

St Michael and All Angels
All Souls Requiem Mass
7.00pm— 2 November 2025

Celebrant:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Organ:	Paul Ellis
Mass Setting:	A New Peoples' Mass		Dom Gregory Murray
Organ Voluntary:	Louange á l'immortalité de Jésus		Olivier Messiaen
Introit Hymn:	396		Charles Wesley

Let saints on earth in concert sing
With those whose work is done;
For all the servants of our King
In earth and heaven are one.

One army of the living God,
To his command we bow;
Part of his host has crossed the flood,
And part is crossing now.

One family, we dwell in him,
One Church, above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.

E'en now to their eternal home
There pass some spirits blest,
While others to the margin come,
Waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be thou our constant Guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
And bring us safe to heaven.

Greeting:

In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

The Mass of the day is introduced and the people are invited to call to mind their sins.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

**Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done,
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**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.

Let us pray.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: *(sit)* Isaiah 25: 6–9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

Responsorial Psalm: 27

R. I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid? **R**

One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. **R**

Of you my heart has said, “Seek God’s face.” Your face, Lord, I will seek. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord, be strong and let your heart take courage, yes wait, I say, for the Lord. **R**

Second Reading:

1 Peter 1: 3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

John 11: 21-27

Fr Robert Jamieson

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

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

Sermon:

Fr Robert Jamieson

Commemoration of the Departed

On this day we pray:

for all clergy and former parishioners of St. Michael's,
for all departed Sisters of the Community of the Sacred Name,
for all who have died this year from war, violence or natural disaster.
We pray for those who have died recently,
and for all those we love but see no more.

The names of the Departed are read out

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**
Let us offer a sign of peace to those around us.

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.

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: 459

The Lord's my shepherd,
I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through
death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

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 and righteous Lord, we are united in the love of Jesus Christ. Accept all we offer you this day, and bring us, with all your faithful people who have gone before, into his eternal glory, who is Lord, now and for ever. **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.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

In him, the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.

Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember 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.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be. Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, 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.**

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.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever, says the Lord.

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 sanitiser.

Communion Motet: Holy is the true light

William Harris

Communion Hymn: Be still my soul

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order
and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best,
your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past;
your hope, your confidence,
let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves
and winds still know
his voice who ruled them
while he lived below.

Be still, my soul;
when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you will better know his love,
his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrows
and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief,
and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul; when change
and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray.

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this Eucharist, bring us with the faithful departed into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. **Amen.**

The Contakion of the Departed

(Sung by the choir)

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.
Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of all;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return.
For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst us, saying:
Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.
All we go down to the dust, and weeping o'er the grave, we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Solemn Blessing:

In his great love, the God of all consolation gave us the gift of life. May he bless you with faith in the resurrection of his Son, and with the hope of rising to new life.

Amen.

To us who are alive may he grant forgiveness, and to all who have died a place of light and peace. **Amen.**

As you believe that Jesus rose from the dead, so may you live with him for ever in joy. **Amen.**

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Organ Voluntary: The Angel's Farewell from Dream of Gerontius Edward Elgar

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