

St German's Church

29 July 2018 - Trinity 9 (OT17)



Over the next few weeks our gospel readings come from John 6. This amazing chapter is a deep meditation on Jesus as the bread of life and how we are spiritually renewed, refreshed and transformed by his self giving to us. Not surprisingly, it also has deep significance for our appreciation of Eucharist and our growth as a Eucharistic community. Today we begin our reflection with the story of the feeding of the 5 thousand and how Jesus attends to their (and our) hunger with a miracle of multiplication.

Parish Notes:

Weekday Services - No Monday mass this week and next week. We welcome our own Fr Chris Lee on Wednesday who will celebrate the 11am mass for us.

Messy Church - We will be trialling Messy Church in the Autumn with the first one at St Saviour's on Sunday 30 Sept at 4pm and in St German's on Oct 28 at 4pm. If you could help at either of this it would be most appreciated. More details in Sept.

Patronal Festival and Friends AGM - advance notice: Sun 30 September 2018.

Confirmation Ceremony 2018 - 2 October 2018 in St German's. Advance notice that Bishop June will be coming to us for confirmation service in October. If anyone would like to be confirmed (or know of someone who would like this) please contact Fr Phelim. It is open to children and adults.

Faith QI - A new 6 week set of informal meetings for adults keen to know and understand more about our faith, liturgy, tradition and history (ideal for those exploring confirmation). Wednesdays 7:30 pm at the vicarage. Begins 5 Sept 2018. See website for more details. Places limited and first come first served.

PCC Sub Committees - Social and Fundraising - after mass on 5 Aug; Pastoral Care - after mass on Sun 2 Sept; Finance - Monday 10 Sept at 7pm in the vicarage.

PCC Meeting - Monday 17 September beginning with Mass at 6pm.

Foodbank - needed items: UHT milk, long life fruit juice, tinned potatoes and chocolate/sweets. Thank you again to all who continue to donate food each week.

Recently Departed: Nigel Emery, Douglas James Court

This week:

Sun 29 Trinity 9

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 30: No mass this week (St G)

Tues 31:

10am Mass (St S)

St Ignatius Loyola

Wed 1:

10am Mass (St G)

St Alphonsus Liguori

Thur 2:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 3: 6pm

Mass (St S)

Sat 4:

11am Mass

St John Mary Vianney

Sun 5: Trinity 10

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung

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READINGS THIS WEEK

2 Kgs 4:42-44

Ps 145

Eph 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exod 16:2-4, 12-15

Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25+54

Eph 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

PSALM:

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires. (3vv)

Today's Hymns: 19 -

All my hope on God is founded; 374 - Just as I am; 82 - Bread of heaven on thee we feed; 104 - Christ Triumphant; (Mass setting: Rizza 955)

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R/**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

R/

Psalm 145

kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the 2nd book of Kings. .

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

This is the word of the Lord.

2 Kings 4

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ephesians 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R/**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 6

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd