

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



Founders' Day
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
25 May 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

This Sunday at the 10am Mass we have a combined service with the school. This is known as our Founders' Day service. This is an opportunity to celebrate our history and our continued partnership. And most importantly to remember and give thanks to all those who founded St Michael and All Angels and the legacy they left us. Come and join us as we celebrate this important occasion in the life of our parish and school.

At 5pm we have Bishop Peter present with us as we gather for Mass with Confirmation. Please remember in your prayers the confirmation candidates Robert, Thomas and Callum as they prepare themselves for this important step in their Christian lives.

Our readings for this Sunday are Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Revelation 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29. Two sides of Christian living are reflected in today's readings. The Gospel radiates a calmness and peace and reassurance that we all need so much. However, the First Reading reflects the areas of difference and conflict that are bound to arise when even Christians come face to face with new problems and new questions for the articulation of their faith. Such conflicts, when properly handled, are necessary, even desirable, if we are to have a deeper understanding of the real meaning of our faith in a changing world.

God speaks to us through the changing situations in which the world finds itself. So, at first sight the answers are not always clear. There are different interpretations and even disagreements until we find where the Spirit is leading us. We have conflicts like that today in our church as we grapple with a rapidly changing society and its consequences. Yet both calm and conflict have something in common. They remind us of the different ways in which God speaks to us. Through his Spirit, which Jesus promises to send after he has left his disciples in the flesh, he will continue to be present to us and to be with his community, the Church. He says:

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

God Bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Jordan". The script is cursive and fluid, with the "Fr." and "Jordan" clearly legible.

Father Jordan

Copies of the music for the mass setting and hymns are available from the Sides People.

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

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Sidespeople: Carol Fraser, Judith McKaskell, Nina Gardner, Sam Coker

Organ: Prelude Vernon Griffiths

Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd Peter Nardone

Introit Hymn: Lift high the cross

Lift high the Cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come Christians,
follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious,
Christ the Son of God:
Lift high the Cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Let every race
and every language tell
of him who saves our souls
from death and hell:
Lift high the Cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

From north and south,
from east and west they raise
in growing unison their song of praise:
Lift high the Cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

From farthest regions,
let them homage bring,
and on his Cross adore their Saviour King:
Lift high the Cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne:
Lift high the Cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Greeting:

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.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

Let us sing the words that asks for God's forgiveness.

(Sung)

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray *(silence)*

Everliving God, may we fervently celebrate with great joy these days in honour of the Risen One and show forth in our lives all that we proclaim; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

With the help of the Spirit, the angel took me to the top of a very high mountain. There he showed me the holy city of Jerusalem coming down from God in heaven. The glory of God made the city bright. It was dazzling and crystal clear like a precious jasper stone. The city had a high and thick wall with twelve gates, and each one of them was guarded by an angel. On each of the gates was written the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Three of these gates were on the east, three were on the north, three more were on the south, and the other three were on the west. The city was built on twelve foundation stones. On each of the stones was written the name of one of the Lamb's twelve apostles. I did not see a temple there. The Lord God All-Powerful and the Lamb were its temple. And the city did not need the sun or the moon. The glory of God was shining on it, and the Lamb was its light.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 67

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us, and make the light of your face to shine upon us, that your ways may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples righteously, and guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. Your blessing, O God, be upon us, and let all the ends of the world revere you. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia The hour is coming when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.
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 14:23-29

Deacon Robert Jamieson

Jesus replied:

If anyone loves me, they will obey me. Then my Father will love them, and we will come to them and live in them. But anyone who doesn't love me, won't obey me. What they have heard me say doesn't really come from me, but from the Father who sent me.

I have told you these things while I am still with you. But the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you.

I give you peace, the kind of peace only I can give. It isn't like the peace this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid.

You have already heard me say I am going and I will also come back to you. If you really love me, you should be glad I am going back to the Father, because he is greater than I am.

I am telling you this before I leave, so when it does happen, you will have faith in me.

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

Sermon:

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Children's Creed:

**We believe in God the Father,
who made the whole world.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, who was born in Bethlehem and lived among us,
who died on the cross for us,
and rose from the dead.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit who brings life and love to us all.

**We believe that the Church is one family,
and that one day we will share everlasting life with God in heaven.
Amen.**

Intercessions:

Charlie Murray

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 non physical 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: Joy Coulter, Sue Shannons, Louie Miller, Archie Ross

Years 5-8 classes: Let us give thanks and praise Victor Galway

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.**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
 Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
 Raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
 Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
 Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
 Alleluya, Alleluya,
 Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

O higher than the Cherubim,
 More glorious than the Seraphim,
 Lead their praises, Alleluya!
 Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
 Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
 Alleluya, Alleluya,
 Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
 Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
 Alleluya, Alleluya!
 Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
 All Saints triumphant, raise the song
 Alleluya, Alleluya,
 Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
 Supernal anthems echoing,
 Alleluya, Alleluya!
 To God the Father, God the Son,
 And God the Spirit, Three in One,
 Alleluya, Alleluya,
 Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

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

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

Lord, let our prayers and offerings rise before you, that we whom you have cleansed in baptism may respond worthily to the mystery of your great love. Grant this through Jesus Christ our 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.

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

By his victory over death the rule of sin is ended, a new age has begun, a broken world is restored, and we are made whole once more.

And so with thanks we praise you 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.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Peter our Bishop, and all who minister in your name.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you.

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.**

The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ 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: Rachel Watson, Deacon Robert Jamieson

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.

(Sung)

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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.

St Michael's Choir and Young Voices

Communion Anthem: O how amiable Ralph Vaughan Williams

Taizé Chant: 'Bless the Lord my soul'

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord my soul who leads us into life.

Let us pray (*silence*).

All-powerful and ever-living God, in the resurrection of Christ you restore us to eternal life. Increase within us the effects of this Easter mystery and pour out in our hearts the strength of this saving food. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore, establish and strengthen you in the faith and may the blessing of God almighty, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Final Hymn:

St Michael's School hymn

Marnie Barrell

Michael and the angels keep us;
parish, school, community.
Through the years you form and shape us,
all we were, are now, will be.
God abundantly providing,
here we strive for Jesus' sake,
angels fostering and guiding
all the work we undertake.

Church and school together founded
in this new Pacific land.
In tradition firmly grounded,
finding here a place to stand.
Here new chances are unfolding,
Christian faith and love to share.
Gospel light and truth upholding,
trusting in God's constant care.

Serving neighbours, serving nation,
with the treasures we receive,
in each rising generation
Jesus help us to believe.
Keep our faith alive and growing
in these ever-changing days,
seeds for God's great harvest sowing,
giving God eternal praise.

Organ Voluntary:

Procession for a Festival

Vernon Griffiths

(Vernon Griffiths, Organist and Choirmaster 1928-1932. Professor of Music, University of Canterbury 1942-1961)

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

Fr Geoff Paterson, Ashley Forman, Charles Barltrop, Jamie McDermott,
Terry & Betsy McKay.

Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys,
Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, Pamela Hindin-Whitewood, John Bertken,
Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Deb Smith,
Andrew Lawson.

Anniversaries: (Mon) Michael Goodson, Rosemary Spiewak
(Tues) Janette Lewis, Percy Chew Lee, Fr Timothy Hurd
(Wed) Reginald Seymour (Thurs) David McFerran

EFTPOS is available by the North door if you wish to make a donation.

Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

Vestry Meeting— Wednesday 5.30 pm, Parish Lounge.

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00 am and 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Parish lunch— Sunday June 1st at 12 noon, Pegasus Arms. RSVP by Wednesday May 28 to Ros Calvert 0272428282.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**. The Outreach would like any donated waterproof clothing.

No Mass on Mondays
There will be no Mass on Monday 25 May. Monday Mass will return on the 2nd of June.

Leave—Father Jordan will be on leave from 26 May, returning to church on 30 May. For any urgent matters during this period please contact the Wardens.

Parish Receipts– The Donation receipts for 2024-2025 have been sent out this week. If you have not received it please contact the Parish Administrator for assistance.

Town Hall Annual Organ Curator’s Free Concert
2.30 pm Monday 2 June 2025 (King’s Birthday public holiday), Christchurch Town Hall Auditorium with Martin Setchell and Sea-am Thompson playing the organ and Thomas Eves on Trumpet. Admission free please book online at nzorgan.com.

Mission Motivator Role
The Vestry is looking for someone who has a passion and interest in the mission of the church. Particularly overseas mission organisations such as the CMS (Church Missionary Society) and CWS (Christian World Service). The role would be about motivating the church in this area, dealing with correspondence and writing a report to Vestry when necessary. If you are interested, please contact Fr Jordan.

NEXT WEEK**The Ascension of the Lord**

1 June 2025

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Server: Eyob Habte
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Servers:	SD: Carol Fraser	MC: Sung Bae
	Th: Hugh Munro	Cr: Eyob Habte
	Ac: Maria Light, Georgia Caughey	
First Reading:	Sue Shannons	Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading:	Rachel Watson	Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel:	Deacon Robert Jamieson	Luke 24:44-53
Eucharist Ministers:	Carol Fraser, Michael Graveston	
Sides people:	Robert Maclagan, Jane Ellis	
Intercessions:	Jenny Daniels	
Offertory:	Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows	
Morning Tea:	Joy Coulter, Pat Pilkington	
Sacristan:	Georgia Caughey, Robbie Moore	
Sacristy:	Robert Maclagan	
Livestream:	Eyob Habte	
Flowers:	Johnann Williams	
Evensong Readers:	Therese Aitchison, Hugh Munro	
Evensong Server:	Hugh Munro	

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8.00 am	Said Mass
10.00 am	Founders' Day Mass
5.00 pm	Sung Mass with Confirmation

Monday Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, Missionary, 605
No Mass

Tuesday Feria
8.30 am Morning Prayer
12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Feria
8.30 am Morning Prayer
12.00 pm Meditation Group
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Ascension Day (transferred to Sunday)
8.30 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Bible Study
12.00 noon Rosary Group
12.35 pm Mass
6.00 pm Bible Study

Friday Apolo Kivebulaya of Uganda, Priest and Missionary, 1933
8.30 am Morning Prayer
12.35 pm Mass
2.00 pm School Service

Saturday Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

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8.00 am	Said Mass
10.00 am	Sung Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

