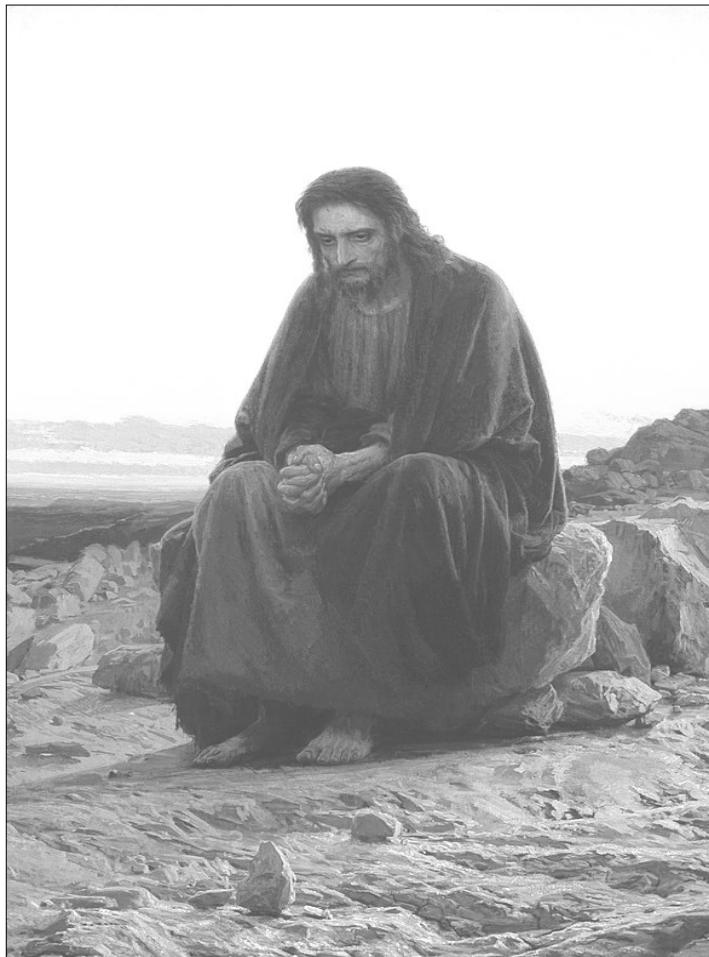


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



Christ in the Wilderness (Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoy, 1872, Tretyakov)

**The First Sunday in Lent
22 February 2026**

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

Greetings! It is good to be back with you after a month away in Chile. Natalia and I had a wonderful and refreshing time away, taking in the sites, visiting family and experiencing all that Chile had to offer. Unlike Christchurch it seems we had the benefit of good weather. It has been unsettling to see how much rain Christchurch has experienced and how so many were adversely affected. Thankfully there is now some sunshine breaking through to help dry things up.

It has been straight back into things as we begin the Season of Lent. Last night we gathered for our Ash Wednesday service. A poignant and moving service which begins this season of self-reflection, prayer and acts of compassion. These are summed up in the traditional disciplines of Lent: Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer. Whichever way you will be observing Lent this year I pray that it may be an enriching experience that draws you closer to the love of God, the self and neighbour.

Our Gospel this Sunday is Matthew 4:1-11. This always features the temptations of Jesus in the desert. It clearly links with the Lenten themes of fasting, penance and reconciliation with God and with our brothers and sisters.

In the First Reading from Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-17 there is a striking contrast between Jesus in the Gospel, and our First Parents in the Garden of Eden. The Second Reading connects the two events: it was the sin of our First Parents which brought about the coming of Jesus to restore our relationship with God. "Oh happy fault!" (O felix culpa!) as the liturgy of the Easter Vigil says of that first sin. The weakness of our First Parents brought about the coming of Jesus and all that he means to us for our lives. It is an example of how even behind unpleasant and, in fact, evil happenings, God's love can be found at work.

It is not necessary for us to understand either the Garden of Eden story or Jesus's experience with Satan as being strictly historical. These stories are primarily vehicles to communicate important truths to us. As we gather for Eucharist this Sunday and begin our Lenten journey may we know these truths not just in the mind but in the heart, in order that God's Spirit may guide and strengthen us in these holy 40 days of Lent.

God Bless,



Father Jordan

The First Sunday in Lent

22 February 2026

Celebrant 8.00 am:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch			
Celebrant 10.00 am:	Fr Robert Jamieson	Organ: Daniel Cooper		
Sidespeople:	Joy Coulter, Vince Moreton			
Organ:	O Lamm, Gottes, Unschuldig BWV 618	J S Bach		
Mass Setting:	St Mary's Mass	A Caesar		
Introit Hymn:	507			
Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.	God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.			
To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.	to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.			
Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.	Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.			
O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.	Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.			
Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.	Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.			
Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.				
Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.				

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 Service 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.**

Let us pray.

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Margaret Maclagan

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 32

R. Your word, O Lord, is true and you are faithful in all you do.

Blessed are those whose offences are forgiven, whose sin has been put away. Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **R.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I did not hide. I said, "I will confess my sins to the Lord," and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin. **R.**

You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble, you will surround me with shouts of deliverance. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all you that are upright in heart. R.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 Brenda Withell

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification.

If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

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 4:1-11

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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~~ 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: Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson

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.**

Forty days and forty nights
 Thou wast fasting in the wild,
 Forty days and forty nights
 Tempted and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,
 Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
 Prowling beasts about thy way,
 Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thine endurance share,
 And awhile from joys abstain,
 With thee watching unto prayer,
 Strong with thee to suffer pain.

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

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

Lord, at the beginning of this holy season refashion our hearts and make them one with the sacrifice we are about to offer. We ask this through Jesus 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.

For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity, and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn, they may be led to the fullness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daughters.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
 Flesh or spirit should assail,
 Thou, his vanquisher before,
 Grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine,
 Holier gladness ours shall be,
 Round us too shall angels shine,
 Such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
 Ever constant by thy side,
 That with thee we may appear
 At the eternal Eastertide.

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.

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 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 ū mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ū 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, 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.

I trust in the Lord, my protector, whose wings will shelter 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.**

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. To receive the Sacrament please cup your hands and the Priest will place it on your palm. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Communion Anthem: O for a closer walk with God

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Communion Hymn: 70

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free,
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe oppress;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy
O Saviour, be thou nigh.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.

Let us pray.

Lord, you have renewed us with the heavenly bread that enlivens our faith, inspires our hope, and strengthens our charity. Teach us to hunger for Christ, the true and living bread, and to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourself, and to take up your cross and follow him 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.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free;
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely spilt for me:

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone:

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within:

A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.

My heart, thou know'st, can never rest
Till thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossest,
From self, and sin, I cease.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new best name of love.

Organ Voluntary: Sonata No 2 in C minor—Grave and Adagio F Mendelssohn

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Hilary Anderson, Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Ann Jinman, Terry & Betsy McKay.

Charles Barltrop, 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, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Ashley Forman.

Departed: Pamela Hindin-Whitewood

Anniversaries: (Sun) Peggy Graham (Tues) Lillian Burton, Alain Castex
(Wed) Don Watt (Thurs) Wendy de la Bere, Margaret Knights
(Sat) Rosemary Kent

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Parish lunch—Sunday 1 March 12.00 noon, Pegasus Arms. RSVP to Ros 027 242 8282 by Wednesday 25 February.

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

Vestry Meeting—Wednesday 5.30 pm, Parish Lounge.

Lenten Study—Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon in the church.

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

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 Second Sunday in Lent****1 March 2026**

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson	Server: Eyob Habte
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher: Fr Robert Jamieson	
Servers:	SD: Fr Peter Beck	MC: Robert Calvert-Griffin
	Th: Hugh Munro	Cr: Lawrence Watson
	Ac: Georgia Caughey, Callum Robertson	
First Reading:	Hugh Munro	Genesis 12:1-4a
Second Reading:	Jenny Daniels	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel:	Fr Robert Jamieson	John 3:1-17
Eucharist Ministers:	Rachel Watson	
Sides people:	Judith McKaskell, Carol Fraser	
Intercessions:	Barbara Moreton	
Offertory:	Gloria Moyle, Sue Shannons	
Morning Tea:	Joy Coulter, Pat Pilkington	
Sacristan:	Lawrence Watson	
Sacristy:	-	
Livestream:	Kathleen Campbell	
Flowers:	Lent no flowers	
Evensong Readers:	Sue Shannons, Therese Aitchison	
Evensong Server:	Robert Calvert-Griffin	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday	The First Sunday in Lent—22 February 2026
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Taizé
Monday	Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c 156 No Mass
Tuesday	Feria Charles Wesley, Poet, 1788
12.35 am	Mass
Wednesday	Feria Meditation
12.00 noon	Mass
12.35 pm	
Thursday	Feria Lent Study Pray the Rosary
11.00 am	
12.00 am	
12.35 pm	Mass
Friday	George Herbert, 1633, and All Saintly Parish Priests
8.30 am	School Service
12.35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Feria
Next Sunday	The Second Sunday in Lent—1 March 2026
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

Online Services
facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch
Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version.
Propers come from the Roman Catholic Missal 2012.
Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.