

St Saviour's Church

26 January 2020 - Ordinary Time 3 (Epiphany 3)



Follow me and you will become fishers of people. What a promise from Jesus! Indeed, what a commitment to undertake by us! We all have some idea as to what following Jesus means - it mostly means listening wholeheartedly to his words and teachings and doing our best to put these into practice in our own lives. Yet, how does one become a fisher of people? Shouldn't we really leave this to the experts - those who trained in this or who even have a qualification in it? Yet, this is exactly the point - following Jesus is all the qualification we need - in short we are precisely the experts our church needs.

Parish Notes:

I Ffordd Tangnefedd - Starts this evening 26 January 2020 at 6:00pm. A new contemplative service that is especially open to those who struggle with traditional services. Services will begin with coffee at 6pm followed by a time of reflective prayer and then, hopefully, involve a visit to a local pub for fellowship. Tonight we will have Taize style prayer and next week a Labyrinth based contemplation.

Nightshelter - If you would like to help in any way please contact Fr Phelim. Please pray for our guests and helpers. Rota for February now available. Nightshelter finishes at the end of March.

Faith QI - Our faith nurturing discussion group next meets on Wed 5 February in St Saviour's at 7pm. The next topic will look at 'The Sacraments'. This is open to all who are curious to learn more about our faith. Please see Fr Phelim for details.

PCC - The next Parochial Church Council meeting is on Tuesday 25 Feb at 7pm

Book Group - Starts up in St Saviour's after mass on Tuesday 4 February at 11am. The next book will be Henri Nouwen's 'The Return of the Prodigal Son'. If you'd like to borrow a copy please let Fr Phelim know.

Foodbank - Current urgent items: Tinned Fruit, Long life fruit juice, UHT milk, Rice Pudding, Sponge Puddings. Tinned potatoes.

Choir Practice - Meeting to look at music for the coming few months in St Saviour's on Tuesday 28 January at 6:30pm. Open to everyone.

Messy Church - The next Messy Church will be in St Saviour's on 1 March at 4pm. Theme: St David of Wales. All are welcome.

Recently Departed: Kenneth Vivian Perry, *RIP*.

This week:

Sun 26: Epiphany 3 (OT3)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8am Nightshelter Mass

11:00 am Sung Mass

6:30pm I Ffordd

Tangnefedd

Mon 27:

10am Funeral (St S)

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 28:

10am Mass (St S)

St Thomas Aquinas

Wed 29:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 30:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 31:

No Mass

St John Bosco

Sat 1:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 2: The Presentation of the Lord

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8am Nightshelter Mass

11:00 am Sung Mass

6:30pm I Ffordd

Tangnefedd

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 8:23b—9:3

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Matt 4:12-23

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Heb 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord is my light
and my help. (vv.3)

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed,
restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon,
bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace

OFFERTORY:

Gifts of bread and wine,
gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken;
words of one who died:

*'Take my body,
take my saving blood.'*
*Gifts of bread and wine:
Christ our Lord.*

Christ our Saviour,
living presence here,
as He promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you
in this bread and wine.'

'Take my body....

Through the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in prayer,
faith is strengthened
by the food we share.

'Take my body...

COMMUNION:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise;
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee;
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love! interpreted by
love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and
stress,

and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace;
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our
desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind,
and fire,
O still, small voice of calm;
O still, small voice of calm.

FINAL HYMN:

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.
He whose Word cannot be broken
formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord,
the Giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them
when on their way.

4 Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name.
Fading are the world's
best pleasures,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.

Isa 8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? *R/*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. *R/*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! *R/*

Psalms 27

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between

you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Cor 1

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Matt 14