

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,



The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 February 2023

Letter from Fr Peter Williams

Dear friends,

A warm welcome to you all, and particularly to any of you who are visitors to St Michael's today. Our wonderful summer continues, appreciated even by those who like me are better attuned to a temperate climate. I do enjoy the sunshine, but from the shade. Beneath it all, I am concerned that what we may once have regarded as simply a good year, is in fact the quickly manifesting effect of real climate change.

Next Saturday, 18 February at 3pm, we shall be celebrating a Requiem Mass for Doug Pasea who died and was buried in France 6 months ago, while visiting family there with his wife Yvonne. Doug and Yvonne and their daughters came to Christchurch and St Michael's in the early 1990s. Doug has been a mainstay of the choir ever since, and Yvonne has served in various important roles. A handful of people with St Michael's connections were able to be at the funeral in the village of Flagey near Fontainebleau, including our music director, Paul Ellis and Jane. All are invited to this memorial Mass for Doug on his home ground and with the worship and music and community he loved.

The daily Mass at St Michael's, is the focus of this Parish's ministry of prayer, which we take very seriously. Through Christ we are glad to offer prayer for the sick and the troubled. The list includes people having an acute health (or other) crisis, those having planned surgery or treatment, and those in their last illness. It also includes some chronically ill, those in pain, frailty, or disability over a long period. By printing the list, this faith community commits itself to pray for these people, and we must all take our part in that. This does not mean that the whole list, or indeed any of it, needs to be read at every Mass. The important thing is not that the names are paraded, but that the people are prayed for. Each of us can do that in whatever way it is convenient – at home, at spare moments during the day, and while waiting for Mass to begin. That is why the list is provided. Of course we can pray most intelligibly for those we know, but between us, all will be covered. I trust that all those whom we carry on the list and in our hearts, are being gathered up in the prayer of Christ among us. He knows every need, and invites us to share in his compassion through our prayer.

Please remember that LENT begins on Wednesday week, 22 February. On that day, ASH WEDNESDAY, we shall celebrate the usual midday Mass, as well as a Sung Mass at 7pm. At both Masses we shall have crosses of ashes marked upon our foreheads. To make that possible, would you please return the palm crosses you received last year, to be burnt to make the ash. They may be left in the bowl at the back of the Church during this week or next Sunday.

May God bless you all.

Peter Williams

Online Services

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Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

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.

Parish Covid Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Geoff Paterson

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Peter Williams

Mass Setting: Mass of S. Cedd

Organ Voluntary: Voluntary VII

Organ: Paul Ellis & Eric Apperley

Peter Nardone

John Stanley

Introit Hymn: 397

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He the golden-tressèd sun
Caused all day his course to run:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze his name abroad,
For of gods he is the God:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

And the horned moon by night,
Mid her spangled sisters bright:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He with all-commanding might
Filled the new-made world with light:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

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Greeting:

I runga i te Ingoa ✠ o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**

(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

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.

**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.**

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.

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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)* Sirach 15: 15–20 Brenda Withell
If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given.

For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 119

R. Blessed are those who live a blameless life, who follow your law, O Lord.

1. Blessed are those who live a blameless life, who follow your law, O Lord. Blessed are those who obey your instruction, and seek you with all their heart. **R.**
2. You laid down your precepts for us to keep them diligently. O that my ways might be steadfast in the keeping of your statutes. **R.**
3. Deal kindly with your servant that I may live, and living I shall keep your word. Take the veil away from my eyes, that I may see the wonderful things of your law. **R.**
4. Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and in keeping them I shall have my reward. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law, I shall keep it with all my heart. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 1–9 Sue Shannons
Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations?

For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(stand)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees all things. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Matthew 5: 21–37

On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and taught them, saying: "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'Whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

Sermon:

Fr Peter Williams

Affirmation of Faith:

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human (*all genuflect or bow*). 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: Jenny Daniels

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 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: Jenny and 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.**

Offertory Hymn: 466

Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light.

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

**May the Lord accept 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 compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with
him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks, He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it;

this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of 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.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence

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: Rachel Watson, Michael Graveston

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.

**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 am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord.

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.

Motet: Ubi caritas

Gjeilo

Communion Hymn: 302

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul,
'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy
fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the
sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth
keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall
cease,
May we be one with all thy church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

Prayer after Communion:

Faithful God, as we have been nourished by heavenly food, may we now live according to your word and show the fruits of your love. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing: *The Priest gives the blessing.*

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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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

To all life thou givest—
to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and
flourish as leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish—
but naught changeth thee.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
Thy justice,
like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love.

Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render;
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Organ Voluntary: Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

Meditation Group- Wednesday 12.00 noon everyone is invited to meditate for 20 minutes at home in a virtual group. Contact: Margaret Maclagan 0275599216.

Bible Study- Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary-Thursday 12.00 noon.

Pastoral Care Meeting- Friday 10.00 am. Contact Gloria Moyle 0274355347.

Requiem Mass- Saturday 3.00 pm for Doug Pasea.

Inasmuch Basket- please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

19 February 2023

8:00 am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Geoff Paterson

10.00 am Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Williams

Servers: SD: Jenny Daniels

MC: Michael Graveston **Th:** Thomas Visakan

Cr: Robert Calvert

Ac: Mila Pepperle-Coles, Sung Bae

First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18

Thomas Visakan

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23

Barbara Moreton

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

Sermon: Fr Peter Williams

Eucharist Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Dorothy Burrows

Sides people: Joy Coulter, Adrienne Curtis

Intercessions: Rachel Watson

Offertory: Jane and Pat Evans

Morning Tea: Gail Chiswell, Jane Ellis

Sacristan: Simon Green

Sacristy:

Flowers: Brenda Withell

Evensong & Benediction:

Readers: Joshua Wilson Black, Jane Ellis

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember, Clemency Mutze, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Craig Daniels.

Anniversaries: (Sun) Watkin Kerr, Douglas Hutcheson

(Sat) Laurence Smithson, Phyllis Lundgren

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THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, CHRISTCHURCH

This Sunday	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass
7:00 pm	Evensong and Benediction
Monday	Feria
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Cyril, 869, and Mehodius, 885, Missionaries to the Slav
12:35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Feria
12:35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Holy Innocents
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	Janani Luwum, Archbishop, Martyr of Uganda, 1977
12:35 pm	Mass
Saturday	
3:00 pm	Requiem Mass for Doug Pasea
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