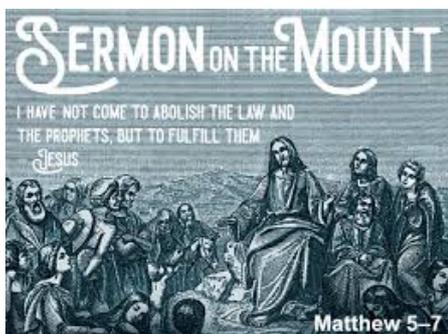


St Saviour's Church

16 February 2020 - Ordinary Time 6 (Sexagesima)



Jesus addressed the crowds who were in hurry to listen to His teaching. They are amazed with His authority. He speaks to them with strong demand and points out that we are children of God and brothers and sister to each other, in the attempt to give the full meaning of the precept of the Jewish law. The evangelist, in locating the first discourse of Jesus on the mountain, wished to draw the attention to the readers the image of Moses giving the Law on Mount Sinai. This teaching takes place as Jesus is seated, a position that recalls the attitude of the Jewish rabbi interpreting Scripture to his disciples. It is difficult to capture the richness of the themes that run through long speech, as some scholars prefer to call it "the evangelical words of Jesus"(cf. 7:28). Our call is to hear them afresh, as if directed at each of us directly, as if we too were on that mountain listening to Jesus, our teacher, our Rabbi.

Parish Notes:

PCC & Electoral Roll - Roll needs to be renewed in 2020 and everyone has to reregister. All those eligible (those aged over 16 who are confirmed) Should fill in a new form. Please see Wendy, our Electoral Roll Registrar. The next PCC meeting is Tue 25 Feb at 7pm in the hall..

Congratulations - To Barbara & Bernard Dawes who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in the week just past. We wish them every blessing for the years to come.

Weekday Masses - As normal this week in St Saviour's with Fr Jesse Smith. No masses in St German's on Monday or Wednesday.

Walsingham Pilgrimage - Accommodation, Meals, and Transport £290 (£165 for those aged 5-16 years) Accommodation and meals only £215 (£130 for those aged 5-16 years) Children under the age of 5 free. Full payment is due the 1st July, 2020. For more details see Liz. Non returnable deposit of £20 to secure a place.

Sponsored Walk from Llanwonno to the Shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys Sat 15 August 2020. Please keep this date in your diary. In this Year of Pilgrimage we are encouraging as many as possible to get involved. You can walk, run on even ride your bike! Alternatively you could welcome the walkers as they reach the Shrine and join us for Mass. More details to follow.

Sanctuary lamps are available. Please fill in the forms at the back of church with your dedication and give your £4 donation to John.

Ash Wednesday 26 February. Please return your Palm Crosses for burning. Our Lenten Charity for 2020 will be?

I Ffordd Tangnefedd - this evening in St German's at 6pm for a Compline Service. We begin with coffee at 6pm followed by a time of reflective prayer and then, hopefully, a visit to a local pub for fellowship. Lectio Divina next week.

Nightshelter - Rota for February and March now available. Nightshelter finishes at the end of March. Many thanks to all who give generously of their time.

Church Times - recent editions are available to take away at the back of the church.

Recently Departed: Kenneth Lewis, Marina Williams *RIP*.

This week:

Sun 16:
Sexagesima (OT6)

St Saviour's:
9:30 Sung Mass;
St German's:
8am Nightshelter Mass
11:00 am Sung Mass
6:00pm I Ffordd
Tangnefedd - Compline

Mon 10:
No Mass (St G)

Tues 11:
10am Mass (St S)

Wed 12:
No Mass (St G)

Thur 13:
5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 14:
No Mass

Sat 15:
11am Mass (St S)
Chair of Peter

Sun 16:
Quinquagesima (OT7)

St Saviour's:
9:30 Sung Mass;
St German's:
8am Nightshelter Mass
11:00 am Sung Mass
6:00pm IFT - Lectio
Divina (Contemplative
service)

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Sir 15:16-21
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18,
33-34
1 Cor 2:6-10
Matt 5:17-37

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8+10,
12-13
1 Cor 3:16-23
Matt 5:38-48

PSALM RESPONSE

They are happy who
follow God's law
(vv.4)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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:

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest,
to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest,
the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish,
but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory,
pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render,

O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor
of light hideth Thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

OFFERTORY:

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

**He said: 'Freely, freely,
you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in My name,
and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'**

All power is given in Jesus' name
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.

God gives us life in Jesus' name,
He lives in us in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to.

COMMUNION:

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness,
making you free,
take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness,
making you free.
Take it and drink it,
and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon shall I go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you,
and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit,
how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you
how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

FINAL HYMN:

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change
and chance He guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone
Calls my heart to be His own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray His trust;
What with care and toil He buildeth,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep His wisdom, passing thought:
Splendor, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from His store
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at His hand;
Joy doth wait on His command.

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ, His Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

This is the word of the Lord.

Sirach 15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

They are happy who follow God's law!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. *R/*

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. *R/*

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law. *R/*

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. *R/*

Psalms 118

SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not

have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.* These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Cor 2

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ‘You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.” But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, “You fool”, you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for

you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ‘It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.” But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Matt 5