THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHRISTCHURCH



The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Remembrance Sunday
8 November 2026

From the Vicar…

Dear friends,

It is well and truly 'election season' as we have had both the all-important Mid-Term Elections in the United States and our own General Election this weekend. I hope you all got out to vote and participated in the democratic process. And may we continue to pray for all our elected officials no matter what side of the aisle they may be, especially those who will be elected this weekend.

This Sunday we celebrate the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; however, it is also, particularly in Great Britain, known as Remembrance Sunday, the closest Sunday to the 11th of November, Armistice Day. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month was the moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front in 1918, following the signing of an armistice. The signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany was celebrated in many cities and towns around New Zealand. Enthusiasm was dampened, however, by the ongoing impact of the influenza pandemic that was ravaging the country. A premature report of an armistice published on 8 November added to a widespread sense of uncertainty about celebrating the official announcement. Some of our service this Sunday will reflect this commemoration.

Our gospel reading for this Sunday is sometimes known as the parable of the Wise and Foolish Maidens and is unique to Matthew's Gospel. Like many other parables in Matthew, this one moves into allegory. One interpretation is Jesus representing the bridegroom at his second coming and the maidens stand for members of the church; the wedding banquet depicts the fully realised reign of God: and the rejection of the foolish maidens indicates the final judgment. However, one approaches the parable one thing is clear, as Christians we are to live expectantly and hopefully. Christian hope rests on trust that the God who created the world will continue to love the world with gentle providence until the project is complete, and will continue to redeem and save the world by coming into it with love and grace, in Jesus Christ.

Blessings,



Father Jordan

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Presider 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Presider 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Organist:** Daniel Cooper

Sidespeople: Kathleen Campbell, Judith McKaskell

Opening Voluntary: Interlude on "Picardy" H Coleman

Mass Setting: New Peoples Mass Dom G Murray

Responses: David Childs

Introit Hymn: 9

1. Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.

3. Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

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 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.

(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.

Compassionate God, through your inexhaustible goodness, keep us from all that may hurt us, so that, ready in both mind and body, we may, with free hearts, pursue your purpose; 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)* Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 Rachel Watson

A reading from the Book of the Wisdom of Solomon

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 70

R. You are my helper; make haste, O Lord, to deliver me.

O God, be pleased to deliver me; make haste, O Lord, to help me. Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion. **R.**

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you, and let those who long for your saving help say always, "God is great." **R.**

As for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly, O God, to my aid. You are my helper and my deliverer: O Lord, make no delay. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Joshua Wilson Black

A reading from the first letter from St Paul to the Thessalonians

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(stand)*

> **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** The five wise virgins took oil in flasks with their lamps; at midnight there was a cry; 'Behold, the bridegroom is here; come out to meet Christ the Lord'. **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 25:1-13 Fr Jordan Greatbatch

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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.
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: Marla Hughes

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.**

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: Guide my footsteps O Lord, according to your word – Psalm 119

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: 393

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

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.

Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **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:

(Sung)

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:

(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.

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

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 āianei
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: Jane Evans, Richard Thompson

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.

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 one line. 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: The five wise virgins took oil in their flasks with their lamps – Matthew 25

Communion Hymn: 308

1. Thee we adore,
O hidden Saviour, thee,
Who in thy Sacrament
art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit
in thy presence fail,
Yet here thy presence
we devoutly hail.

2. O blest memorial
of our dying Lord,
Who living bread to all
doth here afford!
O may our souls
for ever feed on thee,
And thou, O Christ,
for ever precious be.

3. Fountain of goodness,
Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean,
with thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love,
that we may know
The hope and peace
which from thy presence flow.

4. O Christ,
whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst
for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled,
and see thy face,
The vision of thy glory
and thy grace.

Let us pray.

Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Act of Remembrance

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46.1*

As we gather in the presence of God, we commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.
We will remember them.

A moment of silence is kept.

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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: 488

1. And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green? And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen? And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

2. Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold! Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight.
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand, Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Final Voluntary: Finale on Hyfrydol H Coleman

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for…

The Sick:
Naida Murray, Kay Burgess, John and Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Terry and 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.

Anniversaries: (Mon) Fred Heald
(Tues) Jackie Greenhill
(Wed) Helena Sundborn
(Thurs) Jamie McDermott
(Sat) Carmen Victor

NOTICES

THIS WEEK
Meditation Group—Wednesday, 11th, 12.00 noon in the Church.
Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.
Bible Study—Thursday, 12th, 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.
Rosary Group—Thursday, 12th, 12.00 noon in the Church.
Anglican Hui – Friday 13th, Parish Hall/Church.
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 is available to offer the Rite of Reconciliation. Please contact him to request a time.

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

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 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** **15 November 2026**

8:00 am Mass	**Celebrant:**	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Server:	Hugh Munro	
10.00 am Mass	**Celebrant:**	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Servers:	**MC:**	Callum Robertson	
	Th:	Lawrence Watson	
	Cr:	Hugh Munro	
	Ac:	Maria Light, Robert Calvert-Griffin	
First Reading:		Thomas Visakan	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Second Reading:		Robert Maclagan	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel:		Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Matthew 25:14-30
Eucharist Ministers:		Jenny Daniels, Rachel Watson	
Sides people:		Vince Moreton, Joy Coulter	
Intercessions:		Johnann Williams	
Offertory:		Dorothy Burrows, Gloria Moyle	
Morning Tea:		Brian Gilberthorpe, Octavia Hodge-Armstrong	
Sacristan:		Toni Stewart	
Sacristy:		-	
Livestream:		Joshua Wilson Black	
Flowers:		Toni Stewart – In Memoriam Edward and John Moyle	
Evensong Server:		Joshua Wilson Black	
Evensong Readers:		Sue Patterson, Joshua Wilson Black	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Christchurch

This Sunday	**The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8 November 2026**
8.00 am	**Low Mass**
10.00 am	**High Mass**
7.00 pm	**Evensong and Benediction**
Monday	Feria
	No Mass
Tuesday	Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397
12.00 noon	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Charles Simeon of Cambridge, Priest, 1836
11.00 am	Bible Study
12.00 noon	Rosary Group
12.35 pm	Mass
4.00 pm	Wedding
Friday	**Canterbury Anniversary Day**
9.00am	Anglican Hui
5.30 pm	Mass
Saturday	Feria
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Online Services
www.youtube.com/@saintmichaelandallangels
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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.