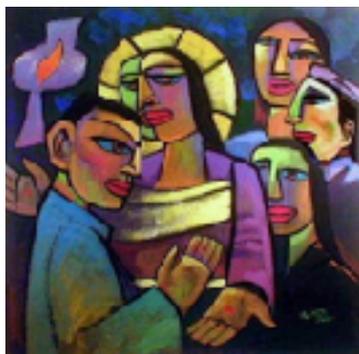


St German's Church

8 April 2018 - Easter II



“The blessedness of believing without seeing came from the experience of the early church. Jesus is not moralising, but inviting Thomas - and us - to celebrate great people of faith, in our local communities and worldwide, who take up their cross with confidence in the resurrection”. (*Michel de Verteuil, Year B Lectio Divina*). Today we are called to celebrate the resurrection faith that is alive in our own communities and the people who make up our parish.

Parish Notes:

Holy Week and Triduum - thank you to all who helped make our services and ceremonies go so well this year. Much time, energy and work was freely given by many individuals to make sure everything was organised and went well. Our faith community is truly gifted by the way our ministry team work together and with great humour and joy. Fr Phelim.

Parish lunch today - when we will be celebrating Barbara and Brian Williams 50th Wedding Anniversary. The lunch begins in the Church Hall after mass.

Thank You - to Fr John Lewis for preaching and presiding today.

Weekday mass times - Slight change - the Monday evening mass will begin at 7:30pm when Fr Edward Dowding will celebrate a mass for the Annunciation along with some members of the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

Lent Charity - So far we have raised £301.00 for Christian Aid from our Friday morning soup lunches. If anyone would like to make a Lenten donation who was unable to attend the soup lunches, then please have a word with one of the Churchwardens.

The Annual Vestry Meeting takes place next Sunday 15 April at 1:00pm – forms for the election of a People's Warden and of PCC Members are available to sign at the back of the Church. There are also forms available that shows the duties and responsibilities of a PCC Member

Confirmation Classes - The next meeting will be this Thurs 19 April at 6:20pm in St Saviour's. This is also for those wanting to deepen their understanding of faith.

Social Events -Night at the Races & Bingo on Saturday 28 April at 7:15pm

Sick Visits - If you know of anyone who'd like a visit please contact Fr Phelim.

Recently Departed: Peter Paul Attard *RIP*

This week:

Sun 8 Easter II

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 9:

7:30pm Mass (St G)

The Annunciation

Tues 10:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 11:

10am Mass (St G)

St Stanislaus

Thur 12:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 13:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

St Martin I

Sat 14:

11am Mass (St S.)

Sun 15: Easter II

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 4:32-35

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

PSALM RESPONSE

Give thanks to the
Lord for he is good,
for his love has no
end. (3vv)

Today's Hymns: 12 Alleluia, sing to Jesus; 34 And now, O Father; 195 From heaven you came; 672 Thine be the glory

COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 Acts.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad..

Psalm 118

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 John 5

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 20