

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



The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 July 2023

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

These past few Sundays we have been dealing with important parables of Jesus. These parables focus on the idea of the “Kingdom”. The “Kingdom” in the Gospel does not refer to a place, either here or hereafter. The Greek word, *basileia*, better translated as ‘kingship’, or ‘reign’, or ‘rule’, so some translations speak of the ‘Reign of God’. The Kingdom is primarily an environment, it is a set of relationships, it is a situation where God’s values prevail. And what are God’s values? In practice, they are the deepest human values and aspirations as mirrored in the life of Jesus, who is himself the revelation of God to us in accessible human form. These values include truth, love, compassion, justice, a sense of solidarity with all other human beings, a sense of trust in others, a deep respect for the dignity of every other human person, a holistic concept of human growth and development. And, of course, all these are seen in the light of God, who is their Ultimate Source. It is to be like him and with him that we live according to these values. They, with and through Jesus, are our link with Him.

People who, individually and collectively, try to live these values belong, with Jesus, to the Kingdom of God. They are united with the rule of God in trying to build a world we would all like to see happen. It is very much something for the here and now. It is basically the vocation of the Church, and therefore the vocation of every parish community and of every member of that community. At the same time, we need to recognise that the Kingdom and the Church are not limited to a particular time and space. The Kingdom extends beyond the Church. There certainly are people, who may not explicitly know Christ or express allegiance to Christ, who yet live the ideals and the values of the Kingdom in their lives. On the other hand, we cannot say we belong to the Kingdom simply because we are baptised Church members, but only in so far as the vision of the Kingdom is an effective factor of our daily living. Let us dwell on this important principle this week as we seek to live out the Kingdom here at St Michael and All Angels.

God bless you,
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 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).

Online Services

[facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch](https://www.facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch)

Sunday

10.00 am

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 Geoff Paterson	Organ:	Paul Ellis
Celebrant 10.00 am:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch		Noel Rawsthorne
Mass Setting:	A Festive Eucharist		JS Bach
Organ Voluntary:	Adagio from Sonate IV		

Introit Hymn: 232

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
Think how the all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
Live this day as if 'twere thy last:
Improve thy talent with due care;
For the great day thyself prepare.

Awake, awake, ye heavenly choir,
May your devotion me inspire,
That I like you my age may spend,
Like you may on my God attend.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.)

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

The people may be welcomed informally and the Mass of the day introduced.

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. Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, 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.

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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)* Wisdom 12: 13, 16–19 Therese Aitchison

There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 86

R. You, Lord, are good and forgiving, and of great mercy to all who call upon you.

1. For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, and of great mercy to all who call upon you. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer, and listen to my cry of supplication. **R.**
2. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you. For you are great and do marvellous things: truly you alone are God. **R.**
3. But you are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Turn to me then and have mercy; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)* Romans 8: 12–25 Joshua Wilson Black

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay, and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(stand)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The Lord is great and has done marvellous things; truly he alone is God. **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 13: 24–30, 36–43

Fr Peter Williams

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest-time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

Sermon: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

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: Gail Chiswell, 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. **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.**

Offertory Hymn: 239

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever child-like,
No cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of Faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping,
And give us we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

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.**

O God, accept this our praise and thanksgiving as we join with heaven to worship you.
Help us all to nurture the good seed and to be faithful in your service; 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.**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you
thanks through Jesus Christ your only Son.

You gather your children into your Church, to be one as you, Father, are one with your
Son and the Holy Spirit.

You call us to be your people, to praise your wisdom in all your works.

You make us the body of Christ and the dwelling-place of the Holy 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.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

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 īnoi tatou:

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
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 whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine**

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Jane Evans

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.

Lord, heed my prayer: turn to me and have mercy.

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: Teach me O Lord Thomas Attwood

Communion Hymn: O God, you search me Bernadette Farrell

O God, you search me, and you know me,	You know my resting and my rising,
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze,	You discern my purpose from afar,
When I walk or lie down,	And with love everlasting,
You are before me	You besiege me
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days.	In ev'ry moment of life and death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
You have known its meaning
through and through,
You are with me beyond my understanding,
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Prayer after Communion:

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may know the freedom of the glory of the children of God; through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

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: 368

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Organ Voluntary: Variations on Cym Rhonda John Wells

7.00pm Taizé

Ordination of Simon Green

29 July 2023

10.30am

Transitional Cathedral

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

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

Vestry—Wednesday 5.30 pm, Parish Lounge.

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

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

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

NEXT WEEK**The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

30 July 2023

8:00 am Mass

Celebrant:

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

10.00 am Mass

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Servers:**SD:** Margaret Maclagan **MC:** Simon Green**Th:** Thomas Visakan **Cr:** Robert Calvert**Ac:** Georgia Caughey, Carol Fraser**First Reading:**

Rachel Watson 1 Kings 3:5-12

Second Reading:

Arina Fish Romans 8:26-39

Gospel:

Simon Green Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Sermon:

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Eucharist Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Andrew Moorhouse**Sides people:**

Tim Cranston, Vince Moreton

Intercessions:

Margaret Maclagan

Offertory:

Gloria Moyle, Dorothy Burrows

Morning Tea:

Joy Coulter, Jane Ellis

Sacristan:

Simon Green

Sacristy:

Shirley Richards

Livestream:

Joshua Wilson Black

Flowers:

Toni Stewart, Adrienne Curtis

Evensong Readers: Jane Ellis, Barbara Moreton**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.

Departed:

John Cox

Anniversaries:

(Mon) Norma Hamblyn-Hall, Monica Preston (Tues) Roger Smith

(Wed) Alys Bennet, John Middleton (Thurs) Val Vroblfski

(Sat) George McNabb, Geoffrey Taylor.

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This Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 July 2023
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass
7:00 pm	Taizé
Monday	
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	S. James and S. John, Apostles and S. Christopher, Martyr
12:35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:00 pm	Meditation Group
12:35 pm	Mass
Thursday	
11:00 am	Bible Study
12:00 pm	Pray the Rosary
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	Mary and Martha of Bethany
12.35 pm	Mass
Saturday	William Wilberforce
Next Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 July 2023
8:00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	Solemn Mass
7:00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

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