

St Saviour's Church

9 August 2020 - Ordinary Time 19 (9th after Trinity)



Jesus becomes aware that the disciples are in crisis; their boat is far out on the lake, they are battling against a high wind, he walks on the water to meet them. This is a deeply symbolical act in the Bible, since the Jews saw the sea as evil, the dwelling place of terrifying monsters. Jesus walking on the water then, especially in a story, is a deeply moving picture of the good person walking boldly and confidently into an evil environment. [Here again we can make the link to the time Jesus spent in prayer that preceded this miracle:] it is because he was faithful to solitary prayer that he had the power to walk on water.' (Michel de Verteuil, *Lectio Divina* year A).

Parish Notes:

Year of Pilgrimage - To mark our province's centenary year we hope to travel to the Shrine of Our Lady at Penrhys this coming Saturday 15 August (feast of the Assumption). Fr Phelim will be leading a group of cyclists departing the church at 9:30am and meeting up with the rest of our community for a 12 noon praying of the Angelus. For walkers please meet at Llanwonno (St Wonno's Church) for the walk up to the shrine. Please bring your own food and drink. For any other details contact Fr Phelim or Liz.

Parish Draw - Many thanks to all who contributed to our parish draw. So far, we've raised over £800 - a huge achievement given these difficult circumstances.

Make and Mend - there will be a general repair/clean/tidy up day of the church, inside and out on the second Saturday of September. We start in the morning and end just after lunch. Please join us if you can (10am-2pm) Bring your own lunch.

Thank You - David and Yvonne would like to thank everyone for their support and messages of condolence following the death of their mother, Dorothy. Special thanks to those who took care of the seating and music for the funeral, to Eleri for reading, and to Fr Phelim for conducting the service. Thank you to all for attending.

Public Worship - Worship with restrictions is now permissible. 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. Recorded hymns will be played but we can't yet sing along with them.

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

Faith Nurturing - Next meets this Wednesday 12 Aug exploring '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.

Next PCC - is on Wed 19 August at 7pm on Zoom. See Fr Phelim for details.

Recently Departed - Joan Bennett, Beryl Olive Bridges (RIP)

Services This Week

Sun 9 - 9th Sunday after Trinity (OT19)

09:30 Mass (St Saviour)

11.00 Mass (St German)

Vale of Neath, Andrew Davies (V), Province of Rwanda.

Mon 10:

18:00 Mass (St German)
St Lawrence

Tue 11:

10:00 Mass (St Saviour)
St Clare

Wed 12:

10:00 Mass (St German)
19:00 Faith Group (Zoom)

Thur 13:

17:45 Mass (St Saviour)

Friday 14:

No Mass today
St Maximilian Kolbe

Saturday 15:

Pilgrimage to Penrhys
12noon in Penrhys. Cyclists depart 09:30 from St Saviour's.

Assumption of Our Lady

Sun 16 - 10th Sunday after Trinity (OT20)

09:30 Mass (St Saviour)

11.00 Mass (St German)

Pen Rhondda Fawr, Philip Leyshon (PinC), Scottish Episcopal Church.

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READINGS THIS WEEK

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Ps 85:9ab+10, 11-12,
13-14
Rom 9:1-5
Matt 14:22-33

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 56:1, 6-7
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Matt 15:21-28

PSALM:

Let us see, O Lord,
your mercy, and give
us your saving help.
(3vv)

TODAY'S MUSIC

At the name of Jesus
Bless the Lord O my soul
The Lord's my shepherd
Great is thy faithfulness

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Kings.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Kings 19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R/**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R/**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R/**

Psalm 85

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Romans 9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'
Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 14