

St Saviour's Church

29 April 2018 - Easter V



As branches of the true vine, we always seek to be ever more one with the Vine, that is, our Lord Jesus. In our Sunday Eucharist, we drink of his Word the good sap, seeking to penetrate ever deeper so as to absorb the hidden nourishment that transmits to us what is truly life giving. In the gospel passage we pay attention to the words, the verbs, the expressions Jesus uses and which recall other passages of divine Scripture and, thus, we let myself be purified. In Holy Communion we bring into our bodies the spiritual food that can sustain us and allow us to reach out to those who hunger and yearn to believe and to belong.

Parish Notes:

Sick Visits - If you know of anyone who'd like a visit please contact Fr Phelim.

Thy Kingdom Come Novena - Advance notice that we will be joining in the world wide movement of prayer between 11-20 May (Ascension to Pentecost). We hope to have a time of prayer in each of our Churches for 30 minutes each day (0630 in St Saviour's and 1830 in St German's). We will follow the themes set out for this year's novena. We will also produce booklets for those who would rather pray at home at a time of their choosing: pray as you can, not as you can't!

Moorland PS - Please pray for our local school as they host inspectors this week.

Prize Draw - Many thanks to everyone who so generously donated prizes and bought tickets for our Spring Prize Draw. We raised £660 for Church Funds.

Confirmation Classes - The next meeting will be this Thurs 10 May at 6:20pm in St Saviour's. This is also for those wanting to deepen their understanding of faith.

Lent Charity - Please return any Lenten Collection boxes as soon as you can. Over £550 has so far been raised for the Lasallian World Developing Project. Thank you all for your kind generosity. Brother John Deeney of the De La Salle community will visit us on 8 July to talk about their work and ministry with young people & schools.

Croeso - latest edition is now available. Please take a copy home with you.

Rome and Montecassino Pilgrimage 3-8 December 2018 - If you'd like to go or for more details please see Fr Phelim.

Recently Departed: Matthew Andrews, Susan Smith, Rene Pliska *RIP*

This week:

Sun 29 Easter V

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 30:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

Tues 1:

10am Mass (St S)

St Joseph the Worker

Wed 2:

10am Mass (St G)

Sts Philip & James

Thur 3:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 4: No Friday mass this week (St S)

Sat 5:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 6: Easter V

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,
44-48
Ps 98:1, 2-3a, 3b-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

PSALM RESPONSE

You, Lord, are my
praise in the great
assembly. (3vv)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING:

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all
in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe
and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John;
they came with me
and the Dance went on. [Refrain]

I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high;
and they left me there
on a cross to die. [Refrain]

I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back;
they buried my body
and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance,
and I still go on. [Refrain]

They cut me down
and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.
[Refrain]

OFFERTORY:

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes
through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts
are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

3 God is Love:
and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

COMMUNION:

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness,
making you free,
take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness,
making you free.
Take it and drink it,
and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon shall I go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you,
and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit,
how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you
how to be free; serve one another,
and when you do,
do it in love for me.

FINAL HYMN:

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

**Rejoice, and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

Blest are they, the lowly ones:
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they,
who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Blest are they, who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God!

Blest are they, who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you, who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
yours is the kingdom of God;
shine for all to see.

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay
before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat
and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord,
those who seek him.
May their hearts live
for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember
and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations
worship before him;
They shall worship him,
all the mighty of the earth;

before him shall bow
all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him,
my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord

to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness
to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'
Psalm 22

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 John 3

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,

because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 10