

St Saviour's Church

1 Sept 2019 - Trinity 11 (OT 22)

Understanding Jesus: All who Exalt Themselves will be Humbled



The imagery of God's Kingdom as a great banquet is rich in Christian tradition. Jesus in today's gospel teaches about how one should approach this great feast - humbly and with no great thoughts about oneself. Places of honour at a table, a committee meeting or even in a church often say more about our egos and inadequacies instead of our commitment to serve, to care, to reach out to those who need us. Today we pray for the grace to live like Jesus in all things and not least in humility and gratitude that we are invited to the table of the Lord.

Parish Notes:

Messy Church - the next Messy Church is on Sunday

6 October at 4pm in St Saviour's - theme: St Francis of Assisi.

Faith Groups - We hope to launch again the faith and theology discussion group 'Faith QI' this coming Autumn. We will also have trial a **book club** when we will read and discuss a book on faith and spirituality. The first book to be explored is 'Does Religion Do More Harm Than Good?' by Rupert Shortt, which looks at some challenges to religion today by modern atheism and whether religious believe is still reasonable, rational and worthy of our commitment and respect.

PCC Meeting - the next PCC meeting is on Tuesday 24 September at 7pm in St Saviour's.

Festival of Faith - Saturday 14 September - All Saints, North Street, Shrewsbury. Mass at 12 noon.

Harvest Festival Sat 29 Sept. We're collecting food/toiletry/sanitary items for Cardiff Foodbank

McMillan Coffee Morning after Mass Sunday 13 October - Donations of cakes and bakes needed!

Walsingham Festival - Sat 19 October, St. Mary's Butetown (for details see the poster in the hall)

Autumn Confirmation Dates - Diocesan confirmation in the Cathedral with Bishop Philip North on Thursday 3 October at 7:30pm. Other dates are available with Bishop June: Sunday 24 November in Ely or Sunday 1 December in Llandaff Cathedral. If you would like to be confirmed this Autumn please see Fr Phelim. Back to Church Sunday -

Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage 2019 - 2-6 December. If you are interested in going please see Fr Phelim. Cost of flights from Bristol, transfers and transport in Rome and to Assisi will be £250.

Recently Departed: Peter Alan Mapstone, Terence Clive James, Maureen Ttophi, Jennifer Freedman RIP

This week:

Sun 1: Trinity 11 (OT 22)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 2:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 3:

10am Mass (St S)

St Gregory

Wed 4:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 5:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 6:

6pm Mass (St S)

Sat 7:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 8: Trinity 12 (OT 23)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14:1, 7-14

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Wis 9:13-18b

Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,

14+17

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

PSALM RESPONSE

In your goodness, O
God, you prepared a
home for the poor.
(3vv)

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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:

1 Firmly I believe and truly God is Three and God is One; and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son.

2 And I trust and hope most fully in that manhood crucified; and each thought and deed unruly do to death, as he has died.

3 Simply to his grace and wholly light and life and strength belong, and I love supremely, solely, him the holy, him the strong.

4 And I hold in veneration, for the love of him alone, Holy Church as his creation, and her teachings as his own.

5 Adoration ay be given, with and through the angelic host, to the God of earth and heaven, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY:

Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me,
save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought

in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
be Thou ever with me,
and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father,
and I Thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate,
my Sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole Armour,
be Thou my true Might;
be Thou my soul's Shelter,
be Thou my strong Tow'r,
O raise Thou me heav'nward,
great Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise;
be Thou mine inheritance,
now and always;
be Thou and Thou only
the first in my heart,
O high King of heaven,
my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven,
Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys,
after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.

COMMUNION:

There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own son,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy one,

Jesus my redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,
Oh, for sinners slain.

**Thank you oh my father,
For giving us your son,
And leaving your spirit,
'til the work on earth is done.**

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
And there I'll serve my king forever,
In that holy place.

There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own son,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy one,

FINAL HYMN:

O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru-out
the universe displayed!

*Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!* (x2)

When thru the woods
and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the
gentle breeze, **(Chorus)**

And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my
sin! **(Chorus)**

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how
great Thou art! **(Chorus)**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

This is the word of the Lord.

Sir 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice
at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord,
make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord,
exult at his presence. *R/*

Father of the orphan,
defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely
a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth
into freedom: *R/*

You poured down,
O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved
you gave them new life.
It was there that your people
found a home,
prepared in your goodness,
O God, for the poor. *R/*

Psalms 68

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the letter to the Hebrews.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total

darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

This is the word of the Lord.

Heb 12

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and

you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 14