

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).

S. Michael and All Angels

8 January 2023

The Celebration of the Epiphany

Celebrant 8.00 am:	Fr Peter Williams
Celebrant 10.00 am:	Fr Peter Williams
Organ:	Paul Ellis
Cantor:	Ros Calvert-Griffin
Mass Setting:	A New People's Mass Dom Gregory Murray
Organ Voluntary:	Les Mages Olivier Messaien
Introit Hymn:	52



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.

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son, guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory 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)* Isaiah 60: 1–6

Jennifer Murray

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 29

R. You Lord will give strength to your people: you will give your people the blessing of peace.

1. Ascribe to the Lord you heavenly powers: ascribe to the Lord all glory and might. Ascribe due honour to God's holy name. worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. you Lord will give strength to your people: you will give your people the blessing of peace. **R.**
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: it is a glorious God who makes the Thunder upon the great waters. The voice of the Lord is power: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. You Lord will give strength to your people: You will give your people the blessing of peace. **R.**
4. The Lord sits enthroned above the waters: the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever. You Lord will give strength to your people you will give your people the blessing of peace. **R.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 1–12

Fr Ron Smith

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, and the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. Of this Gospel I have become a servant, according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the Church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star as it rose, and have come to do the Lord homage. **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 2: 1–12

Margaret Maclagan

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him: In Bethlehem of Judæa; for so it has been written by the prophet, ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Sermon: Margaret Maclagan

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: 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 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: Joy Coulter, 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: 55

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 light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this
mystery grow daily in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God, accept the offerings of your Church, not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but
the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ
the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

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.

Today you revealed in Christ your eternal plan of salvation and showed him as the light
of all peoples. Now that his glory has shone among us, we are renewed in his immortal
image.

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.**

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with Peter our bishop, all the clergy, and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we 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, Margaret Maclagan

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.

We have seen his star and are come to worship him.

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.

Cantor: Behold the great Creator makes 15th Century English Carol

Communion Hymn: 425

Prayer after Communion:

God of glory, you have nourished us with heavenly bread. Through your people may your light shine in all the world; through Christ our Lord. **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: 470

Organ Voluntary: March from the Occasional Overture GF Handel

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

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

No weekday Masses

This Sunday	The Celebration of the Epiphany
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass
Monday	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, c.367
Saturday	Sava, Founder and first Archbishop of the Serbian Church, 1253
Next Sunday	The Second Sunday of Epiphany
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass

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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, Margaret Weaver.

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

Anniversaries: (Sun) Charles Perry - Priest, Doris Gault, Audrey Graham
(Tues) Richard Graveston, Dawn McGlinchy (Wed) Lettie Naylor
(Thurs) Mary Harding (Fri) George Gerrie.