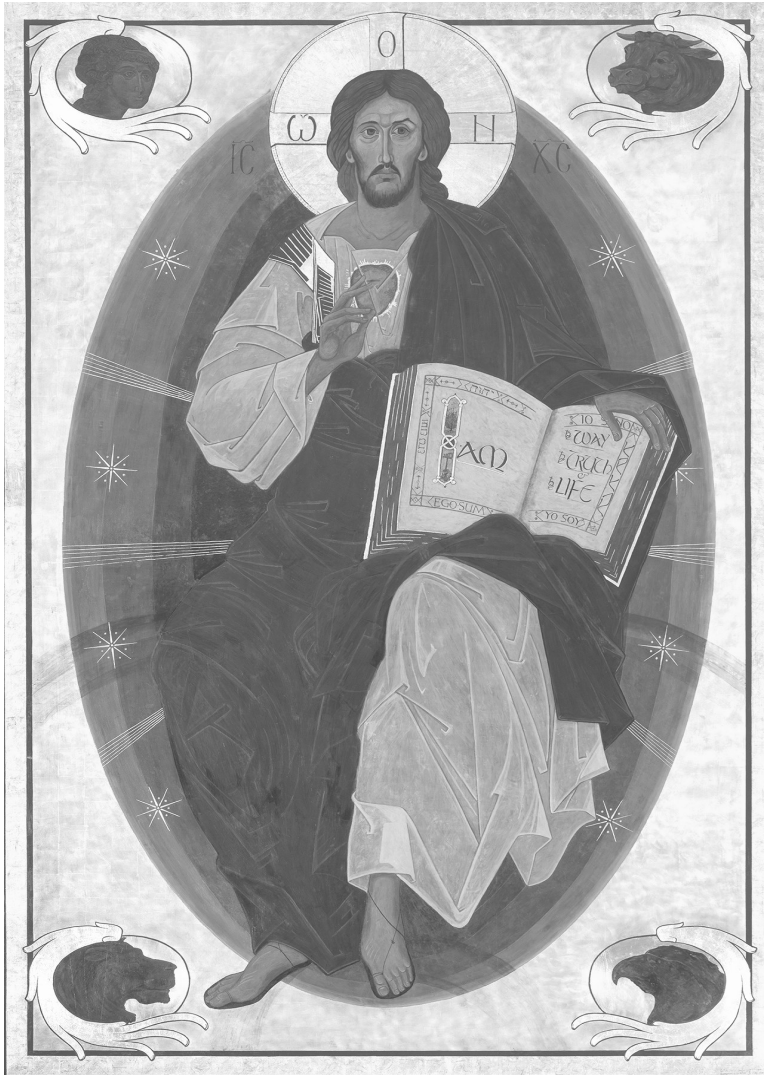


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



Christ the King
23 November 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

This Sunday we celebrate Christ the King, or as it is formally known as Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. I have written before of the origins of this feast but I will mention it once again. Pope Pius XI, who wanted to crown the jubilee year of 1925 by the institution by the introduction of a new feast to honour the kingship of Christ 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, and in the context of the unresolved Roman Question (a dispute regarding the temporal power of the popes as rulers of a civil territory in the context of the reunification of Italy).

The date was originally established as the last Sunday of the month of October, the Sunday which immediately precedes the Feast of All Saints.

In his motu proprio *Mysterii Paschalis* of 1969, Pope Paul VI amended the title of the Feast to *Domini Nostri Iesu Christi universorum Regis* (Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe). He also moved it to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Through this choice of date "the eschatological importance of this Sunday is made clearer".

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year. In this Sunday's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him—Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins and he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness. By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4–5).

His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in Sunday's Psalm.

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

Blessings

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Jordan". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Fr." and "Jordan" being capitalized and prominent.

Father Jordan

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

Christ the King

23 November 2025

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Organ: Paul Ellis, Ada Zhou

Sidespeople: Judith McKaskell, Vince Moreton

Organ: Pastorale played by Ada Zhou

JS Bach

Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd

Peter Nardone

Introit Hymn: 338

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed:

At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
In the Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

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.

Sovereign God, it is your will to gather up all things in your beloved one, reigning in the universe in the power that is love, mercifully grant that the whole of creation, freed from slavery, may serve and praise you 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)*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Sue Shannons

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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R. Your throne, O Lord, has stood firm from of old: from all eternity, you are God.

You, Lord, are king, you are clothed in majesty; you have robed yourself, and put on the girdle of strength. You have made the world so firm that it can never be moved. **R.**

Your throne, O Lord, has stood firm from of old; from all eternity, you are God. The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters lift up their pounding waves. **R.**

Mightier than the noise of great waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, so the Lord on high is mighty. Truly your law stands firm; holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)*

Colossians 1:11-20

Brenda Withell

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!
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 23:33-43

Fr Robert Jamieson

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. (Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”) And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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: Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows

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.**

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.**

Lord, as we offer you the sacrifice of reconciliation, We ask that your Son bestow on all peoples the gifts of unity and peace, for he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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.

For you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption, and, making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

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.**

Eucharistic Ministers: Rachel Watson, Jenny Daniels

As Christ teaches us we pray:

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĭnoi tatou:

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.

**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**

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.**

The Lord will sit enthroned for ever; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

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 sanitiser.

St Michael and All Angels Choir and Young Voices

Communion Anthem: Lift up your heads

Harold Jones

Let us pray.

Nourished by the food of immortal life, we beg you, Lord, that we who glory in our obedience to Christ, the king of all creation, may live with him always in the kingdom of heaven. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Let us proceed in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn: Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name.

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name.

Priestly king, enthroned for ever,
high in heaven above!
Sin and hell and death shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name.

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name.

Tantum Ergo: Therefore we before him bending

Thomas Aquinas

Therefore we, before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.

Thou gavest them bread from heaven, Alleluia.

Containing in itself all sweetness, Alleluia.

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy saving cross and passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption, who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

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.

Organ Voluntary: March on Handel's Lift up your heads Alexandre Guilmant

7.00 pm Taizé

Please pray for...

The Sick:

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.

Departed: Bruce Steel

Anniversaries: (Mon) Lillian Kinsey (Wed) Florence Rutter
(Thurs) Geoffrey Moorhouse (Fri) Alice Lamport

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

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

Vestry Meeting—5.30pm, Parish Lounge.

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Study Group—Thursday 6.00pm, Parish Lounge.

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.



Please join us at 7.00pm 30 November 2025 for Advent Lessons and Carols.

NEXT WEEK**The First Sunday in Advent****30 November 2025**

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Server: Hugh Munro
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson	
	Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Servers:	SD: Jenny Daniels	MC: Sung Bae
	Th: Thomas Visakan	Cr: Callum Robertson
	Ac: Roberts Calvert-Griffin, Georgia Caughey	
First Reading:	Johnann Williams	Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading:	Thomas Visakan	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Matthew 24:36-44
Eucharist Ministers:	Jenny Daniels, Carol Fraser	
Sides people:	Kathleen Campbell, Maria Light	
Intercessions:	Margaret MacLagan	
Offertory:	Gloria Moyle, Dorothy Burrows	
Morning Tea:	Joy Coulter, Richard Thompson	
Sacristan:	Robbie Moore	
Sacristy:	Shirley Richards	
Livestream:	Joshua Wilson Black	
Flowers:	Toni Stewart—Advent wreath	
Evensong Readers:	Advent Lessons and Carols	
Evensong Server:	Advent Lessons and Carols	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday Christ the King—23 November 2025

8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Taizé

Monday Feria
No Mass

Tuesday Feria
12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Feria
12.00 noon Meditation
12.35 pm Mass

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

Friday Feria
12.35 pm Mass
2.00 pm Junior School Nativity

Saturday Feria

Next Sunday The First Sunday of Advent—30 November 2025

8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Advent Lessons and Carols

Online Services

Sunday	10.00 am	facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch 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.