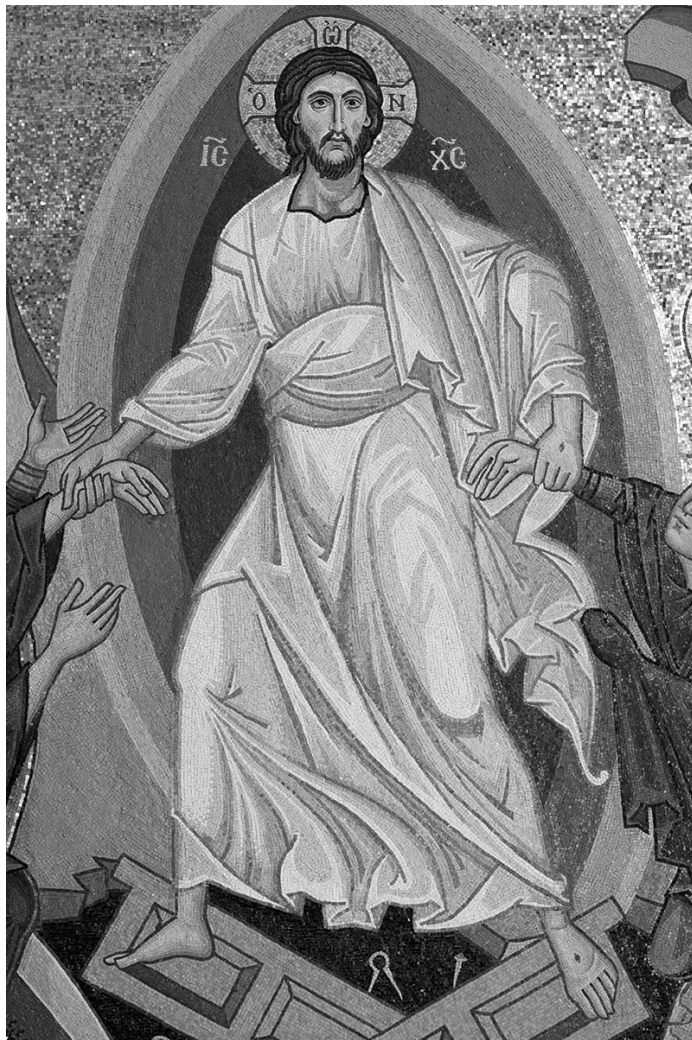


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
CHRISTCHURCH



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
5 May 2024

## From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

You will see a notice in the service sheet this week in regards to Deacon Simon's Ordination to the Priesthood. We are excited as a Parish to be able to host Simon's Ordination and to have the Bishop and other colleagues join us in this special event. I have mentioned elsewhere how good it has been to have Simon with us as Curate in his work as a Deacon. We now look forward to him exercising his Priestly ministry amongst us. The details as you will see for that service are Friday 17 May at 7pm here at St Michael and All Angels. Please come out and support Deacon Simon on this important occasion.

This Sunday we celebrate the sixth week of the Easter Season as we draw closer to its culmination with the great Feast of Pentecost in two weeks' time. Next Sunday we will in fact observe and celebrate the Feast of the Ascension which I will talk more about next week. This Sunday we have the theme of love. When we see a film or television programme, when we hear people singing on the radio, the subject is very often about love. Even in the church, we speak frequently about love. What is love?

According to Sunday's Second Reading the centre of all living is love. It is not only the centre of Christian living, but needs to be at the centre of any kind of life. Those who love God will try to live out the life that God desires for us.

Our Christian faith should not be just seen as a religion, something tacked on to an otherwise secular life, which in most respects is the same as everyone else's. Our Christian faith is a vision of how a human life should be lived in fullness. It teaches us how to be a real person. St Irenaeus said a very long time ago, "The glory of God is a person fully alive" (Gloria Deo homo vivens). And a person is only fully alive when full of love. Because such a person then reflects best the God who is love. May we through the Sacrament of the Mass this week experience that love first hand in our lives.

Blessings,

Fr 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 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

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**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.

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

5 May 2024

<b>Celebrant 8.00 am:</b>	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	<b>Organ:</b>	Paul Ellis
<b>Celebrant 10.00 am:</b>	Fr Jordan Greatbatch		
<b>Mass Setting:</b>	A Festive Eucharist		Noel Rawsthorne
<b>Organ Voluntary:</b>	Prelude		William Harris
<b>Introit Hymn:</b>	106		

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's Resurrection.

'Tis the spring of souls to-day:  
Christ hath burst His prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.

Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
Hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst thine own  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore  
Passest human knowing.

## 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.)

Christ is risen. Alleluia! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God  
that this water which was blessed at the great feast of Easter,  
now be for us a memorial of our Baptism.

**May he help us by his grace**

**To remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.**

*The Priest sprinkles the people with Holy water while the choir sing the Antiphon followed by:*

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom. **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.**

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** *(sit)*

Acts 10: 44-48

Rachel Watson

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:**

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**R. You, O Lord, have displayed your saving power to all the nations.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvellous things. With your own right hand, O Lord, and with your holy arm you have gained for yourself the victory. **R.**

You have made known your victory; you have displayed your saving power to all the nations. You have remembered your faithfulness and your love for the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory. **R.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth; sing and rejoice with the sound of melody. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. **R.**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**The Lord bless you**

**Praise and Glory to God**

**Gospel:**

John 15: 9-17

Deacon Simon Green

Jesus said to his disciples: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

**Sermon:**

Deacon Simon Green

## 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 (*all genuflect or bow*), 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:** Barbara Moreton

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.

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: 310

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

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

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

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

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.**

May our prayers rise up to you, Lord, together with these sacrificial offerings, so that,  
purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty  
love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**God's Spirit is with us.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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

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

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

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



The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ we pray.

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

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,  
ka ĭnoi tatou:  
E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.  
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:** Gloria Moyle, 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.**

If you love me, keep my commandments says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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:** Ubi caritas  
**Communion Hymn:** 513

Ola Gjiolo

**(Refrain)  
God is love, and where true love is,  
God himself is there.**

Here in Christ, we gather,  
love of Christ our calling;  
Christ, our love, is with us,  
Gladness be his greeting;  
Let us all revere and love him, God eternal:  
Loving him,  
let each love Christ in all his brothers.  
God is love, and where true love is,  
God himself is there. **(Refrain)**

When we Christians gather,  
Members of one Body,  
Let there be in us no discord,  
But one spirit;  
Banished now be anger,  
strife and every quarrel:  
Christ our God be present  
always here among us. **(Refrain)**

Grant us love's fulfilment, Joy with all the blessed  
When we see our face, O Saviour, in its glory;  
Shin on us, O purest Light of all creation,  
Be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.  
**(Refrain)**

**Prayer after Communion:**

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Notices**

**Blessing:**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life.  
May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**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, radiance divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

**Organ Voluntary:**    Toccata from Suite Gothique

Leon Boelmann

**7.00 pm**    Evensong and Benediction

**Deacon Simon's Ordination to the Priesthood**

You are all invited to Deacon Simon's Service of Ordination to the Priesthood. This service will be taking place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm** here at St Michael and All Angels. Come and celebrate this important event in the life of the Parish.

**THIS WEEK****NOTICES****Needlework Group**—Tuesday 7.00 pm at Joy’s house. Contact: Ros Calvert 0272428282.**Meditation Group**—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.**Bible Study**— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.**Pray the Rosary**—Thursday 12.00 noon.**Craft Group**—Thursday 1.30 pm, Parish Lounge. Contact: Gloria Moyle 0274355347.**Inasmuch Basket**—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.**NEXT WEEK****Ascension Sunday****12 May 2024****8:00 am** Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Server:** Robert Calvert**10:00 am** Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Preacher:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Servers:****SD:** Rachel Watson**MC:** Hugh Munro**Th:** Joshua Wilson Black**Cr:** Robert Calvert**Ac:** Thomas Visakan, Lawrence Watson**First Reading:**

Jenny Daniels

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

**Second Reading:**

Sue Shannons

Ephesians 1: 15-23

**Gospel:**

Deacon Simon Green

Luke 24: 44-53

**Eucharist Ministers:** Rachel Watson, Peter Daniels**Sides people:**

Robert Maclagan, Jane Evans

**Intercessions:**

Margaret Maclagan

**Offertory:**

Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson

**Morning Tea:**

Vince Moreton, Carol Fraser

**Sacristan:**

Jenny Daniels

**Sacristy:****Livestream:**

Eyob Habte

**Flowers:**

Ros Calvert

**Evensong Server:**

Joshua Wilson Black

**Evensong Readers:**

Joshua Wilson Black, Jane Ellis

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

Jackie Tait, David McFerran, Jamie McDermott, Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, Claire &amp; John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson.

Terry &amp; Betsy McKay, John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Kay Burgess, David &amp; Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Anthony &amp; Chrissie Coulter.

**Anniversaries:** (Mon) Melva Finney—Priest, Lynnette Apperley, Jenny Barltrop  
(Wed) Jean Daybell (Thurs) Mary Ibbotson  
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# The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Christchurch

## **This Sunday**      **Sixth Sunday of Easter—5 May 2024**

8.00 am	<b>Low Mass</b>
10.00 am	<b>Solemn Mass</b>
7.00 pm	<b>Evensong and Benediction</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>
8.00 am	Morning Prayer
12.35 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Tuesday</b>	Feria
8.00 am	Morning Prayer
12.35 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dame Julian of Norwich
8.00 am	Morning Prayer
12.00 pm	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ascension Day</b>
8.00 am	Morning Prayer
11.00 am	Bible Studies
12.00 noon	Rosary Group
12.35 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	Feria
8.00 am	Morning Prayer
12.35 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Saturday</b>	Ruatara, Te Ara mō te Rongopai
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Ascension Sunday—12 May 2024</b>
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