

~ St German's Church, Adamsdown ~

(Roath and Cathays Ministry Area)

SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2025

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

11.00AM Sung Solemn Mass (*Ad Orientem*)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar

Sidespersons: David Murphy and Anne Cook

Readers: Logan Clark and David Murphy

Intercessor: Robert Lewis

Mass Hymns: (*Blue Books*)

455 Praise to the Holiest

32 All Ye Who Seek a Comfort Sure

610 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

22 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

COLLECT Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: Number 21.4-9 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶ Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM 22.22-27

R: You are the Holy One, O God

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' ²⁰ Where

is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL READING: John 3.13-17 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

POSTCOMMUNION Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Recently Departed: Anthony Clavier, *bishop* +

Lorraine Willis + John Hughes, *priest*

Anniversaries of Death: + Richard Falconer +

Marmaduke Warner, *priest* + John Howells + Thelma Harris +

~ **NOTICES** ~

Please do join us for Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after Mass!

~ **MIDWEEK MASSES** ~

Tuesday, 16th September 10am

~ School Mass, Ninian, *Bishop of Galloway*

Wednesday, 17th September 7pm

~ Low Mass, Hildegard, *Abbess of Bingen, Visionary*

A MESSAGE FROM +MARY, OUR BISHOP:

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been praying for and supporting our family through our sudden bereavement. I have felt so much warmth and love from our Christian family, and this has been a huge comfort. It was a great blessing for me that I was able to

be with my mother the day before her sudden death. My brother took a picture of her last Sunday in Llandudno under a double rainbow. Mum raised us to always seek for light and hope. She taught us not to be fearful of the dark, but to try not to dwell in the shadows too much. So, we (gently) keep on going, keeping a look out for rainbows when it's cloudy and grateful for kind friends who help us along the way. I found a scrap of paper on Mum's desk on which she had copied out words of Mother Julian of Norwich: "*Love is not changed by death and nothing is lost, all in the end is harvest.*"

ST MARGARET'S HERITAGE WEEKEND: 1pm-5.30pm **Sat 20 Sept**, and 2pm-5.30pm **Sun 21 Sept**. Free admission. Guided Tours Sat 1.30 & 3.30pm, Sun 2.30 & 4pm; Visit the Mausoleum – see the massive polished granite tombs of the Bute family; Climb the tower (weather permitting) – for panoramic views of the city and, on a clear day, both Severn bridges; Trace your ancestors – the Parish Registers date back to 1731; Children's quiz trail – in the church and grounds; Enjoy delicious refreshments – tea, coffee and home-made cakes.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE: In response to the Call to Prayer by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and our Archbishop we will hold a Holy Hour of silent prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday **21st September from 6.30pm to 7.30pm** to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Sunday 28th September
Guest Preacher and Celebrant: The Right Reverend Dr Rosemarie Mallet, *The Bishop of Croydon*. For our Buffet, there is a ***list at the back of church*** for people to sign up – please bring Finger Food Only!

PET BLESSING SERVICE: On **Saturday 4th October 2pm** (The Feast of St Francis of Assisi) there will be a blessing of the animals in Church. Please register via this link: <https://shorturl.at/v5o0d> or simply scan the QR Code with your phone.



WINTER NIGHT SHELTER: It is looking very likely now that St German's will be helping with the running of a Night Shelter from December to March this year – at this time, we are still simply gathering a list of names of those who wish to ***express interest in volunteering*** for this. So far we have 18 expressions of interest, but **we will need c.50 volunteers**. If you are interested and willing please fill out the google form which can be found at: <https://shorturl.at/ilepK> Please speak to Peter Lovitt, *Churchwarden* or Fr Jarel for more information.

EASY FUNDRAISING: An easy way to raise money for St German's Church at no extra cost to yourself! Simply sign up, select St German's Church, and a portion of your online spending will be donated to the Church – visit: easyfundraising.org.uk for more information.

MAJESTAS KIDS CHOIR is transferring to Wednesdays 4.30-5.30pm (term time in Llandaff Cathedral). Refreshments at 4pm. Do you know a child aged 7-13 who loves to sing? Join these weekly sessions run by Rachel Kilby to develop your vocal skills, learn to read music, enjoy games and make friends. £25 per term or £60 per year. Information from Rachel: rachelkilby@llandaffcathedral.org.uk
Sign up: <https://llandaffcathedral.churchsuite.com/-/forms/c2xtb833>

THRICE TO ROME is a play, written by Norman Doe, about the three appearances of Gerald of Wales in Rome before the court of Pope Innocent III in 1200-03. There will be a matinee performance at St Edward's on **Sat 11 Oct 3pm**, as part of St Edward's Music & Arts Festival. The event, including a 20 minute drinks interval, will last approximately 2 hours 20 minutes. Admission Free: You will be given a programme on arrival. Drinks will be available during the interval. There will be a collection for St Edward's. Further details: <https://bit.ly/4gfwd26>



*There is a contactless machine at the back of Church
– do please give as generously as you can – **every little helps!***

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