always before the Church and individuals who seek to do the will of God.

## Parish Notes:

**Tea and Coffee** in the hall after Mass - please join us.

**This Week** - No weekday services this week due to clergy holidays.

**Rome Pilgrimage 2017** - Information Meeting after Mass today in the Hall. Initial deposit (to cover flights will be £150). Fr Phelim is hoping to take a group to Rome between 4-8 December. We hope to fly from Bristol and stay in a variety of hotels (booked separately by those going) in and around Santa Maria Maggiore. Mass will be celebrated each day and we will visit most of the major sites of religious and historical interest: catacombs, weekly papal audience, Vatican and Capitoline Museums, Roman Forum and Colosseum, Trastevere and various Churches with artistic and spiritual significance etc. If you are interested please let Fr Phelim know.

**Hospital and Sick Visits** - Please let Fr Phelim know of parishioners who are sick or in hospital and are in need of visiting.

**New Bishop for Llandaff** - Please pray for our new Bishop June Osborne who was enthroned yesterday in Llandaff Cathedral. We ask God to bless her ministry of servant leadership amongst the parishes and people of our diocese.

**Parish Summary** - To help the new Bishop settle in each parish has been asked to submit a summary page giving her some idea (in brief) as to who we are, how we live out our mission and engage others in the worship of God. It would be helpful if individuals were able to contribute. Please feel free to share this with Fr Phelim or the wardens today to help us write our summary.

**Visiting Clergy** - Next week Fr Chris Lee will preside and preach. The following week we welcome Fr Dyfrig from our neighbouring parish of *Dewi Sant*.

## Usual Weekday Mass Times:

No weekday services this week

### Mon 24:

6pm Mass (St G.)

### Tues 25:

10am Mass (St S.)

### Wed 26:

10am Mass (St G.)

### Thur 27:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)

### Fri 28:

6pm Mass (St S.)

### Sat 29:

11am Mass (St S.)

### Sun 30:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Wisdom 12:13,16-19;

Ps 85,

Romans 8:26-27;

Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Ps 119

Romans 8:28-30

Matt 13:44-52

## PSALM RESPONSE

**O Lord, you are good  
and forgiving.**

**HYMNS: NEH**

334 All people that on earth  
294 Just as I am  
383 Jesu, lover of my soul  
436 Praise my soul ...

**COLLECT:**

**Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**WISDOM 12:13,16-19**

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**PSALM 85:**

**Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

**Response.**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

**Response**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

**Response**

**ROMANS 8:26-27:**

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**MATTHEW 13: 24-30, 36-43**

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore

grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.