

St Saviour's Church

22 Sept 2019 - Trinity 14 (OT 25)



The challenge of living with wealth, real or comparative, is reduced to a simple option in today's gospel: no one can serve two masters. The attraction of holding on to the riches that have come our way and choosing how much of these to use for our own purposes remains always great. Yet, this little phrase is both a warning and an encouragement to look for the sources of real wealth in our lives. The warning comes from puncturing our illusions that our wealth is remote from the pursuit of discipleship - that somehow we can follow Christ and ignore how greatly we are blessed in worldly wealth. The good news comes in the reminder that there is something greater than all the wealth in the world: knowing and following Jesus Christ our Lord.

Parish Notes:

A warm welcome to our new ordinand Natasha Quinn Thomas from St Asaph Diocese.

Messy Church - is on Sunday 6 October at 4pm in St Saviour's - theme: St Francis of Assisi.

Benediction and Vespers - in St Saviour's this evening at 6pm. All are welcome.

Foodbank - Many thanks to everyone for donating 296.4kgs of food. Urgent items: Tinned fruit, Long life fruit juice, UHT milk, Rice pudding, Sponge puddings, Tinned potatoes, Tinned fish, coffee and pasta/curry sauces.

PCC Meeting - next PCC meeting is this Tuesday 24 Sept at 7pm in St Saviour's.

Faith Groups - Our groups launch on the first week of October. **Book Clubs:** We hope to look at four books through the course of the year. We meet after mass on Mondays to look at Henri Nouwen's 'Return of the Prodigal Son' and after mass on Tuesday's for Rupert Shortt's 'Does Religion do more harm than good'. Copies will be available for those interested in coming weeks. **Faith QI** faith discussion group will be topical and take place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm once a month in each church (1st Wed in St Saviour's and 3rd Wednesday in St German's). If some aspect of church life interests you let Fr Phelim know.

Autumn Confirmation Dates - Diocesan confirmation in the Cathedral with Bishop Philip North on Thurs 3 Oct at 7:30pm. Other dates are available with Bishop June: Sun 24 Nov in Ely or Sunday 1 Dec in Llandaff Cathedral. For more details please see Fr Phelim.

Harvest Festival Sat 29 Sept. donations for Cardiff Foodbank needed. Tinned, packet foods, toiletries, sanitary items. After Mass David and Wendy will serve sausage sandwiches!

McMillan Coffee Morning after Mass Sun 13 Oct - Donations of cakes and bakes needed!

Walsingham Festival - Sat 19 October, St. Mary's Butetown (for details see the poster in the hall). Next year's pilgrimage to our Lady's shrine at Walsingham is from 20-23 July 2020

Street Party - today from 1-3pm at the end of Railway Street to celebrate a tree nominated for an award. Celebrating community and urban nature. Open to all.

Faithful Departed: We pray for all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors: 'Through the Mercy of God, may they rest in eternal peace. Amen.'

This week:

Sun 22: Trinity 14 (OT 25)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)
11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 23:

6pm Mass (St G)
St Pius of Pietrelcina

Tues 24:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 25:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 26:

5:45pm Mass (St S)
SS. Cosmas and Damian

Fri 27:

6pm Mass (St S)
St Vincent de Paul

Sat 28:

11am Mass
St Wenceslas

Sun 29: Trinity 15 (OT 26)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Amos 8:4-7
Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 Tim 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 28:10-17
Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10
Revelation 12:7-12
John 1:47-51

PSALM RESPONSE

Praise the Lord who
raises the poor. (3vv)

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:

Jesus, stand among us
At the meeting of our lives;
Be our sweet agreement
At the meeting of our eyes.

*O Jesus, we love You,
so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity
and take away our fear.*

So to You we're gathering
Out of each and every land;
Christ the love between us
At the joining of our hands.

Jesus, stand among us
At the breaking of the bread
Join us one body
As we worship You our Head

OFFERTORY:

**There is a longing
in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing
in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.**

1. For justice, for freedom,
for mercy, hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief,
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

2. For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort, hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear,
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

3. For healing, for wholeness,
for new life, hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death,
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

4. Lord save us, take pity,
light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait,
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

COMMUNION:

How sweet the Name
of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows,
heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded
spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the Rock
on which I build,
My Shield and Hiding Place,
My never failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! my Shepherd,
Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my Life,
my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would
Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy Name
Refresh my soul in death!

FINAL HYMN:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste
of glory divine!
Heir of salvation,
purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit,
washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour
all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour
all the day long.*

Perfect submission,
perfect delight,
Visions of rapture
now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending,
bring from above
Echoes of mercy,
whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour
am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting,
looking above,
Filled with His goodness,
lost in His love

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Exodus.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Exodus 32

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Praise the Lord,
who raises the poor.**

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! *R/*

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look
down,
O look down upon heaven and earth? *R/*

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. *R/*
Psalm 113

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from St Paul's first letter to Timothy.

Pray for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved. My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will

please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Tim 1

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they

may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 16