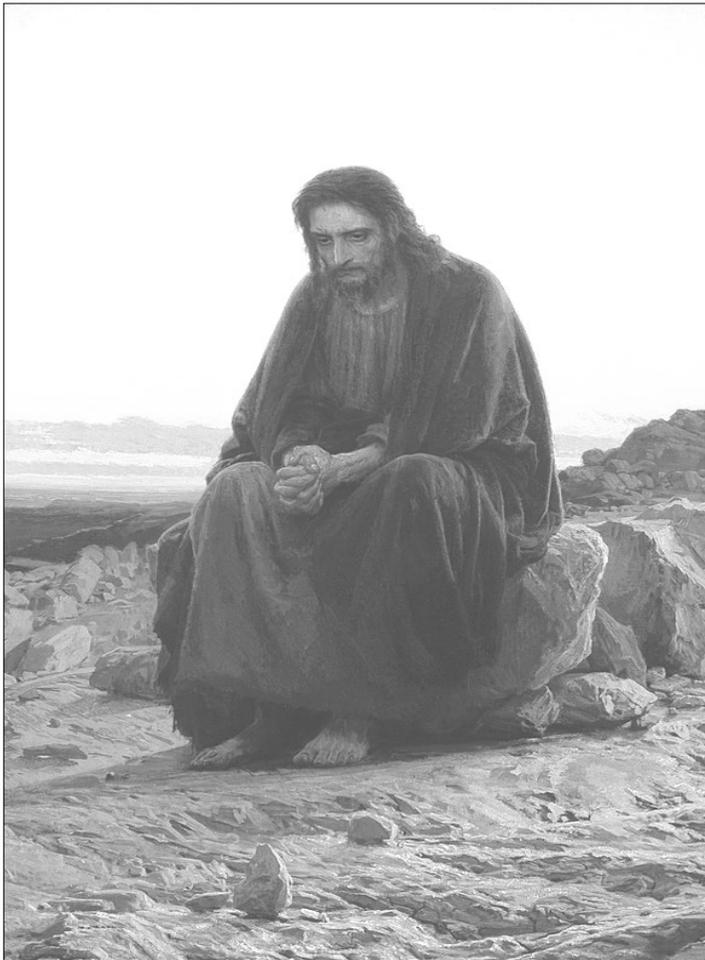


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



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

The Second Sunday of Lent
1 March 2026

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

Last Saturday I was privileged to be in the parish hall for our St Michael's Church School 175th alumni event. A great morning was had by all as current students guided former students around the school grounds and church. It was particularly heart-warming to hear alumni share their memories of School Mass, where they used to sit, and their experiences as servers. In a few months' time we will be having further celebrations as we gather for our Founders Day service on Sunday 17 May. More details about that service to follow. But please put it in your diary.

This Sunday we continue our journey through Lent. The Second Sunday of Lent is an interesting one as the lectionary readings for the Mass offer us two Gospel readings to choose from. One is the reading that we will have on Sunday, the well-known conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus from John's Gospel. The other option comes from the Gospel of Matthew, which depicts the Transfiguration event.

There seems to be some mystery about why we have two Gospel readings to choose from on this Sunday but it seems the option from John's Gospel arises from an older English tradition, namely 'the 'Sarum' whereas Matthew from the Roman Tradition. Either way this Sunday we will exploring Jesus' powerful teaching with Nicodemus. Today we see the encounter between Jesus and the Pharisee, Nicodemus, who was also a member of the Sanhedrin—the governing council of the Jews. He was, then, a very highly placed official.

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night. This, on the one hand, indicates his fear of being seen by others, but on the other, probably also has a symbolic meaning. Religious man though he was, when he came to Jesus he was in a kind of spiritual darkness. But his virtue is that he comes to seek light. Jesus, of course, is the Light of the World. On the other hand, in the next chapter, the Samaritan woman will meet Jesus in the full blaze of the midday sun. It is interesting to contemplate the underlying meaning of this as well. In that conversation Jesus offers an elusive but poignant image for the way God works in the world and our lives:

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. Once we are guided by the Spirit, we have put ourselves totally in God's hands, ready to be led wherever God wants us to go. This is the message being given to Nicodemus. He must be ready to move in a different direction from that which has guided his life up to this point. This readiness will lead him to see in Jesus the Word of God. We, too, wherever we happen to be right now, must ever be ready for God, through his Spirit, to call us in a new direction and to follow his lead.

God Bless,



Father Jordan

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

The Second Sunday of Lent

1 March 2026

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson
Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Organ:** Daniel Cooper

Sidespeople: Judith McKaskell, Carol Fraser

Organ: Elegy H Willan

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.

**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.

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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: *(sit)* Genesis 12:1-4a

Hugh Munro

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

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

R. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where shall I look for help? My help comes from the Lord, who has made heaven and earth. **R.**

The Lord will not let your foot stumble, the one who guards you will not sleep. The one who keeps watch over his people will neither slumber nor sleep. **R.**

The Lord is the one who will guard you, the Lord at your right hand will be your defence, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor yet the moon by night. **R.**

The Lord will preserve you from all evil, yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe. The Lord shall take care of your going out, and your coming in, from this time forth and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)*

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Jenny Daniels

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. From the shining cloud the Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

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 John

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Fr Robert Jamieson

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit". Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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.**

**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: Gloria Moyle, Sue Shannons

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory Hymn: 467

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
Who on his succour trust.

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, may this eucharistic sacrifice wash away our sins; may it sanctify your people in body and soul and prepare us to celebrate the paschal feast. Grant this through 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.

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.

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 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: Fr Peter Beck, Rachel Watson

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.

The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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: God so loved the world

J Stainer

Communion Hymn: 376

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright:'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

Let us pray.

We give you grateful thanks, O Lord, for this most glorious sacrament, in which you allow us, while pilgrims still on earth, a foretaste of the blessings of heaven. We make our prayer 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.

Be thou my vision,
 O Lord of my heart,
 Be all else but naught to me,
 save that thou art,
 Be thou my best thought in the day
 and the night,
 Both waking and sleeping,
 thy presence my light.

Be thou my breastplate,
 my sword for the fight,
 Be thou my whole armour,
 be thou my true might,
 Be thou my soul's shelter,
 be thou my strong tower,
 O raise thou me heavenward,
 great Power of my power.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
 Be thou ever with me,
 and I with thee, Lord,
 Be thou my great Father,
 and I thy true one,
 Be thou in me dwelling,
 and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not,
 nor earth's empty praise,
 Be thou my inheritance now and always,
 Be thou and thou
 only the first in my heart,
 O Sovereign of heaven,
 my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,
 thou heaven's bright Sun,
 O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
 Great Heart of my own heart,
 whatever befall,
 Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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:

(Sun) David Scott, Ongloon Yee
 (Thurs) Katy Haddelsey, Michael Ladd
 (Fri) Annette Creamer
 (Sat) Catherine Peters

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Parish lunch—Sunday 12.00 noon, Pegasus Arms.

Needlework Group—Tuesday 7.00 pm, Ros's house. Contact: Ros Calvert 0272428282.

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

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**.

Vestry Minutes - the approved January Vestry minutes can be obtained from the Parish Administrator or emailed on request.

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 Third Sunday of Lent**

8 March 2026

8:00 am Mass **Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Server:** Eyob Habte
10.00 am Mass **Celebrant:** Fr Robert Jamieson

Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Servers: **SD:** Margaret Maclagan **MC:** Robert Calvert-Griffin
Th: Thomas Visakan **Cr:** Georgia Caughey
Ac: Callum Robertson, Eyob Habte

First Reading: Robert Calvert-Griffin Exodus 17:1-7

Second Reading: Robert Maclagan Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: Fr Jordan Greatbatch John 4:5-15, 19-26

Eucharist Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Gail Chiswell

Sides people: Kathleen Campbell, Maria Light

Intercessions: Johann Williams

Offertory: Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows

Morning Tea: Richard Thompson, Vince Moreton

Sacristan: Jenny Daniels

Sacristy: Toni Stewart

Livestream: Jane Evans

Flowers: No flowers during Lent

Evensong Readers: Ros Calvert, Johann Williams

Evensong Server: Sung Bae

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This Sunday **The Second Sunday of Lent—1 March 2026**

8.00 am **Low Mass**
10.00 am **High Mass**
7.00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday Carl Sylvius Völkner, Priest and Mokomoko - 1865
No Mass

Tuesday John Wesley, Preacher, 1791
Charles Wesley, Poet, 1788
12.35 am Mass

Wednesday Feria
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 Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

Next Sunday **The Third Sunday of Lent—8 March 2026**

8.00 am Low Mass
10.00 am High Mass
7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Online Services
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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

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