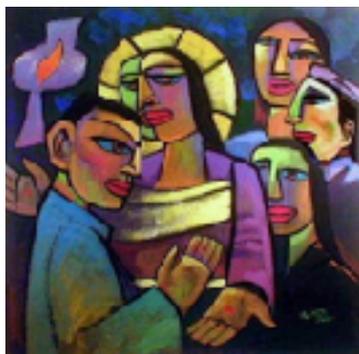


St Saviour's Church

8 April 2018 - Easter II



“The blessedness of believing without seeing came from the experience of the early church. Jesus is not moralising, but inviting Thomas - and us - to celebrate great people of faith, in our local communities and worldwide, who take up their cross with confidence in the resurrection”. (*Michel de Verteuil, Year B Lectio Divina*). Today we are called to celebrate the resurrection faith that is alive in our own communities and the people who make up our parish.

Parish Notes:

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

Weekday mass: Slight change to Monday's mass time as the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary are celebrating a transferred mass of the Annunciation at 7:30pm in St German's (instead of 25 March which was Palm Sunday). All are welcome.

Altar Linen - we need help with the ongoing care of the altar linen. If possible we'd like to arrange a team to take turns in this. Please see Fr Phelim or the wardens.

Ron Judd - Birthday Celebration for Ron on Sunday 22 April at 4pm. If you'd like to join some of us at his residence please let Liz know.

The Annual Vestry Meeting takes place on Tuesday 17 April at 7:00pm – forms for the nomination and election of a People's Warden and of Parochial Church Council Members are available to sign at the back of the Church. The meeting is open to everyone but questions must be put in writing in advance. Only members of the electoral may vote in the case of an election.

Thy Kingdom Come Novena - Advance notice that we will be joining in the world wide movement of prayer between 10-20 May (Ascension to Pentecost).

Confirmation Classes - The next meeting will be this Thurs 19 April 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.

Final deposits for this year's Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham by next Sunday 15th April.

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

Prize draw takes place after Mass next Sun 15 April. Draw tickets still available, counterfoils, monies returned and prizes by Sunday 8th April please.

Recently Departed: Peter Paul Attard *RIP*

This week:

Sun 8 Easter II

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 9:

7:30pm Mass (St G)

The Annunciation

Tues 10:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 11:

10am Mass (St G)

St Stanislaus

Thur 12:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 13:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

St Martin I

Sat 14:

11am Mass (St S.)

Sun 15: Easter II

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

Parish Priest:

Fr Phelim O'Hare,

02922 411229,

phelimohare@gmail.com

(Day off - Friday)

Churchwardens:

Bill Eastwood

07800 946949

Suzy Alabere

02920 331217

www.saintgermanwith

saintsaviour.org

READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 4:32-35

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

PSALM RESPONSE

Give thanks to the
Lord for he is good,
for his love has no
end. (3vv)

COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

GATHERING:

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight
received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea

OFFERTORY:

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world,
shine upon us
Set us free by the truth
you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

**Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land
with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations
with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light**

Lord, I come to
your awesome presence
From the shadows
into your radiance
By the blood I may
enter your brightness
Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your
kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives
tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

COMMUNION:

**We have been told.
We've seen his face
and heard his voice
alive in our hearts.
Live in my love
with all your heart.
As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.**

I am the vine; you are the branches,
and all who live in me
will bear great fruit.

Refrain:

You are my friends,
if you keep my commands,
no longer slaves; I call you friends.

Refrain:

No greater love is there than this:
to lay down one's life for a friend.

Refrain:**FINAL HYMN:**

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from His piercèd side;
praise we Him whose love divine
gives His sacred blood for wine,
gives His body for the feast,
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel
sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave
that drowns the foe.
Praise we Him,
whose blood was shed,
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky,
pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light;
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let the sons of Aaron say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let those who fear the Lord say:
‘His love has no end.’

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad..
Psalm 118

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 John 5

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 20