

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
26 October 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

As I write this the wind and the rain are starting to pick up as we await the incoming storm. I hope and pray it passes us quickly and that all remain safe.

We are almost to the end of October and how the year has flown by. Liturgically we have the upcoming feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Following that the next important service in the calendar is the Feast of Christ the King which is taking place on 23 November. That particular feast is in fact celebrating 100 years since its inception by Pope Pius XI, who wanted to crown the jubilee year of 1925 by the introduction of a new feast to honour the kingship of Christ. He therefore instituted the Feast of Christ the King (*Festum Domini nostri Jesu Christi regis*) with his encyclical *Quas primas* of 1925, in response to growing secularism and secular ultra-nationalism. More on that topic when we draw nearer to the Feast. Following that we move in to the Season of Advent.

As many of you might be aware next year the Parish and School celebrate 175 years since their founding. We are in the process of organising various events for 2026 to celebrate this important milestone. As a part of the celebrations the school wishes to contact any alumni. If you or anyone you know attended St Michael's Church School and are interested in the 175th celebrations, they can register with the following link:

<https://www.saintmichaels.school.nz/our-community/celebrating-175-years-of-st-michael-s-school/>

In due time we will notify the Parish about events taking place in the church for the 175th commemorations.

This Sunday our readings are Sirach 35:12-14,16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14. One of the lessons of today's readings is that God listens especially to the sinner and to the poor. The attitude of Jesus is well expressed in the First Reading, from the Book of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus):

*[God] will not show partiality to the poor,
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.*

As we gather this Sunday for Eucharist may we be mindful of that call on our lives as we reflect on the words of the Gospel and receive the body and blood of our Lord.

God Bless,
Father Jordan



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

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26 October 2025

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Organ: Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Joy Coulter, Carol Fraser

Organ: Contrapuntus I (from the Art of Fugue) JS Bach

Mass Setting: A New Peoples' Mass Dom Gregory Murray

Introit Hymn: 398 (Tune 321)

'Lift up your hearts!'

We lift them, Lord,
to thee;

Here at thy feet none other may we see:

'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so,

with one accord,

we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

Above the swamps

of subterfuge and shame,

The deeds, the thoughts,

that honour may not name,

The halting tongue

that dares not tell the whole,

O Lord of Truth, lift every Christian soul!

Above the level of the former years,

The mire of sin,

the slough of guilty fears,

The mist of doubt,

the blight of love's decay,

O Lord of Light,

lift all our hearts to-day!

Lift every gift that thou thyself

hast given:

Low lies the best till lifted up to heaven:

Low lie the bounding heart,

the teeming brain,

Till, sent from God,

they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call, in after years,

'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,

Still shall those hearts respond, with full accord,

'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'

Greeting:

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.

Ever-living God, increase within us your gifts of faith, hope, and love, and make us cherish what you command, so that we may obtain what you promise; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading: *(sit)*

Sirach 35:12-17

Ros Calvert

Give to the Most High as he has given to you
and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it,
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice,
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor,
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 84

R. O Lord God of hosts, blessed are those who dwell in your house.

How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord God of power and might. My soul has a desire
and longing to enter the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh rejoice in the living God.

R.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed are those who dwell in your house. Blessed are those
whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage **R.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Show favour, O God, to
the king our defender, and look upon the face of your anointed prince. **R.**

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke ☩

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14

Fr Robert Jamieson

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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. *(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: 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 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: Brenda Withell, Jane Evans

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: 461 (Tune Coverdale)

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.

But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

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.**

God of majesty, look with favour on the gifts we offer, and grant that this expression of our service may be directed above all to your glory. 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 āianeī
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, Gail Chiswell

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.**

We rejoice in you, our Saviour, and boast in the name of the Lord our 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: King of glory

Anthony Greening

Communion Hymn: 310

We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high priest,
O'er sin and death victorious,
At thy thanksgiving feast:
As thou art interceding
For us in heaven above,
Thy Church on earth is pleading
Thy perfect work of love.

O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
Who thine own self hast given
To be our souls' true food;
For us thy body broken
Hung on the cross of shame:
This bread, its hallowed token,
We break in thy dear name.

Through thee in every nation
Thine own their hearts upraise,
Offering one pure oblation,
One sacrifice of praise:
With thee in blest communion
The living and the dead
Are joined in closest union,
One body with one head.

O stream of love unending,
Poured from the one true vine,
With our weak nature blending
The strength of life divine;
Our thankful faith confessing
In thy life-blood outpoured,
We drink this cup of blessing
And praise thy name, O Lord.

Let us pray.

Lord, may your mysteries accomplish within us the salvation they embody, that we may come to possess in truth what we celebrate now under sacramental signs. Grant this in the name of Jesus, the 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.

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.

Organ Voluntary:

Fanfare

John Cook

7.00 pm

Taizé

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Ann Jinman, Jamie McDermott, 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:

(Sun) Ernie Tuck (Wed) John Fry, Ben Di Somma, Crystal Beattie (Thurs) Michael Kearns (Fri) David Young

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

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

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Study Group—Thursday 6.00pm, Parish Lounge.

Pegasus Sunday Lunch—Sunday 2 November, 12.00 noon Pegasus Arms. RSVP by Wednesday 29 October Ros Calvert 0272428282

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**. The Outreach would like any donated sun hats and sunscreen.

New email addresses

We have updated some email addresses in the pew sheet today. The email for the office is now office@stmichaelandallangels.nz. Emails to the old address (smaa@xtra.co.nz) will still get through to the office.

Services on YouTube

We are now streaming services to YouTube in addition to Facebook. Follow us at <https://www.youtube.com/@saintmichaelandallangels>.

Health and Safety Training—11.45am 9 November 2025

We kindly invite all relevant parties to our upcoming Health & Safety training.

This meeting is designed to ensure all our volunteers are appropriately trained and inducted into the parish's H&S systems. It aims to ensure they understand the processes involved and what their responsibilities are. If you attended the previous training session you do not need to attend this one.

If you can attend the meeting please click the link below or refer to the link on the email. This will assist in our preparations for this training. If you cannot get into the link please let the Parish Administrator know you wish to attend the course. [Click here for link](#)

Sacristans Required

We require more volunteers for Sacristan duties. This involves preparing for the 10am Sunday Masses. Full training will be provided. For more details please talk to Father Jordan.

"With Love from Gloucester Street"

Gloria Moyle has just had published a new collection of thoughts, reflections, anecdotes and memories - including, not surprisingly, vignettes of life at St Michael's. If you are interested, please contact Gloria at grmoyle1@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK**The Feast of All Saints****2 November 2025**

8:00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin
10.00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson

Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Servers: SD: Margaret Maclagan MC: Robert Calvert-Griffin
 Th: Lawrence Watson Cr: Georgia Caughey
 Ac: Liam Moore, Robbie Moore

First Reading: Gloria Moyle Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Second Reading: Rachel Watson Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Luke 6:20-31

Eucharist Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Carol Fraser

Sides people: Toni Stewart, Jane Evans

Intercessions: Robert Maclagan

Offertory: Jenny and Peter Daniels

Morning Tea: Joy Coulter, Pat Pilkington

Sacristan: Lawrence Watson

Sacristy: Robert Maclagan

Livestream: Kathleen Campbell

Flowers: Ros Calvert

Evensong Readers: **All Souls Requiem Mass**

Evensong Server: **All Souls Requiem Mass**

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—26 October 2025

8.00 am **Low Mass**
10.00 am **High Mass**
7.00 pm **Taizé**

Monday Labour Day
No Mass

Tuesday St Simon and St Jude, Apostles
12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Feria
12.00 noon Meditation
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Holy Women of the New Testament
11.00 am Bible Study
12.00 am Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm Mass
6.00 pm Study Group

Friday Feria
12.35 pm Mass
2.00 pm School Service

Saturday All Saints' Day

Next Sunday All Souls —2 November 2025
8.00 am Low Mass
10.00 am High Mass—All Saints
7.00 pm Requiem High Mass—All Souls

Online Services

Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass
facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch

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.