

St German's Church

30 September 2018 - Patronal Feast of St German



We Today we honour the feast of our patron Saint, St Germanys of Auxerre. There is very little that is known for sure about his life and it is hard to distinguish fact from fiction and myth. What is clear is that he was a person of substance in the Christian life of Britain and France. All patron saints however must inevitable give way to the true source of holiness, then and now, the grace and mercy of God, the eternal Father. In today's gospel this grace and mercy is extended to us in the teaching of Christ that to follow him calls for a commitment in life that leads to deep sacrifice and renunciation. Jesus calls us to serious in our desire to overcome the obstacles to a deeper relationship in God; which often means renouncing something that has become precious to us. In doing this we emulate Christ and his saints and not least, St German.

Parish Notes:

Patronal Festival - After mass today we will have our Friends of St German's AGM followed by a buffet lunch. Thank you to all the friends who have made such an effort to be here today.

Messy Church This afternoon at St Saviour's (Sun 30 Sept) at 4pm and in St German's on Oct 28 at 4pm. Please spread the word to any local young families.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - thank you to all who supported and gave generously.

Faith QI - No meetings this week and next. A series of meetings for adults keen to know and understand more about our faith, liturgy, tradition and history. Wednesdays 7:30 pm at the vicarage.

Baptisms - Congratulations to Jemima Ifaturoti (at St Saviour's) and baby Harper Cable and Gavin Pugh (at St German's) who were all baptised last week.

Back to Church Sunday - 14 October 2018 - Please consider inviting someone to join you at Church that day. There will be an evening celebration of Benediction with Music from Taize at 6pm at St Saviour's.

Confirmation Ceremony 2018 - Sunday 21 October 2018 in St German's. This is a major event in the life of our Church (the last confirmation was a number of years ago. Consequently, we'd love a good attendance and to show St G's at its best. We also need help with catering on that day.

Rome Pilgrimage - Meeting on Sunday 14 October after mass when we will look at some further details of the itinerary and the significance of Subiaco & Montecassino.

Recently Departed: Paul Gordon Wilmot

This week:

Sun 30 Trinity 18

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 1:

6pm Mass (St G)

St Therese of Lisieux

Tues 2:

10am Mass (St S)

Holy Guardian Angels

Wed 3:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 4:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St Francis of Assisi

Fri 5:

6pm Mass (St S)

Sat 6:

11am Mass (St S)

St Bruno

Sun 7: Trinity 19

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass

1:30 Baptism

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Num 11:25-29

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

Jas 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Joel 2:21-27

Ps 126

1 Tim 2:1-7 or 6:6-10

Matt 6:25-33

PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart. (4vv)

Today's Hymns: 195 From heaven you came; 552 O worship the Lord; 622 Sweet Sacrament Divine; 88 Brother Sister let me serve you; (Mass setting: Rizza 955)

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Numbers.

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

This is the word of the Lord.

Numbers 11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R/**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R/**

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **R/**

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **R/**

Psalm 19

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

This is the word of the Lord.

James 5

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 9