

St Saviour's Church

13 August 2017 - (Ordinary Time 19 - Trinity 9)



In today's gospel we learn about how Jesus prays alone and, in his absence, his disciples slip into a crisis of fear and doubt. Jesus is presented as many things: teacher, guide, healer yet there is an almost parental care shown also for those of his followers. This aspect is reinforced by his scolding, albeit gentle in tone, because of their perceived lack of faith. Yet, this moment of panic and fear becomes an instance of God's grace leading us to a new kind of living.

Parish Notes:

Ecumenical Celebration of the Assumption of the BVM - St Mary's in Bute Street this evening at 8:30pm with procession, fireworks and refreshments.

Giving of Herbs during Assumptiontide - blessed herbs will be available to take home this evening at St Mary's and also this Tuesday in St Saviour's after the morning mass.

Rome Pilgrimage 2017 - Fr Phelim is hoping to lead a group to Rome between 4-8 December. There is a flyer and application form available on our website.

Hospital and Sick Visits - Please let Fr Phelim know of parishioners who are sick or in hospital and are in need of visiting.

Foodbank - It is important that donations to the Foodbank continue during the Summer otherwise this important ministry will be affected. Please continue to give as generously as you can.

This week:

Mon 14:

6pm Mass (St G.)
St Maximilian Kolbe

Tues 15:

10am Mass (St S.)
Assumption of BVM

Wed 16:

10am Mass (St G.)
St Stephen of Hungary

Thur 17:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)

Fri 18:

6pm Mass (St S.)

Sat 19:

11am Mass (St S.)
St John Eudes
2pm Wedding (St G.)

Sun 20:

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

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READINGS THIS WEEK

1 Kings 19:11-13
Ps 85
Romans 9:1-5
Matt 14:22-33

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Ps 67
Romans 11:13-15
Matt 15:21-28

PSALM RESPONSE

'Let us see, O Lord,
your mercy and give
us your saving help'

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.**

GATHERING:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise;
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee;
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love! interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace;
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind,
and fire,
O still, small voice of calm;
O still, small voice of calm.

OFFERTORY:

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed;
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee:
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

COMMUNION:

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst
me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon,
cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and
height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

FINAL HYMN:

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive, and should prevail;

And that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
in man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren,
and inspire
to suffer and to die.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS – ORDINARY TIME 19

1 KINGS 19:11-13

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

A reading from the first book of Kings

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

This is the Word of the Lord.

PSALM 85

Response: 'Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help'

- 1 I will hear what the Lord God has to say, A voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. RR
- 2 Mercy and faithfulness have met, Justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. RR
- 3 The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. RR

ROMANS 9:1-5

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

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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MATTHEW 14:22-33

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.