

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
CHRISTCHURCH



**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Mothering Sunday**  
**30 March 2025**

## From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent, which actually goes by a few different names. It coincides with what is known as Laetare Sunday, which comes from the traditional introit for the day (the opening song/chant of the Mass) which begins '*Laetare Hierusalem et conventum*' meaning '*Rejoice ye with Jerusalem*'. It is also called Mid-Lent Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, a day of respite from fasting halfway through the penitential season of Lent. And of course, as we celebrate today, Mothering Sunday. This Sunday's association with mothering originates in the texts read during the Mass in the Middle Ages, appearing in the lectionary in sources as old as the 8th century. These include several references to mothers and metaphors for mothers.

Mothering Sunday in the United Kingdom is the equivalent of Mother's Day here in New Zealand. At some stage as the British Empire gave way to the Commonwealth, New Zealand adopted the American date, now celebrated widely. Interestingly enough though we celebrate Father's Day at the start of spring - as do Australia, Papua New Guinea and Fiji - the UK and the US celebrate dads on the third Sunday in June! Slightly confusing.

We gather today to do three things. To celebrate our life together as Church and School, a shared history of nearly 175 years (2026 will be our 175<sup>th</sup>). Secondly to celebrate Motherhood in all its forms, those times when motherly love has been shown to us by others, and of course to recognise the love of our own mothers. And thirdly, upholding that old tradition were people returned to their 'mother church' on this fourth Sunday of Lent. Because for the children of our school St Michael's will always be their mother church. Wherever they go and whatever they do they will always be a part of this church community, and so will you all.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father Jordan

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

# The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

30 March 2025

**Celebrant 8.00 am:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch  
**Celebrant 10.00 am:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch      **Organ:** Paul Ellis

**Sidespeople:** Toni Stewart, Jane Evans

**Prologue:** The Junior School, Ka Waiata

**Mass Setting:** Mass of St Cedd      Peter Nardone

**Introit Hymn:** Blest Mother of Jesus

Blest Mother of Jesus,  
we praise God in you:  
His power and his mercy,  
his grace giv'n to you.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria; Ave, ave, ave Maria.

Your child is the Saviour,  
All hope lies in him:  
He gives us new life  
and redeems us from sin.  
Ave, ave.....

To you by an angel,  
The Father made known  
The grace of the spirit  
The gift of his Son  
Ave, ave.....

In glory for ever now  
close to your Son,  
All ages will praise you  
for all God has done  
Ave, ave.....

Dear Mother of Jesus,  
We call upon thee:  
From the land of the South,  
From the isles of the sea.  
Ave, ave.....

## Greeting:

Ki te ingoa o te ✠ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**  
(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 Service of the day is introduced and the people are invited to call to mind their sins.*

**Loving and all-seeing God,  
forgive us where we have failed to support one another  
and to be what we claim to be.**

**Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;  
and where our thoughts and actions have been  
contrary to yours we ask your pardon.**

*(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.**

Let us pray *(silence)*

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** *(sit)* Exodus 2: 1–10

Cherry Wang

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

**Psalm Paraphrase:**

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Blest are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God,  
The secret of the Lord is theirs,  
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul  
He doth himself impart,  
And for his dwelling and his throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.

The Lord, who left the heavens  
Our life and peace to bring,  
To dwell in lowliness with men,  
Their pattern and their King;

Lord, we thy presence seek;  
May ours this blessing be;  
Give us a pure and lowly heart,  
A temple meet for thee.

**Second Reading:** *(sit)*

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Avaleigh Couchman

Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! The Father is a merciful God, who always gives us comfort. He comforts us when we are in trouble, so that we can share this same comfort with others in trouble. We share in the terrible sufferings of Christ, but also in the wonderful comfort he gives. We suffer in the hope that you will be comforted and saved. And because we are comforted, you will also be comforted, as you patiently endure suffering like ours. You never disappoint us. You suffered as much as we did, and we know that you will be comforted as we were.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*stand*)

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.** The hour is coming when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

The Lord be with you

**The Lord bless you**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Praise and Glory to God**

**Gospel:** Luke 2:33-35

Deacon Robert Jamieson

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

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

**Sermon:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch

**Children's Creed:**

**We believe in God the Father,  
who made the whole world.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God, who was born in Bethlehem and lived among us,  
who died on the cross for us,  
and rose from the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who brings life and love to us all.**

**We believe that the Church is one family,  
and that one day we will share everlasting life with God in heaven.**

**Amen.**

### **Blessing and Distribution of Flowers:**

All praise to you, gracious God, for these flowers, which bear the beauty of all that you have made.

Bless them as we give them to our loved ones as signs of our thanks and love, in the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Intercessions:** Fr Peter Williams

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, Julianna Sun, Ariel Sun

### **Offertory Procession**

**Years 5-8 classes:** All things bright and beautiful Arnold Sherman

### **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:** 285

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and brain's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For thy Church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
This pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

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.**

With joy, Lord, we present to you the sacrifice that brings us eternal healing. Grant in  
your goodness that we may celebrate this mystery with faith and offer it worthily for the  
salvation of the world. 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.**

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people.

And so with thanks we praise you singing/saying.

**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:

**Lord's Prayer:**                      St Michael's Singers

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, Carol Fraser

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, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace, grant us your  
peace.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

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.*

**Communion Anthem:**                      The Lord Bless you and keep you                      John Rutter

**Young Voices and St Michaels Choir**

Let us pray *(silence)*.

God of majesty, you enlighten everyone who comes into this world; fill our hearts with  
the light of your grace, that our thoughts may always be pleasing to you and our love for  
you always sincere. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Notices**

**Blessing:**

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

The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore, establish and  
strengthen you in the faith 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.**

**Final Hymn:**

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Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord:  
Unnumbered blessings,  
give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of his name;  
Make known his might,  
the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of his might:  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills  
are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
Firm is his promise,  
and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore.

**Organ Voluntary:**

Fantasia in g minor BWV 572

JS Bach

**Please pray for...****The Sick:**

Heather Flavell, Charles Barltrop, Jamie McDermott, Terry & Betsy McKay.

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.

**Departed:** Margaret Weaver

**Anniversaries:** (Mon) Jean Troon (Tues) Mary Holderness

## NOTICES

### THIS WEEK

**EFTPOS** is available by the North door if you wish to make a donation.

**Needlework Group**—Tuesday 7.00 pm Contact Ros Calvert for location: 0272428282.

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

**Lent Study**—Thursday 11.00am and 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

**Pray the Rosary**—Thursday 12.00 noon.

**Pegasus Sunday Lunch**—Sunday 6 April 12.00 noon, RSVP by Wednesday 2 April 2025. Contact: Ros Calvert 0272428282.

**Inasmuch Basket**—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**.

### TODAY

**Organ Recital**—Richard Moore, Sub-Organist Christ Church, Oxford 2.30pm 30 March.

**Mountfort 175th Commemoration Festive Evensong** - 5.00pm 30 March. Cathedral Choir will be joining us in celebration of Mountfort's Church architecture. This will replace Evensong at 7.00pm.

**Foot washing and The Prayer Vigil**— Sign ups sheets are at the back of the church for Maundy Thursday Foot washing and for the Prayer Vigil.

**Special General Meeting**— We will be holding the SGM on Sunday 13 April 2025 following the Morning Tea. The purpose of the meeting is to outline the Parish Office space renovation.

**Daylight Saving Ends**—the clocks go back one hour next Sunday morning, 6 April 2025.

**Funeral Service**- The funeral service for Margaret Weaver will take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 3 April 2025.

**Palm Sunday**- If you have access to any palms or cabbage tree leaves please bring these with you on Palm Sunday, or they can be left at the church during the week.

**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.

**NEXT WEEK**

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

6 April 2025

**8:00 am Mass**      **Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch      **Server:** Hugh Munro  
**10.00 am Mass**      **Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch

**Preacher:** Deacon Robert Jamieson

**Servers:**      **SD:** Carol Fraser      **MC:** Michael Graveston

**Th:** Joshua Wilson Black      **Cr:** Robert Calvert

**Ac:** Callum Robertson, Georgia Caughey

**First Reading:** Thomas Visakan      Isaiah 43:16-21

**Second Reading:** Barbara Moreton      Philippians 3:4b-14

**Gospel:** Fr Peter Beck      John 12:1-8

**Eucharist Ministers:** Carol Fraser, Margaret Maclagan

**Sides people:** Robert Maclagan, Joy Coulter

**Intercessions:** Johann Williams

**Offertory:** Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson

**Morning Tea:** Vince Moreton, Pat Pilkington

**Sacristan:** Joshua Wilson Black

**Sacristy:** Shirley Richards

**Livestream:** Jane Evans

**Flowers:** No flowers

**Evensong Readers:** John Lourie, Jane Ellis

**Evensong Server:** Joshua Wilson Black

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# The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

## **This Sunday**

8.00 am  
10.00 am  
2.30 pm  
5.00 pm

## **The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Mothering Sunday— 30 March 2025**

**Said Mass**

**Sung Mass**

**Organ Recital, Richard Moore**

**Choral Evensong—Sung by the Cathedral Choir**

## **Monday**

12.35 am

Feria

Mass

## **Tuesday**

8.30 am  
12.35 pm

Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Theologian

Morning Prayer

Mass

## **Wednesday**

8.30 am  
12.00 noon  
12.35 pm

Feria

Morning Prayer

Meditation

Low Mass

## **Thursday**

8.30 am  
11.00 am  
12.00 am  
12.35 pm  
2.30 pm  
6.00 pm

Richard of Chichester, Bishop

Morning Prayer

Lent Study

Pray the Rosary

Mass

Funeral—Margaret Weaver

Lent Study

## **Friday**

8.30 am  
12.35 pm  
2.00 pm

Martin Luther King, Civil Rights leader, 1968

Morning Prayer

Mass

End of term School Service

## **Saturday**

Feria

## **Next Sunday**

8.00 am  
10.00 am  
7.00 pm

## **The Fifth Sunday of Lent—6 April 2025**

Said Mass

Sung Mass

Evensong and Benediction

### **Online Services**

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**Sunday**

10.00 am Solemn Mass

**The Anglican Parish of  
St Michael and All Angels,  
Christchurch**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

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| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>13 April 2025</b>   |
|                 | <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>  |
| 8.00 am         | <b>Said Mass</b>   |
| 10.00 am        | <b>Sung Mass</b> (9.45am gather at Parish Hall for Liturgy of Palm Sunday procession to the church)              |
| 7.00 pm         | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>   |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Maundy Thursday</b>   |
| 7.30 pm         | <b>Solemn Mass of the Last Supper,<br/>Foot washing, Procession to the Altar of Repose.<br/>The Prayer Vigil</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Good Friday</b>   |
| 12.00 pm        | <b>Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Holy Saturday</b>   |
| 7.30 pm         | <b>Easter Vigil<br/>Renewal of Baptismal Vows<br/>Solemn Mass of the Resurrection</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>20 April 2025</b>   |
|                 | <b>Easter Day</b>  |
| 8.00 am         | Said Mass  |
| 10.00 am        | Sung Mass  |
| 7.00 pm         | Festal Evensong and Benediction  |