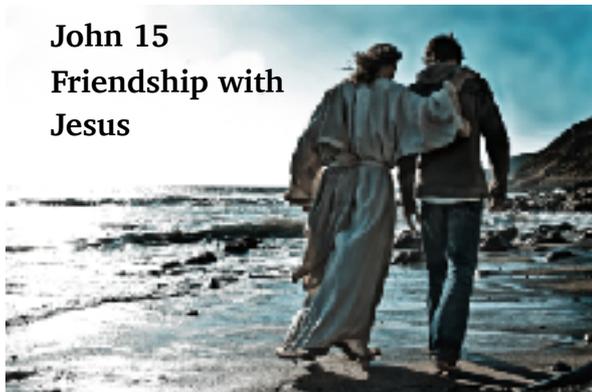


St Saviour's Church

6 May 2018 - Easter VI

John 15 Friendship with Jesus



“You are my friends if you do what I command you” says Jesus in today’s gospel. He calls us friends and by so doing alludes to the loving intimacy we can have with God (if we want it). God bestows many gifts on us in life and not least of this is the gift of friendship. Exploring friendship with Jesus is one of the greatest ways to pray and live as a disciple of Christ. Loving friendship with God and others is our goal and mission.

Parish Notes:

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers - If anyone would like to join the readers rota please see Bill. If you interested in helping as a Eucharistic minister (in Church or for home visits) please speak to Fr Phelim.

Ascension Day - We will celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Christ on Thurs 10 May with a masses with hymns at 11am in St German’s and 5:45pm at St Saviour’s.

Thy Kingdom Come Novena - 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!

PCC - Next meeting of the parochial church council will be on Tuesday 22 May at 7pm. At this meeting we will consider some review questions from Bishop June and confirming the officers of the PCC for the coming year.

Confirmation Classes - Next meets on Thurs 10 May at 6:20pm in St Saviour’s. This is now for children and young people. For adult faith formation see Fr Phelim.

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

Rome and Montecassino Pilgrimage 3-7 December 2018 - If you’d like to go or for more details please see Fr Phelim.

Recently Departed: Susan Smith, Mary Debono, Ronald Oaten *RIP*

This week:

Sun 6 Easter VI

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

1:30 Baptism (St G)

Mon 7:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

Tues 8:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 9:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 10:

11am Mass (St G)

5:45pm Mass (St S)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Fri 11:

6pm Mass (St S)

Sat 12:

11am Mass (St S)

Sts Nereus & Achilleus

Sun 13: Easter VII

St Saviour’s:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German’s:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS 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

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Eph 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord has shown
his salvation to the
nations (3vv)

COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING:

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight: all the angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came; faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast, filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true. Look to him, your Saviour, in temptations' hour; let his will enfold you

in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now

OFFERTORY:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

**Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! I triumph gain; God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

COMMUNION:

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor

and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love, whom angels delight to worship above! Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze, in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

FINAL HYMN:

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia! Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia! enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia! lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia! He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia! take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia! yet he loves the earth he leaves. Alleluia! Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia! his atoning death he pleads, Alleluia! near himself prepares our place, Alleluia! he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!

There we shall with you remain,
Alleluia!
partners of your endless reign, Alleluia!
see you with unclouded view, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in you.
Alleluia!

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.
This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord has shown
his salvation to the nations.**

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known
his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered
his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Psalms 98

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 John 4

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have

heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 15