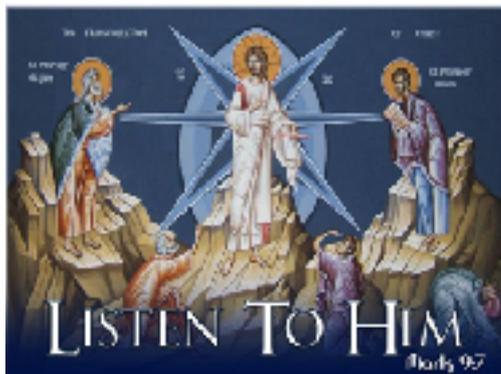


# St German's Church

25 Feb 2018 - Lent 2



**Affirmation and Secrets** - The ministry of Jesus on earth was to heal the broken hearted and restore every person to right relationship with God. Today's gospel and the event it describes was important to Jesus, the first disciples and also countless ages of Christians since. We hear again the messianic secret but this time the disciples were obedient although wondered amongst themselves. Yet, the voice from heaven affirming Jesus, the beloved Son reveals that his ministry is really that of the Trinity itself. Jesus is affirmed yet in many ways so are we.

## Parish Notes:

**Cardiff Churches Nightshelter** Many thanks to all who continue to support our Nightshelter. Please keep our guests and helpers in your prayers over the remaining winter weeks and months. Last night for our Nightshelter will be Sat 17 March 2018 (St Patrick's Day).

**Confirmation Classes** - The next meeting will be this Thurs 1 March at 6:30pm in St Saviour's. This is also for those wanting to deepen their understanding of our faith.

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**Lent Stations of the Cross** - We pray the Stations of the Cross each week preceded by a talk: St Saviour's - Tuesdays at 6:45pm; St German's - Mondays at 6:45pm.

**Lent Lunches** - Lent soup lunches each Friday for charity with a short talk beforehand by Fr Malcolm. It begins at 12 noon in the lunch and the proceeds go to Christian Aid.

**Lent Courses** - St Martin's, Roath will host a Lent talk by Mr John Guess on Thursdays at 7pm. Bishop June is also leading a Lenten course in Llandaff Cathedral on the first four Thursdays of Lent also at 7pm.

**Social Events** - Forthcoming events for your diary: Quiz evening Tues 6 March at 7pm; Parish lunch on Sun 8 April; Night at the Races & Bingo on Saturday 28 April at 7:15pm

**Recently Departed:** Beryl Denning, Maria Churcher, Joan Sylvia Ford *RIP*

## COLLECT:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may reject those things that are contrary to their baptism, and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymns: 626 Take up they cross; 54 At the name of Jesus; 622 Sweet Sacrament Divine; 689 Thy hand, O God**

## READINGS THIS WEEK

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
Ps 116:10,15, 16-19  
Rom 8:31b-34  
Mark 9:2-10

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exod 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,  
7-8, 12-17  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
1 Cor 1:22-25  
John 2:13-25

## PSALM RESPONSE

I will walk in the  
presence of the Lord  
in the land of the  
living. (3vv)

## This week:

### Mon 26:

6pm Mass (St G)

6:45pm Stations of  
the Cross

### Tues 27:

10am Mass (St S)

6:45pm Stations of  
the Cross

### Wed 28:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 1:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

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### Fri 2:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

### Sat 3:

11am Mass (St S.)

### Sun 4: Sunday

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass;

*St German's:*

8:00 am Said Mass

(Nightshelter);

11:00 am Sung Mass

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**1ST READING :**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand

on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*Genesis 22*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted'.  
O precious in the eyes of the lord is the death of his faithful. **R/**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name. **R/**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R/**  
*Psalm 116*

**2ND READING :**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can

give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Romans 8*

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved: listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Mark 9*