

St German's Church

6 October 2019 - St German's Patronal Festival



Honouring and celebrating the feast day of a particular saint is an ancient tradition of the Church and one that is still very popular to this day, even here in St German's. Yet, what is the big deal? Why do we name places and buildings after Saints? There are many reasons, more cultural and sociological rather than necessarily theological. Yet, think what our church landscape would be without 'patron saints' where all churches are named after places. Having an identity and chosen kinship with a hero or heroine of our faith - with someone who is noted for their holiness and zeal in following Christ may, at some level, rub off on us. It may even inspire us to follow their example of faith and to trust more in our pursuit of grace.

Parish Notes:

Friends of St German's - Please join us for our AGM and lunch in the hall after mass. If you'd like to join the 'friends' please see Angela.

Messy Church - Today at 4pm in St Saviour's. Please join us if you can as we celebrate our faith in this season of creation inspired by St Francis.

Mass Setting - 'Simple Mass' arranged by Malcolm Archer music by John Merbecke. We hope to start learning it later in October.

Concerts at St German's - Over the next few months St German's has been booked by many groups for concerts, carols or other school gatherings. There is a list of these events at the back of the church as well as a sign up page for those who are willing to help set up and tidy away. If everyone signs up for one or two evenings it will make our hosting much more sustainable and avoid a small number of people being overwhelmed. Please help us in this important work of outreach and fundraising.

Book Clubs: We meet after mass on Mondays in St German's (starts on 7 October) to look at Henri Nouwen's 'Return of the Prodigal Son' and after mass on Tuesdays in St Saviour's (starts on 1 October) for Rupert Shortt's 'Does Religion do more harm than good?'

Faith QI faith discussion group will be topical and will normally take place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm once a month in each church (begins 16th Oct in St German's). If there's a particular aspect of church life and doctrine that interests you let Fr Phelim know.

Confirmation Class - Classes every two weeks after the Thursday evening mass in St Saviour's. Next meets this coming Thursday at 6:30pm. Diocesan confirmation will be in the Cathedral with Bishop June on Sunday 1 December in Llandaff Cathedral. If you would like to be confirmed this Autumn please see Fr Phelim.

Recently Departed: Terence Clive James, Jennifer Freedman RIP.

This week:

Sun 6: Trinity 16 (OT 27)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 7:

6pm Mass (St G)

Our Lady of the Rosary

Tues 8:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 9:

10am Mass (St G)

Blessed John Henry

Newman

Thur 10:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 11:

6pm Mass (St S)

St John XXIII

Sat 12:

11am Mass

Memorial of the BVM

Sun 13: Trinity 17 (OT 28)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9
2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

READINGS NEXT WEEK

2 Kgs 5:14-17
Ps 98:1, 2-3a, 3b-4
2 Tim 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

PSALM RESPONSE

O that today, you
would listen to his
voice! Harden not your
hearts. (3vv)

Today's hymns: 97 Christ is made the sure foundation; 32 And can it be; 67 Be still for the presence; 409 Lord, for the years. Setting: Murray 'People's Mass'.

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk.

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Hab. 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**O that today
you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him,
giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. *R/*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel
before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his
pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. *R/*

O that today you would listen
to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts
as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah
in the desert
when your fathers
put me to the test;
when they tried me,
though they saw my work.' *R/*
Psalm 95

SECOND READING

A Reading from the 2nd letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it

with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

2 Tim. 1

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 17