

St German's Church

26 January 2020 - Epiphany 3 (OT3)



Follow me and you will become fishers of people. What a promise from Jesus! Indeed, what a commitment to undertake by us! We all have some idea as to what following Jesus means - it mostly means listening wholeheartedly to his words and teachings and doing our best to put these into practice in our own lives. Yet, how does one become a fisher of people? Shouldn't we really leave this to the experts - those who trained in this or who even have a qualification in it? Yet, this is exactly the point - following Jesus is all the qualification we need - in short we are precisely the experts our church needs.

Parish Notes:

I Ffordd Tangnefedd - Starts this evening 26 January 2020 at 6:00pm. A new contemplative service that is especially open to those who struggle with traditional services. Services will begin with coffee at 6pm followed by a time of reflective prayer and then, hopefully, involve a visit to a local pub for fellowship. Tonight we will have Taize style prayer and next week a Labyrinth based contemplation.

Nightshelter - If you would like to help in any way please contact Fr Phelim. Please pray for our guests and helpers. Rota for February now available. Nightshelter finishes at the end of March.

PCC - The next Parochial Church Council meeting is on Monday 10 Feb after the 6pm mass in the church.

Book Group - Starts up in St German's after mass on Monday 3 February (6:30pm). The next book will be on St John of the Cross 'The Impact of God' by Iain Matthew. This is open to everyone and is ideal for those wanting to explore further the spirituality of John of the Cross as well as a closer look at his life and trials.

Foodbank - Current urgent items: Tinned Fruit, Long life fruit juice, UHT milk, Rice Pudding, Sponge Puddings. Tinned potatoes.

Social Committee - A series of events has now been agreed. The next one will be on Sunday 9 February when we will have 'Aperitif Sunday' after mass. This one will be hosted by Richard Hill and offerings will go to his nominated charity. If you'd like to help or support Richard and his charity please let him know.

Messy Church - The next Messy Church will be in St Saviour's on 1 March at 4pm. Theme: St David of Wales. All are welcome.

Recently Departed: Kenneth Vivian Perry, *RIP*.

This week:

Sun 26: Epiphany 3 (OT3)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8am Nightshelter Mass

11:00 am Sung Mass

6:30pm I Ffordd

Tangnefedd

Mon 27:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 28:

10am Mass (St S)

St Thomas Aquinas

Wed 29:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 30:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 31:

No Mass

St John Bosco

Sat 1:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 2: The Presentation of the Lord

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8am Nightshelter Mass

11:00 am Sung Mass

6:30pm I Ffordd

Tangnefedd

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 8:23b—9:3

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Matt 4:12-23

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Heb 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord is my light
and my help. (vv.3)

Today's hymns: 21 All people that on earth; 144 Dear Lord and Father; 422 Lord we come to ask your healing; 752 Will you come and follow me; Mass Setting: Rizza (955).

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.

Isa 8

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? *R/*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. *R/*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! *R/*

Psalm 27

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Cor 1

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Matt 14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my help.