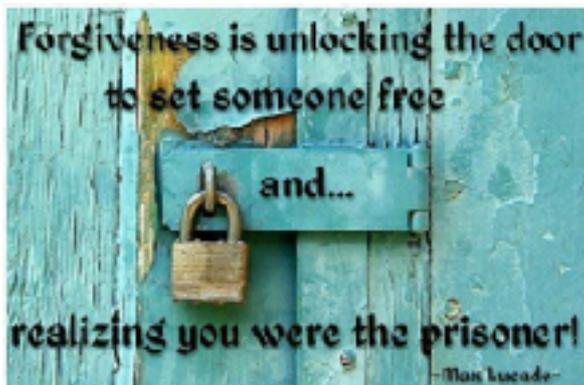


# St Saviour's Church

17 September 2017 - (Ordinary Time 24 - Trinity 14)



Why does Christ command us to forgive? Why not try something more realistic like, turn the other cheek and walk away or 'Turn away and forget about it'. Perhaps his command to us that we must practice forgiveness is because God forgave us first. God hasn't just forgotten or walked away but gets involved. Also, God knows how corrosive 'not-forgiving' can be to souls that yearn to love and follow him.

## Parish Notes:

**Benediction and Taize Music** - This evening at 6pm in the Church. Please join us for a time of quiet prayer and thanksgiving for the beauty of God's creation.

**PCC Meeting** - this Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 7pm in the hall. We hope to finalise arrangements for the extraordinary AGM at this meeting and the election of a new warden. All are welcome but only members on the electoral roll can vote. If you would like to fill in an electoral roll form then see Fr Phelim or Glyn.

**Back to Church Sunday 24 September** - Please take a card (or two) today so as to invite a friend, family member or former Church goer to join us next Sunday in Church. In this case it is the personal invitation that matters the most.

**Harvest Celebration next week** 24 September followed by brunch after mass.

**Cardiff Foodbank** - Please continue to support our foodbank. Urgent items: tinned tomatoes, fruit juice (concentrate), rice pudding tins, sponge pudding, tinned fruit. Not currently needed: beans, breakfast cereals, tea bags.

**Confirmation** - For those who have not yet been confirmed but would like to be (adults or children) please contact Fr Phelim. Details of classes in due course.

**Newsletter and Sunday Readings** - available on our website each week.

**Cardiff Churches Nightshelter** - we are hoping to join the Churches Nightshelter this Winter and are looking for interested people who might help us care for, feed and shelter some homeless people for one night a week. It will probably take place in St German's Hall on a Saturday evening. (see our website for more details).

## This week:

### Mon 18:

6pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 19:

10am Mass (St S.)

St Theodore of Tarsus

### Wed 20:

10am Mass (St G.)

Sts & Martyrs

Australasia and Pacific

### Thur 21:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)

ST MATTHEW, apostle

### Fri 22:

6pm Mass (St S.)

### Sat 23:

11am Mass (St S.)

St Pius of Pietrelcina

### Sun 24:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Eccles. 27:30—28:7

Ps 103:

Rom 14:7-9

Matt 18:21-35

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 55:6-9

Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Phil1:20-24,27

Matt 20:1-16

## PSALM RESPONSE

**'The Lord is  
compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich  
in mercy.' (4vs)**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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:**

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me,  
who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God,  
shouldst die for me?

**Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God,  
shouldst die for me?**

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love Divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed  
Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness Divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ  
my own.

**OFFERTORY:**

Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,

or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race  
and now, from sin released,  
behold your Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good or ill,  
who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above:  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise!

**COMMUNION:**

Praise the Lord:  
ye heavens, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God hath made His saints victorious;

Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
Hosts on high, His power proclaim.  
Heaven and earth and all creation,  
Laud and magnify His name.

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer unto Thee.  
Young and old,  
Thy praise expressing,  
In glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in Heaven adore Thee;  
We would bow before Thy throne.  
As Thine angels serve before Thee,  
So on earth Thy will be done.

**FINAL HYMN:**

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all,  
on Calvary's tree,  
and having with us him  
that pleads above,  
we here present,  
we here spread forth to thee  
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look  
on his anointed face,  
and only look on us as found in him;  
look not on our misusings  
of thy grace,  
our prayer so languid,  
and our faith so dim:  
for lo, between our sins  
and their reward  
we set the passion  
of thy Son our Lord.

And so we come:  
O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Saviour,  
who canst love us still;  
and by this food,  
so awful and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service  
make us glad and free,  
and grant us never more  
to part with thee.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS – ORDINARY TIME 24

### ECCLES. 27:30-28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creatures of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### PSALM 95

**Response: 'The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.'**

1 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. R/

2 It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. R/

3 His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. R/

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

### ROMANS 14: 7-9

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

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living

This is the Word of the Lord.

### MATTHEW 18:21-35

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

'Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.

When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.

So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.