

# St German's Church

25 November 2018 - Christ the Universal King



Jesus does speak of his own identity as King but emphasises how different it is from secular reality. He says: "My kingdom is not of this world". The fact he is telling this to Pilate is significant - the one who held most 'power' in the land at that time. For us, we are always caught in the struggle between being in this world but not of it. Or, having allegiance to the traditions and norms of our society but always aware that Christ holds our true allegiance and fealty.

## Parish Notes:

**Advent Sunday** - Is next Sunday 2 December 2018 - Service of Advent Lessons and Carols by Candlelight at 6pm in St German's. All are welcome.

**Advent and Christmas** - Copies of the services for Advent and Christmas are available at the back of the Church. A highlight of this is a return for the series of prayer reflections on the 8 days before Christmas following the ancient 'O Antiphons' of the Church.

**Rome Pilgrimage 3-7 December** - Many of us will be away during this week. Consequently, there is no Monday evening mass on 3rd December but there will be a mass at 11:30am which is open to all.

**Murder Mystery Evening** - 29 & 30 Nov at 7pm in the hall - cost £15 and includes a 3 course meal. See Angela for tickets. Attire: 'Wedding Guest'.

**Nightshelter** - We will have an information and training evening for those interested in helping with our Nightshelter on Monday 10 December at 7pm. This is open to new volunteers as well as to those who helped last year. Its purpose is to update everyone on procedures for this year. As ever, if you would like to help out in any way with the night shelter please contact Fr Phelim or one of the wardens.

**Advent and Christmas Magazine** - we hope to have copies as soon as possible and they'll be delivered to every household in Adamsdown.

**Finance Meeting** - tomorrow's finance meeting is postponed to the New Year.

**Recently Departed:** Freddy Palmer, Helen Morgan, , RIP

## This week:

### Sun 25

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)  
11am Sung Mass (St G)  
1:30pm Baptism (St G)

### Mon 26:

6pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 27:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 28:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 29:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 30:

6pm mass (St S)

**St Andrew, Apostle**

### Sat 1:

11am Mass (St S)

### Sun 2: Advent 1

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

6pm Advent Lessons  
and Carols

## Parish Priest:

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Dan 7:13-14  
Ps 93:1a, 1b-2, 5  
Rev 1:5-8  
John 18:33b-37

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jer 33:14-16  
Ps 25  
1 Thess 3:12-4:2  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

## PSALM:

**The Lord is king, with  
majesty enrobed.  
(3vv)**

**Hymns: 405 Lo, he comes ... 381 Let all mortal flesh keep silent; 649 The King of Love my shepherd is; 137 Crown him with many crowns; (Mass setting: Rizza 955)**

## COLLECT:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Daniel.

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Dan 7*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord is king,  
with majesty enrobed.**

The Lord is king,  
with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself  
with might,  
he has girded himself with power.  
**R/**

The world you made firm,  
not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm  
from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.  
**R/**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. **R/**

*Psalm 93*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Revelations.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When

all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Rev 1*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 18*