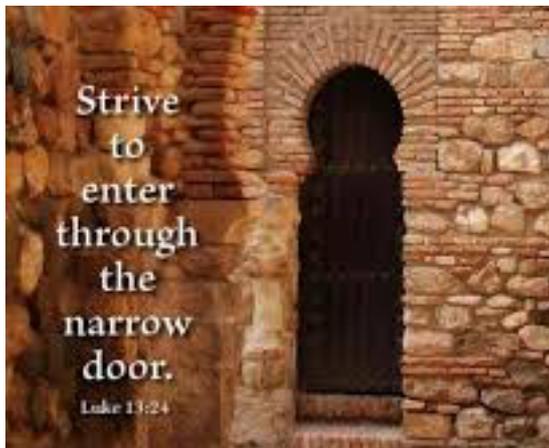


St German's Church

25 August 2019 - Trinity 10 (OT 21)



In answer to the question 'Will only a few be saved'? Jesus responds with a teaching and imagery on the 'narrow door'. Today's gospel is aimed at those who think that salvation is the preserve of only the elect, the specially chosen ones by God who are blessed with health and wealth. Jesus on the contrary always challenges an exclusive view of salvation. The kingdom of God is hard to access but it is for everyone and everyone is invited to belong. His invitation is especially warm to those who considered themselves excluded: the sick, the lonely, the isolated and those who were rejected. The Kingdom is a place where the whole of humanity will encounter the compassionate love and forgiveness of God - bar none!

Parish Notes:

Weekday Services - No Monday mass this week.

Parish Lunch - There is a sign up list for a parish lunch in St German's on Sunday 8 September. See Angela for other details.

A warm welcome to Fr Jordan Hillebert, Theology Tutor from St Padarn's institute, who will preach and preside today.

Faith Groups - We hope to launch again the faith and theology discussion group 'Faith QI' this coming Autumn. We will also have trial a book club when will read and discuss a book on faith and spirituality. More details in the weeks to come.

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.

Friends of St German's AGM and Lunch Advance notice: Sunday 6 October 2019.

Gardening Club - next meets 6 Sept in the memorial garden.

PCC Meeting - the next PCC meeting has been changed to Monday 30 September.

Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage 2019 - 2-6 December. If you are interested in going please see Fr Phelim. Cost of flights from Bristol, transfers and transport in Rome and to Assisi will be £250.

Recently Departed: Peter Alan Mapstone, Terence Clive James, Maureen Ttophi RIP

This week:

Sun 25: Trinity 10 (OT 21)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 26:

No Mass (St G)

Tues 27:

10am Mass (St S)

St Monica

Wed 28:

10am Mass (St G)

St Augustine

Thur 29:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Beheading of John the Baptist

Fri 30:

6pm Mass (St S)

St Rose of Lima

Sat 31:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 1: Trinity 11 (OT 22)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 66:18-21
Ps 117:1, 2
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Luke 14:1, 7-14

PSALM RESPONSE

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news. (2vv)

Today's hymns: 167 Father, we love you; 82 Bread of Heaven on thee we feed; As I kneel before you (see below); 631 Tell out my soul; Mass setting: Rizza (955)

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 prophet Isaiah.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Jer 38

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations,

acclaim him all you peoples! *R/*

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. *R/*

Psalm 117

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the letter to the Hebrews.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? *My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons.*

Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. *So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.*

This is the word of the Lord.

Heb 12

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' He said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from."

Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!" There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 13

COMMUNION HYMN:

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria,
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine, them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
Is lost in your embrace.