

Daily Bread

Feria of 29th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 20th October

Romans 4: 13, 19-25;
Luke 12: 13-21

Tuesday, 21st October

Romans 5: 6-21;
Luke 12: 35-38

Wednesday, 22nd October

Romans 6: 12-18;
Luke 12: 39-48

Thursday, 23rd October

Romans 6: 19-23;
Luke 12: 49-53

Friday, 24th October

Romans 7: 18-25a;
Luke 12: 54-59

Saturday, 25th October

Romans 8: 1-11;
Luke 13: 1-9

Sunday, 26th October

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Sirach 35: 12-17; Psalm 84: 1-7;
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18: 9-14
Eucharist (St Serf's Church),
10.30am.

Announcements

Next Sunday, 26 October: There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 10.30am (no service at St John's). All are welcome.

Morning Prayer will be livestreamed at 9am on Facebook on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Discussion Group: Tomorrow, **Monday 20th October** at 2pm we will continue watching the 4th season of "The Chosen" at the rectory in Cambuslang. "The Chosen" is a modern dramatisation of the life and ministry of Jesus. Each Monday we will watch one episode together followed by a brief discussion about the episode. If you would like to come but need a lift please speak with Tess. If you would prefer to participate by watching with us on Zoom, that should also be possible.

Days off: Revd Tess takes **Thursday** and **Friday** as days off.

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(Incorporating St John's,
Baillieston; St Kentigern's,
Dennistoun and St Serf's,
Shettleston)

19th Sunday after Pentecost

19th October 2025

Welcome to our church for this Sunday's service; do stay for tea or coffee afterwards, we look forward to meeting you. If the morning service is the celebration of the Eucharist, all are welcome to make their communion here. Or if you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the rail with arms by your sides.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Genesis 32: 22-31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121

R Guard me Lord, enfold me in peace. Bless your servant, Lord.

I look up to the hills on high.

Where can I find help?

Lord of the earth! Lord of the skies!

Come down, enfold me in peace.

R

All my help comes from God, the Lord, who made heav'n and earth. He does not fail, he stays awake, guards me, surrounds me with love.

R

God, protector of Israel never sleeps on guard.

Be at my side! Guard me with love! Lord, in your shadow I lie.

R

From all evil He keeps me safe.

He will guard my soul.

No sun by day, no moon by night, nothing can harm where I lie.

R Guard me Lord, enfold me in peace. Bless your servant, Lord.

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage,

with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18: 1-8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Post Communion

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Intercessions

Please pray for healing and comfort for:

Dorothea, David, Elizabeth, Edward, Valerie, George, Ina, Liz, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Janet, John, Christine, Jeremy, Michael, John, Henryk, Annie, Deirdre and Sheila.

Faithful departed anniversaries:
Joe Southern.

Today's Readings

First Reading - Gen 32: 22-31

Jacob wrestles with a man all night. At daybreak, although refusing to give his name, the man blesses Jacob. Jacob says that he has met God face to face but that his life has been preserved.

Second Reading - 2 Tim 3: 14 - 4: 5

Paul encourages Timothy to continue in what he has learned. He explains that all scripture is inspired by God and urges him to continue to proclaim the message.

Reflection

Prayer is not a stratagem for occasional use, a refuge to resort to now and then, especially when things are bad.

It is rather like an established residence for the innermost self.

All things have a home:
the bird a nest,
the fox a den,
the bees a hive.
A soul without prayer
is a soul without a home.

To pray is to open the door of my innermost self so that God and the soul may enter.

Prayer is not asking things of God, but receiving what he wants to give you.

It is not offering yourself to God, but welcoming God offering himself to you.