

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Transferred)
17 August 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast takes place every year on 15 August. At St Michael's, we transfer it to the Sunday so that all may be able to gather to celebrate this important Feast in the life of the Church.

It is however, not a Feast that has historically been recognised by Anglicans up until the Anglo-Catholic revival. The Book of Common Prayer in its various early versions removed the Feast of the Assumption on 15 August, leaving 8 September (Nativity of St Mary) as the main Marian Feast. August 15 returned in the twentieth century with the Scottish Prayer Book of 1929 leading the way and calling it the 'Falling Asleep of the B.V.M.', a title also used by the 1954 South African Prayer Book. The 1989 New Zealand Prayer Book added 'St Mary, the Mother of Jesus' and the 1995 Australian Book 'Mary, Mother of Our Lord'. The Church of England finally caught up with all this in Common Worship (2000) when it moved its main Marian Feast to 15 August.

This move to transfer the main Anglican Feast of Mary to 15 August was done to fit with 'wider ecumenical practice'. This means that as Roman Catholics and Orthodox, and thus most Christians, have their main Marian Feast on 15 August, it is odd for Anglicans not to do the same. The Anglican retrieval of 15 August started well with Scots and South Africans using the Orthodox title of the Dormition, 'falling asleep', of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which fits well with the Scottish Episcopalian respect for Eastern Christianity.

What is commemorated on 15 August is the end of Mary's life when she was taken body and soul into heaven. The Eastern Churches hold that she died first. The Roman Church, however, leaves it open whether she died or was taken up alive like Elijah, simply saying it happened "when the course of her earthly life was finished" (from the 1950 Papal Bull, *Munificentissimus Deus*).

As a part of our celebrations, we have a procession with Our Lady of Walsingham. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham at St Michael's is based on the statue at Walsingham in Norfolk which was carved in modern times in Oberammergau (Germany). It replaced the original, which had been destroyed during the Reformation, depicting Mary enthroned as Queen, with a golden Saxon crown and golden slippers, the Child Jesus on her lap with the Gospel book and a lily flower. According to tradition, in 1061 Mary appeared to Lady Richeldis de Faverches and showed her in a vision the house at Nazareth where the Annunciation had occurred. She was bidden to build a replica house, with the promise that 'Whoever seeks my help there will not go away empty-handed'. Later it became a shrine and a place of pilgrimage, popular to this day.

God Bless,



Father Jordan

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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

17 August 2025

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

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Organ: Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Maria Light, Toni Stewart

Organ: Ave Maria

Enrico Bossi

Mass Setting: A Festive Eucharist

Noel Rawsthorne

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.

Let us proceed in peace. **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Processional Hymn: Blest Mother of Jesus

Blest Mother of Jesus,
we praise God in you:
his power and his mercy,
his grace given to you.
Ave, ave, ave Maria; ave, ave, ave Maria.

To you, by an angel, the Father made
known the grace of his Spirit,
the gift of his Son. Ave, ave, ave...

Most blest of all women,
you heard and believed,
most blest in the fruit of your womb
then conceived!. Ave, ave, ave...

The angels rejoiced when you brought
forth God's Son;
your joy is the joy of all ages to come.
Ave, ave, ave...

Your child is the Saviour,
all hope lies in him:
he gives us new life
and redeems us from sin. Ave, ave, ave...

In glory for ever now close to your Son,
all ages will praise you for all God
has done. Ave, ave, ave...

Dear Mother of Jesus, we call upon thee:
from the land of the South,
from the isles of the sea. Ave, ave, ave...

We pray for our mother,
the Church upon earth;
and bless, sweetest Lady,
the land of our birth. Ave, ave, ave...

Through you to your Son lead us, Mary,
we pray;
through Christ to the Father
is our only way. Ave, ave, ave...

And crown thy sweet mercy
with this special grace,
to see, in his glory,
our Lord face to face. Ave, ave, ave...

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. Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, 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 (*silence*)

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son. May we who have been redeemed by his blood, share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: (*sit*)

Isaiah 7:10-15

Marla Hughes

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 45

R. On your right hand stands the Queen in garments of gold.

Kings' daughters are among your ladies of honour. On your right hand is the Queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, my daughter, hear and ponder my words: forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**

The King desires your beauty; he is your Lord, therefore bow down before him. With joy and gladness they bring her, they enter the royal palace. **R.**

Second Reading: (*sit*)

Galatians 4:4-7

Kate Churchill

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you! The Holy Spirit will come upon you. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Luke 1: 39–58

Fr Robert Jamieson

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favour on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

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

Sermon:

Fr Robert Jamieson

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: Barbara Moreton

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, Peter Daniels

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.**

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of our redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

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 mercy, receive all we offer you this day. May we share with the Virgin Mary the joys of your eternal kingdom, and live with you in unending love. We ask this in the name of 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.

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.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people; rightly you would not allow her to see the corruption of the tomb since from her own body she marvelously brought forth your incarnate Son, the Author of all life.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await.
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

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 presence.

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.**

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĭnoi 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 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: Jenny Daniels, Margaret MacLagan

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 peace.

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

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 sanitizer.

Communion Motet: Ave Maria

Jacques Arcadelt

Communion Hymn: 181

The Lord whom earth and sea and sky
Adore and praise and magnify,
Who o'er their threefold fabric reigns,
The Virgin's spotless womb contains.

How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
The very Word of God divine,
The maker of the earth and sky,
Was pleased in fleshly form to lie.

And he whose will is ever done
By moon and seas, by stars and sun,
Is borne upon a maiden's breast,
Whom God's foreseeing grace possessed.

Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
Blest in the work the Spirit wrought,
Blest evermore, who brought to birth
The long-Desired of all the earth.

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Let us pray (*silence*).

God of grace, today we raise our voices to magnify your holy name, and, in our own generation, to call her blessed who became the mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ. May we who have shared this holy food continue, with her, in your glorious kingdom, founded and established in Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary will in his great kindness to redeem the human race, be pleased to enrich you with his blessing. **Amen.**

May you know always and everywhere the protection of her, through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life. **Amen.**

May you who have devoutly gathered on this day, carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards. **Amen.**

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: 186

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings,
give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might;
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his name:
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul,
the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise,
and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

Organ Voluntary: Toccata in d minor Opus 59 Max Reger

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Graham Woolnough, Judy Palmer, Jamie McDermott, Terry & Betsy McKay.

Charles Barltrop, 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, Ashley Forman.

Anniversaries: (Tues) Max Burrows (Thurs) Barbara Gent

(Fri) Pauliina Verrier-Jones, Doug Pasea

(Sat) Cecil Mutter—Priest

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Women's Group—Tuesday 10.30 am, Parish Lounge. Speaker: Josh Gardiner, City Mission. All women welcome. Contact: Barbara Moreton, 021940890.

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

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

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

Pre-Synod Meeting

The Christchurch Diocesan Synod is taking place 5-6 September. We will be holding a Pre-synod meeting for those who are interested in the upcoming bills and motions for the synod. This will take place in the Parish Hall following the 10.00am Mass morning tea on Sunday 31 August. The bills and motions can be found online at: <https://www.anglicanlife.org.nz/christchurch-diocesan-synod/> Under Synod Papers and Information Christchurch Diocesan Synod 2025—Bills and Motions.

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 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time****24 August 2025**

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Servers:	SD: Carol Fraser	MC: Thomas Visakan
	Th: Sung Bae	Cr: Maria Light
	Ac: Callum Robertson, Robert Calvert-Griffin	
First Reading:	Rachel Watson	Isaiah 58:9b-14
Second Reading:	Barbara Moreton	Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29
Gospel:	Fr Robert Jamieson	Luke 13:10-17
Eucharist Ministers:	Carol Fraser, Jane Evans	
Sides people:	Toni Steward, Jane Evans	
Intercessions:	Marla Hughes	
Offertory:	Sue Shannons, Mary Stevenson	
Morning Tea:	Vince Moreton, Brian Gilberthorpe	
Sacristan:	Jenny Daniels	
Sacristy:	Shirley Richards	
Livestream:	Joshua Wilson Black	
Flowers:	Ros Calvert (in Memoriam, Doug Pasea)	
Evensong Readers:	Taizé	
Evensong Server:	Taizé	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels

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

Monday No Mass

Tuesday Feria
12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot, Poet, 1153
12.00 noon Meditation
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Feria
11.00 am Bible Study
12.00 am Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm Mass

Friday Feria
12.35 pm Mass
2.30 pm School Service

Saturday Rose of Lima, Mystic, 1617

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Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass