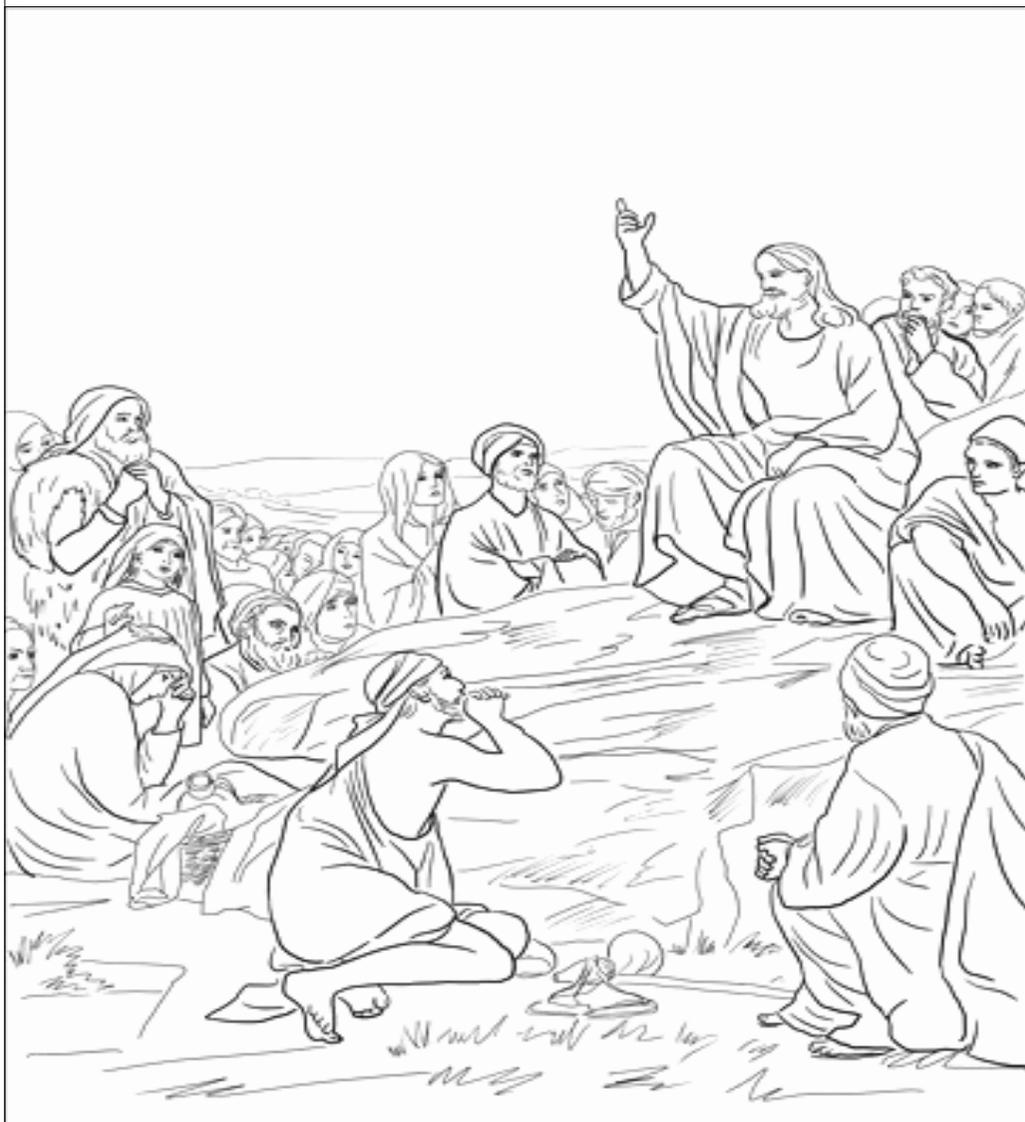


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,



The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 February 2023

Letter from Fr Peter Williams

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, 22 February, Ash Wednesday. There are two masses as S. Michael's on that day, at 12.35 pm and at 7pm. and I hope that you will all be able to attend one of them.

This day is also the anniversary of the most devastating of our earthquakes in which 184 people were killed. The Church will be open all day for people to light candles, as they remember loved ones. And of course we shall have at the front of our prayers this year, those affected cruelly by the terrible weather in the north of the country, and those tens of thousands who have been victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Lent, this season of forty days before Easter, originated in the time set aside by the early church, for rigorous preparation of new Christians for baptism. It was also a time to prepare Christians who had lapsed for one reason or another, to be received back into the Church's sacramental life at Easter. It was not long before the Church realised the benefit of such a time of preparation for all members. And so Lent has become a season of preparation, full of expectation for Good Friday and Easter, marked by special prayer and fasting and almsgiving.

The distinctive action in the liturgy of the day, is the marking of a cross in ash upon our foreheads. With this action, our 40 day journey towards Easter begins. The ash is a sign of our poor mortality as human beings ("dust you are and to dust you will return"), but the cross is a sign of the Christian response to that. It links us with our baptism, the other time when a cross is marked upon our brows. At baptism we are given a new dignity and destiny as we are taken into the ever new and living way of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. As the cross of ash is marked upon our brows, we are called to turn back to the way of our baptism and what was promised there, and to rediscover the faithful presence of the Risen Christ always with us on our journey.

Lent, therefore needs to be a time for some spiritual spring cleaning, for being jolted into repentance, for a rediscovery of the rich heritage of our baptism and our life in the Church, and for preparation to make a joyful new start as we renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

I hope that you will all strive to make this Lent a time of renewal for yourselves, perhaps using some of the means that the Parish provides. These include the daily Bible readings listed in the pew sheet, Lent study groups, sacramental confession and additional commitments to prayer and worship and service.

May God bless you all



Online Services

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

Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

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.

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).

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Peter Williams

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Peter Williams

Mass Setting: Mass of S. Cedd

Organ Voluntary: Air and Variation

Organ: Paul Ellis & Eric Apperley
Peter Nardone
Eric Thiman

Introit Hymn: 205

Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Greeting:

I runga i te Ingoa ✠ o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**

(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

The people are invited to call to mind their sins

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

Through the cross of Christ, ✠ God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; 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)* Leviticus 19: 1–2, 9–18 Thomas Visakan
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord."

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

Responsorial Psalm: 119

R. Fulfil your promise to your servant, your promise to those who fear you.

1. Teach me, Lord, the way of your statutes, and in keeping them I shall have my reward. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law, I shall keep it with all my heart. **R.**
2. Make me walk in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. Turn my eyes away from what is empty and false, and give me life in your way. **R.**
3. Fulfil your promise to your servant, your promise to those who fear you. How I long for your precepts: in your righteousness give me life. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 10–11, 16–23 Barbara Moreton

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness,' and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.'

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. You are the temple of God, and God's Spirit dwells in you. **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 5: 38–48

On the mountain, Jesus continued to teach his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile.

Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

Sermon: Fr Peter Williams

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human (*all genuflect or bow*).

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions: 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 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: Jane and Pat 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: 343

Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'

Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn:

With his seraph train before him,
With his holy Church below,
Thus unite we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.'

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'

Pray, sisters and brothers,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to live according to your word. We ask this in the name of 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 and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son.

So great was your love for us that you gave us your Son as our redeemer. You sent him as one like ourselves, though free from sin, that you might see and love in us what you see and love in Christ. Your gifts of grace, once lost by disobedience, have been restored by the obedience of your Son.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.

Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks, He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it;

this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus.**

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, worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Dorothy Burrows

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.**

There is no foundation other than that which has been laid, the foundation that is Jesus Christ.

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.

Communion Anthem: Morning Glory

Barry Rose

Communion Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And when there's doubt, true faith in you:
*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy:
*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're brought to eternal life.

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious God, in the Eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that, strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show forth your love in our daily lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing: *The Priest gives the blessing.*

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn: 234

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Organ Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 53

JS Bach

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

Women's Fellowship—Tuesday 10.30 am, Parish Lounge. Speaker Terry Elliot on the history of the hymn "Amazing Grace". **All Women welcome.** Contact: Barbara Moreton 021940890.
Vestry Meeting—Tuesday 5.30 pm Parish Lounge (changed from Ash Wednesday).
Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon everyone is invited to meditate for 20 minutes at home in a virtual group. Contact: Margaret Maclagan 0275599216.
Bible Study—Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.
Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.
Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK

The First Sunday in Lent

26 February 2023

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Fr. Peter Williams
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Bishop Tom Brown
Servers: SD: Margaret Maclagan	MC: Robert Calvert	Th: Simon Green
Cr: Sung Bae	Ac: Georgia Caughey, Carol Fraser	
First Reading:	Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7	Fr Ron Smith
Second Reading:	Romans 5: 12-19	Margaret Maclagan
Gospel:	Matthew 4: 1-11	Rev Kate Churchill
Sermon:	Fr Peter Williams	
Eucharist Ministers:	Margaret Maclagan, Dorothy Burrows	
Sides people:	Jane Ellis, Vince Moreton	
Intercessions:	Robert Maclagan	
Offertory:	Joy Coulter, Sue Shannons	
Morning Tea:	Joy Coulter, Judith McKaskell	
Sacristan:	Joshua Wilson Black	
Sacristy:	Joy Coulter	
Flowers:	No Flowers	
Evensong Readers:	Taizé	

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

Fr Ron Smith, Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember, Clemency Mutze, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook, .

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

Anniversaries: (Sun) Lois Slatter, Peter Axcell—Priest (Mon) Derek Scott
(Wed) Peggy Graham (Fri) Lillian Burton, Alain Castex (Sat) Don Watt

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

This Sunday	The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass
7:00 pm	Evensong and Benediction
Monday	Saints and Martyrs of Africa
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday
12:35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
12:35 pm	Mass plus Ashing
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday—Ashing
Thursday	Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c. 156
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	Feria
12:35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Feria
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8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass
7:00 pm	Taizé

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