

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 February 2026

Letter from Fr Robert...

Kingdom Ethics

Dear Friends.

On this Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Scriptures present us with a gracious yet challenging invitation: to choose life, to grow in maturity, and to open our hearts to God's holiness.

In Deuteronomy, Moses presents the people with a stark but hopeful choice: life and good, or death and evil. This is not merely a legal decision but a covenantal one, an invitation to love the Lord, to walk in his ways, and to cling to him as our very life. The Christian life is never neutral; each day, we are gently but firmly called to renew our yes to God.

St Paul, writing to the Corinthians, reminds us that growth in Christ is a journey. He speaks openly about spiritual infancy and maturity, yet without condemnation. The Church is God's field, God's building; each of us is both nourished by others and called to labour faithfully in our own place. What matters most is not who plants or who waters, but that God provides the growth. Patience with ourselves and with one another is part of holy living.

In the Gospel, our Lord deepens the Law, shifting our focus from external actions to internal change. Anger, contempt, lust, careless words—these too come under his loving but searching gaze. Jesus does not burden us; instead, he sets us free, urging us towards sincerity of heart and wholeness of life.

Therefore, loving God, does not simply mean avoiding harmful actions. Instead, it involves examining inner attitudes that hurt others and fracture communities. Followers of Jesus are called to a kingdom ethic based on love, seeking the good of others, truth, and reconciliation, not just legal adherence.

Peace be with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "FR. ROBERT" followed by a stylized flourish.

Fr. Robert

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson

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Organ: Daniel Cooper

Sidespeople: Judith McKaskell, Maria Light

Opening Voluntary: Bach's Memento—Aria in E minor

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Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd

Peter Nardone

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.

All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:
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.

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

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa o te ✠ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Āmine.
(In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

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

The Mass of the day is introduced and the people are invited to call to mind their sins.

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.**

(Sung)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, ✠
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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)*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Jenny Daniels

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

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: *(sit)*

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sue Shannons

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, 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 fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not all too 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 one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labour. For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 5:21-37

Fr Peter Beck

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, 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 sexual immorality, 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:

Marla Hughes

Affirmation of Faith:

(Stand)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *(all genuflect or bow)*
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became fully human. *(stand)***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions: Joshua Wilson Black

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: Sue Shannons, Joy Coulter

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.**

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 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 holy sacrifice cleanse us from sin, review us in spirit, and gain for us the eternal reward promised to those who do your will. We ask 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.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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 ĭnoi tatou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai,
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaoranga mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Carol Fraser

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

(Sung)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but 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.

Anthem:

Lord, Thou Hast Told Us

A Bax

Communion Hymn:

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'Forgive our sins as we forgive'
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

In blazing light your Cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew,
How small the debts men owe to us,
How great our debts to you.

How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs, and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
And bid resentment cease;
Then, reconciled to God and man,
Our lives will spread your peace.

Let us pray.

Having feasted with delight at your heavenly table, we beg you, Lord, that we may always hunger for that food by which we truly live. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord 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.

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.

Final Voluntary: Sonata No 4 in A minor—Moderato J Rheinberger

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

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, Pamela Hindin-Whitewood,
John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Deb Smith,
Andrew Lawson, Ashley Forman.

Anniversaries:

(Tues) Bert Riseley
(Wed) Laurence Smithson, Phyllis Lundgren
(Thurs) Lois Slatter, Peter Axcell—Priest
(Fri) Derek Scott

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Women's Group—Tuesday 10.30 am, Parish Lounge. Contact: Barbara Moreton 021940890

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.

Lenten Study - Thursday 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

Pastoral Care Team Meeting - Friday 20 February at 10.00 am.

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

Palm Crosses

Please bring your Palm Crosses on Sunday—the basket is at the back of the church.

Ash Wednesday Services

There will be two services being offered for Ash Wednesday. Our usual 12.35 Mass and an evening Mass at 7pm. Please join us as we begin Lent this year.

This Sunday—Music Performance Group – 1:00 pm.

This is a FREE activity on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Join us as either a musician (instrumentalist or singer) to gain performance experience and feedback, or as an audience member to enjoy the music and support the performers.

This group includes both professional and amateur performers singing or playing various musical instruments. You'll experience a diversity of musical genres (jazz, folk, classical music etc) created in an informal and relaxed but supportive setting.

All welcome. Contact: Eric Apperley (03) 325 5848

175th Anniversary School Alumni Event 2026

The school is delighted to invite you to the first official event marking this milestone year.

A celebration to commence our anniversary year will be held at 9.30 am on Saturday, 21 February 2026, at St Michael's School. The morning will include school and church tours, led by our current pupils, followed by a morning tea in the school hall — a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with past pupils, colleagues, and friends. To help us with planning, could you please indicate your interest in attending this function by emailing stmichaels175@gmail.com.

We look forward to celebrating 175 years of St Michael's School with you and sharing in the memories, connections, and community spirit that make our school so special. Courtney Holmes, 175th School Committee.

NEXT WEEK**The First Sunday of Lent****22 February 2026**

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Server: Thomas Visakan
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson	
	Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Servers:	SD: Jenny Daniels	MC: Michael Graveston
	Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin	Cr: Sung Bae
	Ac: Georgia Caughey, Carol Fraser	
First Reading:	Margaret Maclagan	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Second Reading:	Brenda Withell	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Matthew 4:1-11
Eucharist Ministers:	Jenny Daniels, Gloria Moyle	
Sides people:	Joy Coulter, Vince Moreton	
Intercessions:	Rachel Watson	
Offertory:	Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson	
Morning Tea:	Gail and Tim Chiswell	
Sacristan:	Thomas Visakan	
Sacristy:	Joy Coulter	
Livestream:	Eyob Habte	
Flowers:	Lent—no flowers	
Evensong Readers:	Taizé	
Evensong Server:	Taizé	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

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

Monday	Holy Innocents No Mass
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Tuesday	Janani Luwum, Archbishop, Martyr of Uganda, 1977
12.35 pm	Mass

Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY—the First Day of Lent
8.30 am	School Ash Wednesday Service
12.00 noon	Meditation
12.35 pm	Mass with imposition of ashes
7.00 pm	High Mass with imposition of ashes

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

Friday	Saints and Martyrs of Africa
12.35 pm	Mass

Saturday	Feria
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Next Sunday	The First Sunday of Lent —22 February 2026
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Taizé

Online Services

Sunday	facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch 10.00 am Solemn Mass
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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.