

St Saviour's Church

23 July 2017 - (Ordinary Time 16 - Trinity 6)

Discerning Wheat from Weeds



Wheat and Darnel are mentioned in this Sunday's gospel. One gives food and sustenance whereas the other is poisonous. The difficulty lies in the fact that they look so similar whilst growing and can only be separated when the harvest is due. Discerning what sustains life and what threatens to take it away is always before the Church and individuals who seek to do the will of God.

Parish Notes:

Rome Pilgrimage 2017 - Fr Phelim is hoping to lead a group to Rome between 4-8 December. We hope to fly from Bristol and stay in a variety of hotels in and around Santa Maria Maggiore. If you are interested please let Fr Phelim know. There is a flyer and application form available on our website and at the back of the Church. **No Masses this week** due to the Walsingham pilgrimage and clergy holidays. Weekday masses resume as normal on the week beginning 31 July.

Hospital and Sick Visits - Please let Fr Phelim know of parishioners who are sick or in hospital and are in need of visiting.

Foodbank - It is important that donations to the Foodbank continue during the Summer otherwise this important ministry will be affected. Please continue to give as generously as you can.

Parish Summary - Thank you to everyone who helped us identify some key aspects of our life here in St Saviour's. Thanks too to those people who identified some areas for us to develop. We hope to finish the report by the middle of August and will publish it on our website. If you weren't able to add something to the discussion board last week please feel free to share your ideas with Fr Phelim directly.

Churchwardens - Last week we announced that Glyn and Rachel have stepped down as Churchwardens and again we'd like to offer a sincere 'thank you' to them for the deep levels of generosity and care they've shown to the clergy and parishioners these last few years.

Usual Weekday Masses:

No weekday services this week

Mon 24:

6pm Mass (St G.)

Tues 25:

10am Mass (St S.)

Wed 26:

10am Mass (St G.)

Thur 27:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)

Fri 28:

6pm Mass (St S.)

Sat 29:

11am Mass (St S.)

Sun 30:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Wisdom 12:13,16-19;
Ps 86 ,
Romans 8:26-27;
Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

READINGS NEXT WEEK

1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Ps 119
Romans 8:28-30
Matt 13:44-52

PSALM RESPONSE

**O Lord, you are good
and forgiving.**

COLLECT:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING:

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

OFFERTORY:

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts,
Lord at the end of the day.

COMMUNION:

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)**

FINAL HYMN:

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him:
the Lord is his Name!

Low at his feet
lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart
he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows,
and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps
as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter
his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth
thou wouldst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty,
and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings
to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept
for the Name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of
tearfulness,
trust for our trembling
and hope for our fear.

WISDOM 12:13,16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

PSALM 85

Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

Response.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **Response**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

Response

ROMANS 8:26-27:

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

MATTHEW 13: 24-30, 36-43

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." "

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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