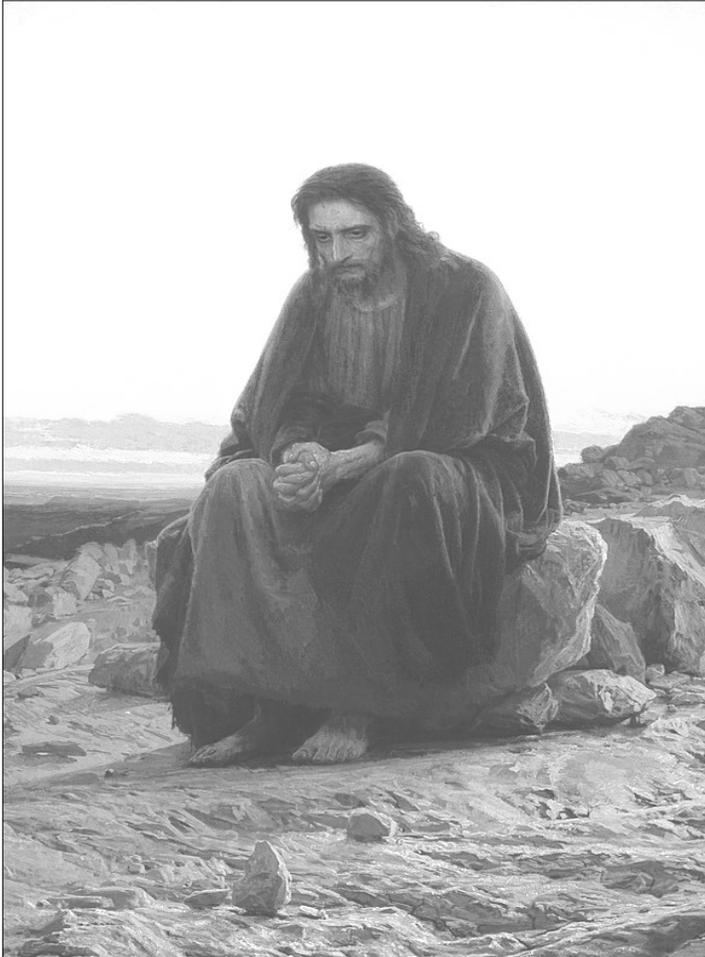


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
CHRISTCHURCH



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

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**22 March 2026**

## From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

Last Sunday it was a joy to celebrate Mothering Sunday with the Church and School community. A huge thank you to those who assisted in the service as well as those parishioners who attended. It is always difficult to accommodate both the school and parish into one service. However, despite this the singing was joyous and it was encouraging to see school students involved in the Mass and worship.

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. In the Roman Catholic Church until 1959, the fifth Sunday in Lent was officially known as "Passion Sunday". It marked the beginning of a two-week-long period known as Passiontide, which is still observed by Catholics who attend the Extraordinary Form or of Anglican Ordinariates, as well as Western Rite Orthodox Christians, and a lot of Anglo-Catholic parishes. In 1960, Pope John XIII's Code of Rubrics changed the name of that Sunday to "First Sunday of the Passion", bringing the name into harmony with the name that Pope Pius XII gave five years earlier to the Sixth Sunday in Lent, "Second Sunday of the Passion or Palm Sunday".

Pope Paul VI in 1969 removed a distinction that existed (although with overlap) between Lent and Passiontide, which began with the Fifth Sunday in Lent. The Passion was moved to Palm Sunday in order to bring deeper meaning into the Holy Week commemorations. In the Roman Rite there are now two interlinked liturgies on Palm Sunday and so since 1970, it has been "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." Or Palm Sunday. A lot of Anglicans adopted these changes. If you have a lectionary (a publication that has all the years readings and calendar) you may notice that this Sunday in the New Zealand Anglican Lectionary is called the 'Fifth Sunday in Lent: Passion Sunday'. This acknowledges that older tradition which is still legitimately held by many Anglicans. The older custom is to veil images and statues from Passion Sunday (the Fifth Sunday of Lent) until the Easter celebrations.

This Sunday's Gospel story tells of the raising of Lazarus. As we approach Holy Week, we see Jesus come closer to the climax of his life and mission. As he comes near to Jerusalem, the setting for the final drama of his life, the threats of his enemies increase by the day. They are rallying their forces to get rid of him once and for all. The disciples are quite aware of the situation and not very keen on going anywhere near Jerusalem. They are quite alarmed, then, when Jesus says:

*Let us go to Judea again.*

They remind him about the last time he was there (remember, Jerusalem is in Judea):  
*Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?*

Jesus lets them know that fear and danger cannot be the deciding factors in his life and mission:

*Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world.*

There are times for things to be done, tasks to be accomplished, missions to be carried out. Whatever the risks involved, they must be done and done now. As we approach Holy Week, we are mindful of a world in pain and conflict. We may not have all the answers to these issues, but we know one thing is clear, Jesus invites us to journey with him to our own Jerusalem, those things which are difficult, but those things that God calls us to, safe in the knowledge he has been there before and is always with us.

God Bless,  
Father Jordan



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

# The Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2026

**Celebrant 8.00 am:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch

**Celebrant 10.00 am:** Fr Robert Jamieson

**Organ:** Daniel Cooper

**Sidespeople:** Toni Stewart, Robert Maclagan

**Organ:** Elevation

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**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.**

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**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.

**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.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

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.**

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.

Look graciously on your household, we implore you, O God, that by your great goodness we may be governed in body and, through your protection, kept safe in mind and heart; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** *(sit)* Ezekiel 37:1-14

Thomas Visakan

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath. Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** 130

**R. Wait in hope for the Lord: for with the Lord there is love unailing**

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; give heed, O Lord, to my cry. Let your ears consider well the plea I make for mercy. **R.**

If you should keep account of what is done amiss, who then, O Lord, could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, therefore you shall be revered. **R.**

I wait for you, Lord, with all my soul, and in your word is my hope. My soul waits for you, O Lord, more than those who watch by night long for the morning, more I say than those who watch by night long for the morning. **R.**

Wait in hope for the Lord, for with the Lord there is love unailing, and with the Lord there is ample redemption. The Lord will redeem you for all your many sins. **R.**

**Second Reading:** *(sit)*

Romans 8:6-11

Ros Calvert

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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.** I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.  
**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**The Lord bless you**

**Praise and Glory to God**

**Gospel:**

John 11:3-7, 17-27, 33-45

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in 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 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.**

*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:** Gloria Moyle, Dorothy Burrows

### **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.**

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice  
Which is more than liberty.

But we make his love too narrow  
By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify his strictness  
With a zeal he will not own.

There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of our mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.

There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all gladness  
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

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.**

Almighty God, listen to our prayers: as you have instructed your servants in the Christian faith, so purify their hearts by the power of this sacrifice. Grant this in the name of Jesus, the 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.

As a human being, he wept for Lazarus, his friend and as eternal God raised him from the tomb, just as, taking pity on the human race, he leads us by sacred mysteries to new 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.

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.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jenny Daniels, Jane Evans

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.**

Live and believe in me, and you will never die.

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. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.*

**Anthem:**                                      Thou Knowest Lord                                      Purcell

**Communion Hymn:**                      309

Victim Divine, thy grace we claim	Thou standest in the holiest place,
While thus thy precious death we show;	As now for guilty sinners slain;
Once offered up, a spotless Lamb,	Thy blood of sprinkling speaks and prays
In thy great temple here below,	All-prevalent for human kind;
Thou didst for all the world atone,	Thy blood is still our ransom found,
And standest now before the throne.	And speaks salvation all around.

We need not now go up to heaven  
To bring the long-sought Saviour down;  
Thou art to all already given,  
Thou dost e'en now thy banquet crown:  
To every faithful soul appear,  
And show thy real presence here.

Let us pray.

We ask, almighty God, to be numbered always among the members of Christ, whose body and blood we share in this sacrament of unity. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Notices**

**Blessing:**

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

God of salvation, let your Son's passion and death be for your people protection from evil in this life and the sure hope of glory in the life to come. 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.**

**Final Hymn:**

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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.

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.

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.

**Organ Voluntary:**

Postlude IV

J Langlais

**7.00pm:**

Taizé

**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.

**Anniversaries:**

(Mon) Sr Zoe—CSN, Marion Souter

(Thurs) Beryl Boshier

(Sat) Sidney Burrows

## NOTICES

### **THIS WEEK**

**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.

**Lenten Study**—Thursday 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

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

### **Palm Sunday**

If you have access to any palms or cabbage tree leaves please bring these with you on Palm Sunday, or they can be left at the church during the week. Buckets of water will be available to keep the palms fresh.

**Foot washing and The Prayer Vigil**— Sign ups sheets are at the back of the church for Maundy Thursday Foot washing and for the Prayer Vigil.

**AGM**—The AGM will take place after the 10.00am service on 3 May 2026. All reports to be sent to the Parish Office by 17 April 2026.

**Flowers for the Floral Cross**—Please bring in flowers for the Floral Cross on Easter Sunday. Flowers can be left on Easter Saturday or brought along early on Easter Sunday.

**Working Bee**—There will a working bee at 10.00am-12.00 noon on Saturday 4 April in readiness for Easter Sunday. Please come along if you can. People required for brass cleaning and gardening (tools provided).

**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.



# The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

## **This Sunday**      **The Fifth Sunday of Lent—22 March 2026**

8.00 am      **Low Mass**  
10.00 am    **High Mass**  
7.00 pm      **Taizé**

**Monday**          Feria  
No Mass

**Tuesday**        Gabriel, Archangel  
12.35 am      Mass

**Wednesday**    **The Annunciation of Our Saviour to the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
12.00 noon    Meditation  
12.35 pm      Mass

**Thursday**        Feria  
11.00 am      Lenten Study  
12.00 am      Pray the Rosary  
12.35 pm      Mass  
6.00 pm        Lenten Study

**Friday**            Feria  
8.30 am        School Service  
12.35 pm      Mass

**Saturday**        Feria

## **Next Sunday**    **Palm Sunday —29 March 2026**

8.00 am      Low Mass  
10.00 am    High Mass with Palm Procession (gather at the Parish Hall at 9.45am)  
7.00 pm      Stations of the Cross

### **Online Services**

[facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch](https://facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch)

**Sunday** 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.  
Propers come from the Roman Catholic Missal 1998.  
Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.