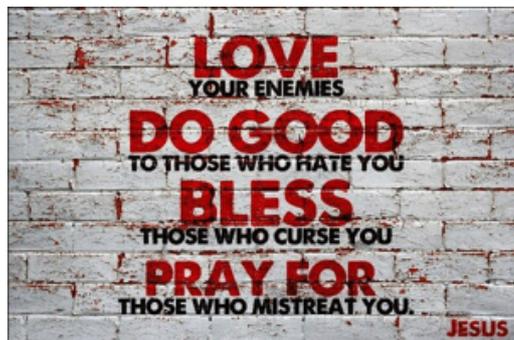


# St German's Church

24 February 2019 - Sexagesima (OT7)



“The language of today’s gospel is poetical and dramatic, stirring up wonder in us at the wonderful thing that is generosity of spirit. People who are generous of spirit are able to go beyond the injustices they suffer - insults (the meaning of the slap on the cheek), dishonesty, cruelty - and to hear a cry for help, the desperate search for love and respect, to be recognised as a person of worth”. Michel de Verteuil

## Parish Notes:

**Social Events for Spring and Summer** - include the following: Lenten Soup Lunches and reflections (Fridays of Lent); 6 April Quiz night; 5 May Parish Lunch; 25 May BBQ; 22 June Summer Fayre; 20 July Ceili Night. A list of the full programme for the year is now available.

**PCC & Vestry Meeting** - PCC meets to approve the Audited Accounts for the year will be after mass on 3 March. The Vestry meeting will be on 7 April again after mass. A short report from the last meeting is now available.

**Cardiff Foodbank** - Thanks everyone for their continued generosity. Due to a huge volume of recent donations they have asked that we donate only the following: rice pudding, jam, custard, tinned tomatoes, sponge puddings.

**1929 St German's Magazine** - Please have a look at a scanned copy of the January 1929 edition of the parish magazine for an insight into parish life back then plus our local area. It can be found on our website.

**Lenten Devotions** - Stations of the cross after Monday mass and a charity soup lunch preceded by a talk in church on Fridays (start 2nd Friday of Lent).

**Treorchy Male Voice Choir** - concert at St German's Church commencing at 7pm (doors open at 6pm) on Sat, 23 March 2019. You are strongly advised to book tickets (£15 from Angela Parry) as soon as possible.

**Funeral** - Fr John Lewis' is in Llandaff Cathedral on Fri 8 March at 11:30am.

**Recently Departed:** Very Rev. John T. Lewis, Ron Judd *RIP*

## This week:

### Sun 24

8am Said Mass (St G)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 25:

6pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 26:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 27:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 28:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 1:

6pm mass (St S)

ST DAVID Patron of Wales

### Sat 2:

11am Mass (St S)

St Chad

### Sun 3:

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass

*St German's:*

8am Said Mass

11am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13,  
22-23

Ps 103:1-4, 8+10, 12-13

1 Cor 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Sir 27:5-8

Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

1 Cor 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

## PSALM:

**The Lord is  
compassion and love.  
(4vv)**

## Today's Music: 725 We turn to you; 625 Take my life; 200 Gifts of bread & wine; 428 Love Divine. Mass Setting: Murray with the Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei from Black Mountain Liturgy

### COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

The First reading is from the first book of Samuel.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He

called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*1 Sam 26*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is compassion and love.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and  
compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our  
sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.  
*Psalm 103*

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the

earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

This is the word of the Lord.

*1 Cor 15*

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Luke 6*