

St Saviour's Church

13 May 2018 - Easter VII



The Crowning of Our Lady

In many countries, and in many Christian traditions, the month of May has become a time of giving honour and devotions to Mary and so in our own way we echo the honour and dignity bestowed on Mary first by God: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42).

Parish Notes:

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers - If anyone would like to join the readers rota please see Bill. If you interested in helping as a Eucharistic minister (in Church or for home visits) please speak to Fr Phelim.

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. Booklets now available for those who would rather pray at home at a time of their choosing as well as copies of prayer journals: pray as you can, not as you can't! For other prayer resources see website.

PCC - Next meeting of the parochial church council will be on Tuesday 22 May at 7pm. 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 7 June at 6:20pm in St Saviour's. This is now for children and young people. For adult faith formation see Fr Phelim.

Croeso - latest edition is now available. Please take a copy home with you.

Rome and Montecassino Pilgrimage 3-7 December 2018 - If you'd like to go or for more details please see Fr Phelim.

Recently Departed: John Thomas, Mary Debono, Ronald Oaten *RIP*

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.**

READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 1:15-17,2—26
Ps 103
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11-19

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 4:8-12
Ps 118:1+8-9, 21-23,
26+21+29
1 John 3:1-2

MAGNIFICAT HYMN:

Please Turn Over

This week:

Sun 13 Easter VII

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 14:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

St Matthias

Tues 15:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 16:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 17:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 18:

6pm Mass (St S)

St John 1

Sat 19:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 20: Pentecost

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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GATHERING:

Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
And obedient to the summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of
the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning from the awful tree,
Saw the price of our redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heav'nly breath of God's own being
tokened in the wind and flame.

Sing the greatest joy of Mary,
when on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heav'nly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, raised
on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

MAGNIFICAT HYMN:

My soul is filled with joy
as I sing to God my saviour:
he has looked upon his servant,
he has visited his people.
And Holy is his name
through all generations!
Everlasting is his mercy
to the people he has chosen,
and holy is his name.

I am lowly as a child,
but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered
and the world will call me blessed.

I proclaim the pow'r of God!
He does marvels for his servants;

though he scatters the proud
hearted
and destroys the might of princes.

To the hungry he gives food,
sends the rich away empty.
In his mercy he is mindful
of the people he has chosen.

In his love he now fulfils
what he promised to our fathers.
I will praise the Lord, my Saviour.
Everlasting is his mercy.

OFFERTORY:

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria,
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine,
present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
Is lost in your embrace.

COMMUNION:

Sing of a girl in the ripening wheat,
flow'rs in her hand,
the sun in her hair.
All the world will run to her feet for
the child that mother will bear.

Sing of a girl that the angels
surround, dust in her hand,
and straw in her hair.
Kings and their crowns will fall to
the ground before the child that
mother will bear.

Sing of a girl on a hillside alone,
blood on her hand,
and grey in her hair.
Sing of a body broken and torn.

Oh, the child that mother will bear!

Sing of the girl that a new man
will meet, hand in his hand,
the wind in her hair.
Joy will rise as golden as wheat with
the child that mother will bear.

Sing of a girl in a circle of love,
fire on her head,
the light in her hair.
Sing of the hearts
the spirit will move to love the child
that mother will bear!

Sing of a girl
who will never grow old,
joy in her eyes and gold in her hair.
Through the ages men will be told
of the child that mother will bear.

FINAL HYMN:

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland
and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest
flower of the vale!

*O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Ah, grant that thy children
on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure
shall keep its bright hue

Sing gaily in chorus;
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains
we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating
the notes of our greeting,
for Mary herself
is the cause of our mirth

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office. ‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Acts 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

Psalm 103

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 John 4

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 17