

St German's Church

23 September 2018 - Trinity 17 (OT25)



Again Jesus teaches the disciples more about his own destiny and purpose and how they might follow him. Yet, what is also revealed is the level of misunderstanding within them. Jesus knows this and accepts it. He embraces us even though we struggle to understand. When Jesus is present to us we need not fear our own ignorance, confusion or misunderstanding.

Parish Notes:

Macmillan Coffee Morning - on Friday 28 Sept from 10-12. This is a major day in our outreach and charitable fundraising and we'd love to see as many as possible.

Faith QI - A series of meetings for adults keen to know and understand more about our faith, liturgy, tradition and history. Wednesdays 7:30 pm at the vicarage.

Mass Settings - We hope to introduce a third mass setting (sung kyrie, gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei etc) over the next few weeks and months. It is composed by Sally Ann Morris and is called the 'Black Mountain Liturgy'. See the website for a link to how it sounds.

Wedding - Congratulations to Sherie and Andrew who were married in St German's on Friday 21st September.

Baptisms - We welcome into our Church family today baby Jemima Ifaturoti (at St Saviour's) and baby Harper Cable and Gavin Pugh (at St German's).

Messy Church -Next week at St Saviour's (Sun 30 Sept) at 4pm and in St German's on Oct 28 at 4pm. Please spread the word and especially to any young families.

Confirmation Ceremony 2018 - Sunday 21 October 2018 in St German's. This is a major event in the life of our Church (the last confirmation was a number of years ago. Consequently, we'd love a good attendance and to show St G's at its best. We also need help with catering on that day.

Rome Pilgrimage - Meeting on Sunday 14 October after mass when we will look at some further details of the itinerary and the significance of Subiaco & Montecassino.

Recently Departed: Peter Wyatt

This week:

Sun 23 Trinity 17

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 24:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 25:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 26:

10am Mass (St G)

Sts Cosmas & Damian

Thur 27:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St Vincent de Paul

Fri 28:

6pm Mass (St S)

St Wenceslaus

Sat 29:

11am Mass (St S)

Sts Michael, Gabriel,

Raphael, Archangels

Sun 30: Trinity 18

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8

Jas 3:16—4:3

Mark 9:30-37

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Num 11:25-29

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

Jas 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

PSALM:

**The Lord upholds my
life. (3vv)**

Today's Hymns: 408 - Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour; 70 - Be thou my vision; 74 - Blessed assurance; 714 - Lord of all hopefulness; (Mass setting: Murray)

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Wisdom.

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Wisdom 2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R/**

For proud men
have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R/**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice
to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.
R/

Psalm 54

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

James 3

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 9