

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



Corpus Christi
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
7 June 2026

From the Vicar...

Dear Friends

We are now coming to the end of a series of important feasts in the life of the church, namely, Pentecost, Trinity and this Sunday the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or as our New Zealand lectionary puts it the Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion, traditionally known as the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast usually takes place on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday, but we have, as is common now, transferred it to the Sunday to celebrate it together.

The story behind the Feast of Corpus Christi is a fascinating one, tracing its origins to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium, who was born in 1193 near Liège.

From a young age, Juliana held a deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and longed for a dedicated feast in its honour. This desire was reportedly strengthened by a vision in which the Church appeared as a full moon with a single dark spot — symbolising the absence of such a celebration.

Juliana shared her vision with Robert de Thorete, the Bishop of Liège at the time. Bishop Robert responded warmly to the idea and, exercising his authority to establish feasts within his diocese, convened a synod in 1246. He ordered the celebration to take place the following year and commissioned a monk named John to compose the Office for the occasion.

Sadly, Bishop Robert passed away on 16 October 1246, before his directive could be carried out. Nevertheless, the feast was celebrated for the first time by the canons of St. Martin at Liège. When Jacques Pantaléon was elected pope on 29 August 1261, the recluse Eve — a close companion of Juliana and equally devoted to the Holy Eucharist — urged Henry of Guelders, Bishop of Liège, to petition the new pope to extend the feast to the universal Church.

Pope Urban IV, who had long admired the feast, issued the papal bull *Transiturus* on 8 September 1264. In it, he reflected on the boundless love of Our Saviour as revealed in the Holy Eucharist and established the annual celebration of Corpus Christi on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday. The accompanying Office, composed at the pope's request by the great St. Thomas Aquinas, stands as one of the most beautiful in the Roman Breviary. It has been translated into English as *Of the Glorious Body Telling* — the hymn we will sing in procession at the close of this Sunday's Mass.

As we gather this Sunday we give thanks for the Holy Eucharist, the "source and summit" of our Christian life together.

God bless you,



Fr Jordan

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

Corpus Christi

7 June 2026

Presider 8.00 am:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Presider 10.00 am:	Fr Robert Jamieson	Organist: Daniel Cooper
Sidespeople:	Maria Light, Joy Coulter	
Mass Setting:	A New People's Mass	Dom Gregory Murray
Responses:	David Childs	
Organ Voluntary:	Elevation	A. Guilmant
Introit Hymn:	296	

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Lifest up thy people's head.
Alleluya,
Jesu, true and living Bread!

2. Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluya,
Thou art here, we ask not how.

3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya,
We in worship join with them.

4. Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluya,
Cleansing souls from every stain.

5. Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluya,
Risen, ascended, glorified!

Greeting:

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

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 a wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of Christ's passion; may we so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, that we may always experience within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption; 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)*

Robert Calvert-Griffin

A reading from the Book of Genesis (14:18-20)

And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 116

R. I will pay my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all God's people.

How can I repay you, O Lord, for all the good things you have done to me? I will take up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. **R.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people. Grievous in the sight of the Lord is the death of a faithful servant. **R.**

Lord, I am your servant, the child of your maidservant; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (11:23-26)

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; if anyone eats this bread they will live forever. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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 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: Johann Williams

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: Jane Evans, Gloria Moyle

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.**

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high!

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 our sustainer, receive the gifts we bring before you, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.

And now we give you thanks because, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, sitting at table with his disciples, he instituted these holy mysteries, that we, redeemed by his death and restored to life by his resurrection, might be partakers of his divine nature.

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.**

The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ 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.
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: Jane Evans, Carol Fraser

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.

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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: Qui mandúcat

Communion Chant: Lauda Sion

Communion Hymn: 307

1. Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

4. Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
Thy Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Let us pray.

All praise to you, our God and Father, for you have fed us with the bread of heaven and quenched our thirst from the true vine: hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ, we may grow together in unity and feast with him in his kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

All kneel.

Processional Hymn: 268

1. Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the world's eternal King,
In a spotless womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

2. Given for us, for us descending,
Of a virgin to proceed,
Christ with us in converse blending,
Scattered he the gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending,
Which he closed in wondrous deed.

3. At the last great supper lying
Circled by his chosen band,
Duly with the law complying,
First he finished its command,
Then, immortal food supplying,
Gave himself by his own hand.

4. Word-made-flesh, by word thus making
Bread his very flesh to be;
We in wine Christ's blood partaking:
And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waking
To behold the mystery.

Benediction

Hymn:

(Priest only)

5. Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:

(Congregation)

Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

(Choir only)

6. Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one.
Amen.

The bell rings as the blessing of the people is given with the Blessed Sacrament.

Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.

**O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us:
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.**

Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.

Closing Voluntary:

Fantasia

H. Willan

7.00pm

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.

Anniversaries:

(Sun) Elsie Stansfield

(Tues) Tobias Alberts, May Todkill, Clement Paterson

(Wed) Michael Graveston Snr, William Larkin

THIS WEEK'

Sunday Lunch— 12.00 noon, Pegasus Arms.

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.

Bible Study—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.

Shared Morning Tea. Sunday 21 June following the 10am Mass we will be having a shared morning tea. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate which can be left in the Parish Hall or the Parish Lounge prior to the service. All are welcome.

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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

14 June 2026

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson	Server: Thomas Visakan
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher: Marla Hughes	
Servers:	MC: Thomas Visakan	
	Th: Hugh Munro	Cr: Lawrence Watson
	Ac: Callum Robertson, Carol Fraser	
First Reading:	Joshua Wilson Black	Exodus 19:2-8a
Second Reading:	Gloria Moyle	Romans 5:1-8
Gospel:	Fr Robert Jamieson	Matthew 9:35-10:8
Eucharist Ministers:	Gail Chiswell, Hugh Munro	
Sides people:	Kathleen Campbell, Judith McKaskell	
Intercessions:	Barbara Moreton	
Offertory:	Dorothy Burrows, Adrienne Curtis	
Morning Tea:	Gail and Tim Chiswell	
Sacristan:	Eyob Habte	
Sacristy:	Joy Coulter	
Livestream:	Jane Evans	
Flowers:	Johnann Williams	
Evensong Server:	Robert Calvert-Griffin	
Evensong Readers:	Robert Calvert-Griffin, Johnann Williams	

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This Sunday Corpus Christi— 7 June 2026

8.00 am **Low Mass**

10.00 am **High Mass**

7.00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday Feria

12.35 pm Mass

Tuesday Columba of Iona, Abbot, Missionary, 597

12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Feria

12.00 pm Meditation Group

12.35 pm Mass

Thursday **St Barnabas the Apostle**

11.00 am Bible Study

12.00 noon Rosary Group

12.35 pm Mass

6.00 pm Bible Study

Friday Feria

12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Antony of Padua, Missionary, Preacher, Teach of the Faith, 1231

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.

Proper comes from various Anglican sources.

Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.