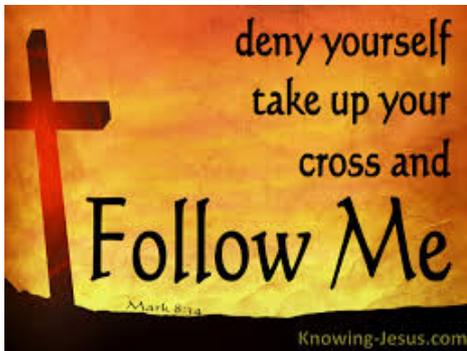


St Saviour's Church

30 August 2020 - Ordinary Time 22 (12th after Trinity)



What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? To follow him, to walk in his steps, to do as he does to obey his teachings? All of these and more! In today's gospel we hear three more conditions: renunciation of self, the taking up of one's cross and following him. To renounce oneself means not to focus one's life on our own wishes and desires but on those of God and on the plan of his Reign. This implies an acceptance of adversity and putting up with difficulties. Jesus himself left us his example of how to deal with such circumstances. To be a disciple it often suffices to imitate him (or at least to try).

Parish Notes:

Next Sunday - Reserve your seat at St Saviour's mass via Liz on 07718018846.

Condolences - Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to Tracey, Julie and the wider Mansell family at this time as they grieve the loss of Phyllis. Our whole community will miss her sorely as she brought much light, warmth and humour to our church. May she rest in peace. Funeral details in due course.

Thank You - a heartfelt thank you to all have supported St Saviour's financially over these past few months. The selfless generosity of our community is very much appreciated. Indeed, your generosity has ensured that we can continue to serve and worship God and build up the Kingdom in this part of the world. Deo Gratia!

Fundraising and Sponsorship - recent events so far have raised over £440. Thanks again to those who walked or cycled to Penrhys and those who backed them.

Back to Church Sunday - 20 Sept 2020 - We hope to revisit the practice of recent years and setting aside one Sunday each year as a time when we invite our friends and family members to join us in church. The focus is on invitation and having the courage to ask someone. More details on this and what else we can do to grow spiritually and numerically in the coming weeks.

Make and Mend - there will be a general repair/clean/tidy up day of the church, inside and out on Sat 12 Sept from 10am. Bring your own lunch.

Public Worship - Please attend carefully to the safety instructions, posters and guidance from stewards and parish officers during the services. During Holy Communion please stay in your seats and Fr Phelim will bring Holy Communion to you. Social distancing remains our key safety precaution. Face coverings may be worn, according to Welsh government guidance, but are not compulsory. We are not yet able to share communion from the chalice or exchange the peace.

Faith Nurturing - Next meets on Wed 16 Sept at 7pm. 'In Search of a Way' by G. Hughes SJ. at 7pm via Zoom. Contact Fr Phelim for details. We'll look at chapters -4-6.

Recently Departed - Phyllis Mansell *RIP*

Services This Week

Sun 30 - 12th Sunday after Trinity (OT22)

09:30 Mass (St Saviour)
11.00 Mass (St German)
Cardiff Deanery, Stewark Lisk (AD), United Church of South India

Mon 31:

18:00 Mass (St G)
St Aidan

Tue 1:

10:00 Mass (St S)

Wed 2:

10:00 Mass (St G)
Martyrs of Papua New Guinea

Thur 3:

17:45 Mass (St S)
St Gregory the Great

Friday 4:

No Mass today

Saturday 5:

No Mass today

Sun 6 - 13th Sunday after Trinity (OT23)

09:30 Mass (St Saviour)
11.00 Mass (St German)
Christ Church, Roath Park,
Trystan Hughes (PinC),
Anglican Church of South Africa.

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Jer 20:7-9
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Rom 12:1-2
Matt 16:21-27

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Ezek 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9
Rom 13:8-10
Matt 18:15-20

PSALM:

**For you my soul is
thirsting, O Lord, my
God.**

TODAY'S MUSIC

Make way, make way.
Be thou my vision.
As the deer pants.
He who would valiant be.

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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Jer 20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord, my God.**

O God, you are my God for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R/**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R/**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R/**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast **R/**

Psalm 63

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do..

This is the word of the Lord.

Romans 12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 16