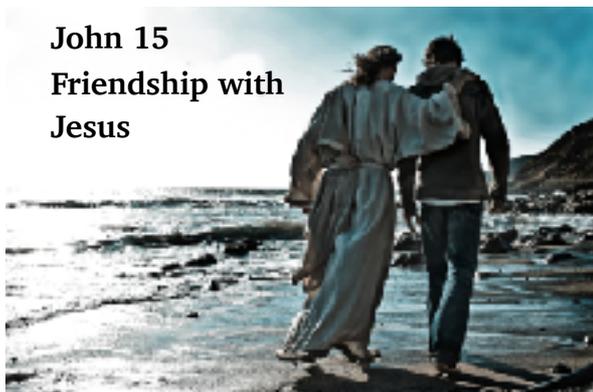


# St German's Church

6 May 2018 - Easter VI

## John 15 Friendship with Jesus



“You are my friends if you do what I command you” says Jesus in today’s gospel. He calls us friends and by so doing alludes to the loving intimacy we can have with God (if we want it). God bestows many gifts on us in life and not least of this is the gift of friendship. Exploring friendship with Jesus is one of the greatest ways to pray and live as a disciple of Christ. Loving friendship with God and others is our goal and mission.

## Parish Notes:

**Parish Lunch** next Sunday 13 May 2018. Please join us; all are welcome.

**Ascension Day** - We will celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Christ on Thursday 10 May with a mass with hymns at 11am.

**Thy Kingdom Come Novena** - 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!

**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** 3-7 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:** Susan Smith, Mary Debono, Ronald Oaten *RIP*

## This week:

### Sun 6 Easter VI

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

1:30 Baptism (St G)

### Mon 7:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 8:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 9:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 10:

11am Mass (St G)

5:45pm Mass (St S)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Fri 11:

6pm Mass (St S)

### Sat 12:

11am Mass (St S)

Sts Nereus & Achilleus

### Sun 13: Easter VII

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass;

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS 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

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Eph 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20

## PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord has shown  
his salvation to the  
nations (3vv)

**This Sunday's Hymns: 12 Alleluia, sing to Jesus; 255 Hail the day; 674 This is my body; 758 Ye watchers and ye holy ... Mass setting: Rizza 'Bread of Life' (see no. 955 in hymnal)**

## COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.**

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days. This is the word of the Lord.

*Acts 10*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

*Psalm 98*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

This is the word of the Lord.

*1 John 4*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 15*