

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 July 2026

From the Curate...

Dear Friends

Finding rest for your soul

The readings appointed for this Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to discover the uniqueness and gentle strength of our Lord. Zechariah proclaims the coming of a King unlike any other: humble, riding on a donkey, bringing peace and freedom rather than dominance, for in Christ, God's kingdom is established not by force but by self-giving love.

St Paul, writing to the Romans, voices a struggle familiar to most Christians. We know the good we ought to do, yet we often fall short. His honest confession reminds us that the Christian life is not one of seamless perfection but of continual dependence on the grace and love of God. Left to our own wisdom and strength, we often falter or tell ourselves things are fine when they are not, but in Christ, we find both forgiveness and the strength to begin anew.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks openly to those who are weary and burdened, "Come to me and I will give you rest." These words are not merely an invitation to pause, but a call to live our lives in him. The yoke Christ offers is not a burden, but companionship with the one whom all creation obeys; for no spirit, no storm, no force in heaven or on earth operates outside his authority; a most comforting thought for all our seasons of life.

As we gather around word and sacrament this Sunday, may we lay before the Lord the burdens we carry, receive his mercy with an optimistic heart, and go out into the day renewed in hope. For our humble Lord continues to reign over the heavens and the earth, gently leading us into the peace and freedom of his everlasting kingdom.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "FR. ROBERT" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fr. Robert

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 July 2026

Presider 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Presider 10.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson

Organist: Daniel Cooper

Sidespeople: Carol Fraser, Judith McKaskell

Opening Voluntary: Invocation in B-flat

A. Guilmant

Mass Setting: New People's Mass

Dom Gregory Murray

Responses: David Childs

Introit Hymn: 263

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

Refrain:

O praise him, O praise him

Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

3. Thou flowing water,
Pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:
[Refrain]

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him! Alleluya!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice: [Refrain]

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show: [Refrain]

5. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One: [Refrain]

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa o te ✠ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**

(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 may be introduced and the people 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.**

(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.**

(Sung)

**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.

O God, in Christ's humility, you stooped down and raised up the fallen world; grant to your faithful people a holy joy, so that those whom you have freed may delight in you eternally; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)*

Zechariah 9:9-12

Thomas Visakan

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zechariah

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my king.

I will extol you, O God my king; I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I give thanks to you and praise your name for ever and ever. **R.**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. You, Lord, are good to all of us and your mercy rests upon all your creatures. **R.**

All your creation shall praise you, O Lord, and your servants will bless your name. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and their talk shall be of your power. **R.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and your dominion endures from age to age. The Lord upholds those who stumble and raises up those who are down. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)*

Romans 7:15-25a

Ros Calvert

A reading from the letter from St Paul to the Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden: and I will give you rest. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Matthew 11:16—19, 25-30

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Sermon: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Affirmation of Faith:

(Stand)

**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, *(all genuflect or bow)*
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became fully human. *(stand)***

**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,
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: Rachel Watson

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: Jenny and Peter Daniels

Offertory Proper: Pópulum húmílem

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: 376

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright:'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

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.**

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service; through 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.

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.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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:

(Sung)

**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.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

(Sung)

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

As Christ teaches us we pray:

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka īnoi tatou:

(Sung)

**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.**

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai,
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Gail Chiswell, Michael Graveston

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.
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.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the one who seeks refuge in him.

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.**

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle and form two lines according to which side you are seated. To receive the Sacrament please cup your hands and the Priest will place it on your palm. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms as you approach the priest. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Communion Proper: Gustáte vidéte

Communion Anthem: O for a closer walk with God C. V. Stanford

Communion Hymn: 383

1. Jesu, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

3. Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee,
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord and 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.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn:

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1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

Final Voluntary:

Fantasia

H. Willan

7.00 pm

Evensong and Benediction

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

Kay Burgess, Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Ann Jinman,
Terry & Betsy McKay.

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

Departed:

Joseph Tanner

Anniversaries:

(Sun) Spencer William Moir, Alan Moreton
(Mon) Alfred Averill—Bishop, Dora Rose
(Wed) Ron Copas, Athelone Alberts
(Fri) Owen Kimberley

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Sunday Parish Lunch—Today 12.00 noon, Pegasus Arms.

Needlework Group—Tuesday 7.00 pm, at Angela's home. Contact Ros Calvert 0272428282.

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

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Study Group— Thursday 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the City Mission.

Eftpos—available at the back of the church for giving.

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) - Fr Jordan and Fr Robert are available to offer the Rite of Reconciliation. Please contact either to request a time.

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.

NEXT WEEK**The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****12 July 2026**

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson	
	Server: Thomas Visakan	
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher: Fr Robert Jamieson	
Servers:	MC: Lawrence Watson	
	Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin	
	Cr: Thomas Visakan	
	Ac: Callum Robertson, Eyob Habte	
First Reading:	Richard Thompson	Isaiah 55:10-13
Second Reading:	Gloria Moyle	Romans 8:1-11
Gospel:	Fr Robert Jamieson	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Eucharist Ministers:	Rachel Watson, Richard Thompson	
Sides people:	Kathleen Campbell, Robert Maclagan	
Intercessions:	Jenny Daniels	
Offertory:	Jane Evans, Gloria Moyle	
Morning Tea:	Vince Moreton, Octavia Hodge-Armstrong	
Sacristan:	Lawrence Watson	
Sacristy:	Jenny Daniels	
Livestream:	Joshua Wilson Black	
Flowers:	Ros Calvert—In Memoriam Dorothy Graveston	
Evensong Server:	Robert Calvert-Griffin	
Evensong Readers:	Robert Calvert-Griffin, Therese Aitchison	

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**The Anglican Parish of
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This Sunday	The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—5 July 2026
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction
Monday	Thomas More, Scholar, 1535
12.35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Feria
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Feria
12.00 pm	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Feria
11.00 am	Bible Study
12.00 noon	Rosary Group
12.35 pm	Mass
6.00 pm	Study Group
Friday	Matariki Public Holiday
	No Mass
Saturday	Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 550
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Online Services

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.

Propers come from various Anglican sources.

Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.