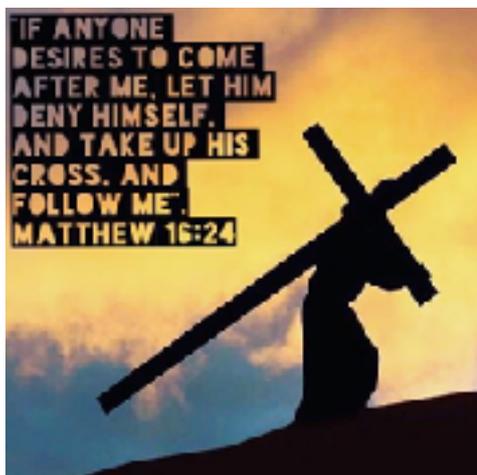


St German's Church

3 September 2017 - (Ordinary Time 22 - Trinity 12)



What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? To follow him, to walk in his steps, to do as he does to obey his teachings? All of these and more! In today's gospel we hear three more conditions: renunciation of self, the taking up of one's cross and following him. To renounce oneself means not to focus one's life on our own wishes and desires but on those of God and on the plan of his Reign. This implies an acceptance of adversity and putting up with difficulties. Jesus himself left us his example of how to deal with such circumstances. To be a disciple it often suffices to imitate him (or at least to try).

Parish Notes:

Quiz Evening – Monday 4 September – Mass at 6:00pm and the Quiz will follow afterwards. Why not come and join us. There will also be refreshments and a list at the back of the Church for you to sign and indicate your choice of food.

PCC Meeting -11 September 2017 begins at 6pm with mass.

Back to Church Sunday 24 September - many churches traditionally use the last Sunday of September as an opportunity to invite a friend or former Church goer to join us in Church. More details about this and sample invitations in due course.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29 September in the Church Hall from 10:00am until 12:00 noon

The Patronal Festival will be held during the Octave of St German, on Sunday 8 October. There will be the usual meeting of the Friends of St German's following the Mass and a buffet lunch afterwards. Further details in due course.

St German's Foodbank collections for July was 47.1kg

50:50 Draw - this month's winners of the draw are, David murphy and Peter Palmer

Parish Archives - a working party from the PCC has agreed to help sort out the Parish archives that are on the stage in the parish hall. This is arranged for 2:00pm next Saturday 9 September. Thanks in advance.

Weekday Services - Resume as normal this week.

This week:

Mon 4:

6pm Mass (St G) St Cuthbert

Tues 5:

10am Mass (St S.)
Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Wed 6:

10am Mass (St G.)

Thur 7:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)

Fri 8:

6pm Mass (St S.)
Nativity of BVM

Sat 9:

11am Mass (St S.)
St Peter Clavier

Sun 10:

St Saviour:
Sung Mass 9:30;
St German:
11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Jer 20:7-9
Ps 63
Romans 12:1-2
Matt 16:21-27

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Ezek 33:7-9
Ps 95
Romans 13:8-10
Matt 18:15-20

PSALM RESPONSE

'For you my soul is
thirsting, O Lord, my
God.'

HYMNS (NEH): 272 ALL FOR JESUS, 388 JESUS SHALL REIGN, 431 O THOU WHO CAMEST FROM ABOVE, 440 PRAISE TO THE LORD

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to how and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm 63 Response: 'For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.'

- 1 O God, you are my God for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R/
- 2 So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. R/
- 3 So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. R/
4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading - A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do..

This is the Word of the Lord.

Romans 12:1-2

Gospel - A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 16:21-28