

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
CHRISTCHURCH



**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

My Time as Priest-in-Charge

Our NZ Prayer Book is clear: the Holy Spirit gives a ministry to all who are baptised. This is enthusiastically evident in this wonderful community – so many of you are involved in making everything, especially our worship, work smoothly, and in providing a welcoming environment here. And you are also Christ’s hands, feet, mouth, and ears beyond our church walls.

Our Prayer Book says that priests are called to equip God’s people for their work of ministry and to build up the body of Christ. I have endeavoured to do this with an eye on the hopes expressed in the Parish Consultation. I have sought to teach about the foundations of our worship so that the parish continue to flourish into a future with a third-millennium catholic, inclusive, and thinking approach appropriate to Aotearoa New Zealand. I hope there is a better appreciation of what is the forest and what are individual trees, what is worth preserving from 19th-Century English Anglo-Catholicism and what is no longer appropriate.

As we sit at the heart of our city, and with a parish school, there is growing engagement with that context also.

Helen has modelled a way of involving children and young people fully in our worship. That, too, can continue to be built on and blossom.

As Helen and I return to the pew from whence we came, I would like to thank you all for my time as Priest-in-Charge. Let us be open to the vision that God has for our parish in this next chapter under the leadership of Fr Jordan.

Fr Bosco Peters

Bosco +

The Fourth Sunday in Advent
18 December 2022

Parish Covid Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Bosco Peters

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Organ: Paul Ellis

Organ Voluntary: Ave Maria

Enrico Bossi

Mass Setting: S Mary's Mass

Anthony Caesar

(Music sheets available from sides persons)

Introit Hymn: 55

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.

Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.

Greeting:

I runga i te Ingoa ✠ o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)
Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

The Fourth Advent candle is lit.

Light the Advent candle, four:
Think of joy forevermore;
Christ Child in a stable born,
gift of love that Christmas morn.

Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the warm Summer night;
candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

The people are invited to call to mind their sins in silence

Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison, Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Through the cross of Christ, ✠ God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Pour forth, we beseech you, O God, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)* Isaiah 7: 10–14

Jack Barrie

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 80

R. Restore us again Lord God of hosts: show us the light of your face and we shall be saved.

1. Hear O Shepherd of Israel you that led Joseph like a flock. Shine forth from your throne upon the cherubim; before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manassah. Stir up your strength and come to our rescue. **R.**
2. Turn to us again O God of hosts. Look down from heaven and see. Bestow your care upon this vine; upon its stock which your right hand has planted. **R.**
3. Let you hand rest upon the one at your right hand; the one you have made strong for your service. Then we shall never forsake you O give us life, and we will call up on your name. **R.**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the Gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means, 'God is with us'.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Matthew 1: 18–25

Simon Green

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Sermon:

Fr Bosco Peters

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human (*all genuflect or bow*). For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions: Jenny Daniels

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

At the Peace all may exchange a greeting with those near them.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory: Jenny and Peter Daniels

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The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory Hymn:

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GB Timms

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting bread.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of our redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

Pray, sisters and brothers,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit you sanctified the mother of your Son; make
holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.

John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so we join the angels and saints in proclaiming your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.

Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks, He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it;

this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;

your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen!

Come, Lord Jesus.

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with Peter our bishop, all the clergy, and the entire people your Son has gained for you. Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Jane Evans

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

He will be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.

Motet: Ave Maria

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Advent Prose: 501

Antiphon:
**Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down
righteousness.**

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a
desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.

[Antiphon]

We have sinned, and are as an unclean
thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our
iniquities.

[Antiphon]

Prayer after Communion:

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be always obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing: *The Priest gives the blessing.*

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen:
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of
my hand.

[Antiphon]

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud
thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save
thee:

For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

[Antiphon]

Final Hymn:

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Timothy Dudley-Smith

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
 Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit
 voice;
 Tender to me the promise of his word;
 In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his
 might:
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to
 flight, The hungry fed, the humble lifted
 high.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his
 name:
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm
 has done;
 His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
 His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 To children's children and for evermore.

Organ Voluntary:

Fugue on the Magnificat BWV733 JS Bach

7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Today's collect ("Pour forth, we beseech you...") has been with us at least since the 8th century Hadrianum Sacramentary. It is in the Sarum Missal, the Book of Common Prayer, and continues into the Roman Rite after Vatican II. It is another one of the well-known collects that, sadly, has been abandoned by the NZ Anglican Prayer Book, but using it is allowed by our Church agreements. It is well-known by those of us who pray the Angelus.

The Great Thanksgiving prayer used today is sourced from the Apostolic Tradition, attributed to Hippolytus of Rome, 18 centuries ago. It is one of the most popular Eucharistic Prayers, used by Roman Catholics, Anglicans, and others. It is an agreement (formulary) of our Anglican Church that allows its use at our Mass.

Extra Notices:

Wardens: During January and February the Parish will be led by the Wardens.

Working Bee: There will be a pre-Christmas working bee being held on 24 December at 9.30am.

Christian World Service Christmas Appeal—The envelopes for this are available on the information table by the font.

Christmas Flowers: Donations gratefully accepted, envelopes by the font.

Parish Office: The office will be closed from 12.30pm 23 Dec until 8.30am 16 Jan 2023.

Evensong & Benediction: This service will commence with Candlemas on the 5 February 2023.

Online Services

facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch

Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

THIS WEEK**Notices**

Meditation Group—Wed 12.00 noon everyone is invited to meditate for 20 minutes at home in a virtual group. Contact: Margaret Maclagan 0275599216.

Bible Study—Thurs 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thurs noon, Church. Contact: Gilbert Wealleans 021338380.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**Christmas Eve**

24 December 2022

4.00 pm

Crib Service

11.00 pm

Carols followed by Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

Christmas Day

25 December 2022

8:00 am	Low Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Bosco Peters
10.00 am	Solemn Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Bosco Peters
Servers:	SD: Jenny Daniels	MC: Robert Calvert	
	Th: Simon Green	Cr: Sung Bae	
	Ac: Thomas Visakan	Jack Barrie	
First Reading:	Isaiah 52: 7-10	Fr Ron Smith	
Second Reading:	Hebrews 1: 1-4	Thomas Visakan	
Gospel:	Luke 2: 1-20	Fr Peter Williams	
Sermon:	Fr Bosco Peters		
Sides people:	Tim Cranston, Robert Maclagan		
Intercessions:	Margaret Maclagan		
Offertory:	Ann and Dudley Jinman		
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jenny and Peter Daniels		
Morning Tea:	-		
Sacristan:	Simon Green		
Sacristy:	Robert Maclagan		
Flowers:	Team (9.30am Christmas Eve)		

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember, Clemency Mutze, Margaret Weaver.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Mary Lazarus, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

Anniversaries: (Sun) James Batchelor (Tues) Elsie Oakley (Wed) Kate Kiver, Madge Astridge (Thurs) William Sinclair, Nic Webb.

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Saturday Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Children's Crib Service

11:00 pm Carols

11:30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass

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