

The Anglican Parish of
St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS



The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 September 2023

From the Vicar...

Dear friends

It is a busy time of the year for many, not least here at St Michael's. As spring slowly blossoms there is a different energy in the year as we move into the warmer months. Of course, one of the major events of the year for the parish community is the upcoming Feast of St Michael and All Angels. This will be celebrated on the feast day itself, Friday 29 September at 7pm. Our preacher this year will be Father Peter Beck who will be celebrating 50 years of Priesthood on that date. Quite a milestone. A Feast would not be a feast without some food so we will also be having supper and a glass of something in the hall following the service. Please do join us for this important event in our life together.

Another event of note is baptisms. This past week I will have baptised 3 students from the St Michael's School community. A wonderful event for them and the school. We also have parish baptisms coming up at the end of the month. On 1 October we will have the infant baptism of Josh & Hannah's son Clement. We will also have the adult baptisms of Robbie and Robert. Please remember them all in your prayers in the coming weeks as they make this significant commitment in their Christian life.

And of course, as I mentioned in my letter last week we have the Diocesan Synod this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. And once again, please pray for us and the Synod!

Yours in Christ,



Father Jordan

If you would like a copy of the music for the mass setting and hymns please speak to one of the Sides People.

Parish 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).

Online Services

Sunday 10.00 am facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch
Solemn Mass—this is a livestreamed service
(pews in front of the sound desk are not filmed)

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.

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch
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Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd Peter Nardone
Organ Voluntary: Cantabile Flor Peeters

Introit Hymn: 475

Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.

Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives!

Ye blessèd souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.

My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.
(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 may be welcomed informally and the Mass of the day introduced.

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.

Silence

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.

God of unfailing mercy, who redeemed us and adopted us as your children, look upon us with tender love, that we who believe in Christ may enjoy true freedom and enter our promised inheritance. We ask this 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)* Ezekiel 33: 7–11 Ann Jinman

The word of the Lord came to me: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said, “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Responsorial Psalm: 119

R. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law.

1. Teach me, 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.**
2. Make me walk in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. Incline my heart to your instruction and away from covetous desires. **R.**
3. Turn away my eyes from what is empty and false; and give me life in your way. Fulfil your promise to your servant, your promise to those who fear you. **R.**
4. Turn away from me the scorn that I dread, for your judgements are very good. How I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)* Romans 13: 8–14 Jennifer Murray

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. **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 18: 15–20

Margaret Maclagan

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Sermon: Deacon Simon Green

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.

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: Rachel Watson

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.
By one spirit we were baptised into one body.
Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:
Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory: Ann and Dudley Jinman

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. **Amen.**

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.**

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
 First-begotten from the dead,
 Thou alone, our strong defender,
 Lifest up thy people's head.
 Alleluya,
 Jesu, true and living Bread!

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
 As of old in Bethlehem,
 Here as there thine angels hail thee,
 Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
 Alleluya,
 We in worship join with them.

Here our humblest homage pay we;
 Here in loving reverence bow;
 Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
 Lest we fail to know thee now.
 Alleluya,
 Thou art here, we ask not how.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
 Once for all when thou wast slain,
 In its fullness undiminished
 Shall for evermore remain,
 Alleluya,
 Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
 Stricken Rock with streaming side,
 Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
 Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
 Alleluya,
 Risen, ascended, glorified!

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.**

Loving God, wellspring of peace and true worship, let our offering come before you as fitting homage to your glory, and let our partaking of these sacred mysteries unite our hearts in faith. 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.

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 āianēi
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: Jenny Daniels, Andrew Moorhouse

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.

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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.

Anthem: Sweet sacrament divine

Stanfield NEH 307

Communion Hymn: 104

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King;
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives the guests his blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.

Mighty Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!
With sincerity and love
Eat we Manna from above.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free,
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.

Prayer after Communion:

God, at the table of your word and sacrament you nourish your faithful and given them life. Grant that through these gifts of your Son we may advance in holiness and be worthy to share his life for ever. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

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

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon, in the church.

Pastoral Care Meeting—Friday 10.00 am.

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

NEXT WEEK**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 17 September 2023**8:00 am** Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Server:** Simon Green**10.00 am** Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Preacher:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Servers:****SD:** Margaret Maclagan**MC:** Robert Calvert**Th:** Sung Bae**Cr:****Ac:** Liam Moore, Carol Fraser**First Reading:**

Genesis 50:15-21

Gloria Moyle

Second Reading:

Romans 14: 1-12

Therese Aitchison

Gospel:

Matthew 18: 21-35

Fr Peter Williams

Eucharist Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Jane Evans**Sides people:** Gail Chiswell, Jane Ellis**Intercessions:** Jenny Daniels**Offertory:** Gail Chiswell, Joy Coulter**Morning Tea:** Judith McKaskell, Joy Coulter**Sacristan:** Jenny Daniels**Sacristy:****Livestream:** Michael Graveston**Flowers:** Ros Calvert**Evensong Readers:** Arina Fish, Simon Green**Evensong Server:** Robert Calvert**Please pray for...****The Sick:**

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

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Anthony & Chrissie Coulter.

Anniversaries: (Sun) Louisa McNabb, Mervyn Good (Tues) Arthur Martin
(Wed) James Gray (Thurs) Don Binney (Fri) Terence Turner
(Sat) Cecil Gault—Priest

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8:00 am **Low Mass**
 10:00 am **Solemn Mass**
 7:00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday

12:35 pm Mass

Tuesday

12:35 pm Mass

Wednesday Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage

12:00 pm Meditation Group

12:35 pm Mass

Thursday **Holy Cross Day**

11:00 am Bible Study

12:00 pm Pray the Rosary

12:35 pm Mass

Friday

12.35 pm Mass

2.00 pm Whole School Mass

7.30 pm Christchurch Organist Association

Saturday Ninian, Bishop in Galloway

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10.00 am Processional Mass

7:00 pm Evensong and Benediction

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