

# St German's Church

29 April 2018 - Easter V



As branches of the true vine, we always seek to be ever more one with the Vine, that is, our Lord Jesus. In our Sunday Eucharist, we drink of his Word the good sap, seeking to penetrate ever deeper so as to absorb the hidden nourishment that transmits to us what is truly life giving. In the gospel passage we pay attention to the words, the verbs, the expressions Jesus uses and which recall other passages of divine Scripture and, thus, we let myself be purified. In Holy Communion we bring into our bodies the spiritual food that can sustain us and allow us to reach out to those who hunger and yearn to believe and to belong.

## Parish Notes:

**Social Events** Parish Lunch - Sunday 13 May 2018. Please join us; all are welcome.  
**Thy Kingdom Come Novena** - Advance notice that we will be joining in the world wide movement of prayer between 11-20 May (Ascension to Pentecost). We hope to have a time of prayer in each of our Churches for 30 minutes each day (0630 in St Saviour's and 1830 in St German's). We will follow the themes set out for this year's novena. We will also produce booklets for those who would rather pray at home at a time of their choosing: pray as you can, not as you can't!

**Altar Servers** - The next meeting for those called to this liturgical ministry will be on Monday 30 April after mass at 6pm. Open to current and new servers.

**PCC** - Next meeting of the parochial church council will be on 14 May beginning with Mass at 6pm. At this meeting we will consider some review questions from Bishop June and confirming the officers of the PCC for the coming year.

**Confirmation Classes** - Next meets on Thurs 10 May at 6:20pm in St Saviour's. This is now for children and young people. For adult faith formation see Fr Phelim.

**Rome and Montecassino Pilgrimage** 3-8 December 2018 - If you'd like to go this trip or for more details please see Fr Phelim. It is open to everyone and pricing will be roughly the same as last year c. £260 which will include flight, excursion by coach/taxi to Subiaco and Montecasino, Rome travel card, Capitoline museum entry). Pilgrims book their own accommodation separately.

**Recently Departed:** Matthew Andrews, Susan Smith, Rene Pliska *RIP*

## This week:

### Sun 29 Easter V

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

### Mon 30:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 1:

10am Mass (St S)  
St Joseph the Worker

### Wed 2:

10am Mass (St G)  
Sts Philip & James

### Thur 3:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

**Fri 4:** No Friday mass this week (St S)

### Sat 5:

11am Mass (St S)

### Sun 6: Easter V

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass;

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 9:26-31  
Ps 22  
1 John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,  
44-48  
Ps 98:1, 2-3a, 3b-4  
1 John 4:7-10  
John 15:9-17

## PSALM RESPONSE

You, Lord, are my  
praise in the great  
assembly. (3vv)

**This Sunday's Hymns: 174 Firmly I believe; 286 Holy, Holy, Holy; 217 God is love; 503 O Jesus I have promised. Mass setting: Rizza 'Bread of Life' (see no. 955 in hymnal)**

## COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 book of Acts.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Acts 9*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

My vows I will pay  
before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat  
and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord,  
those who seek him.  
May their hearts live  
for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember  
and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations  
worship before him;  
They shall worship him,  
all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow  
all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him,  
my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord  
to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness  
to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.'  
*Psalm 22*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.  
My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,

we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

*1 John 3*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 15*