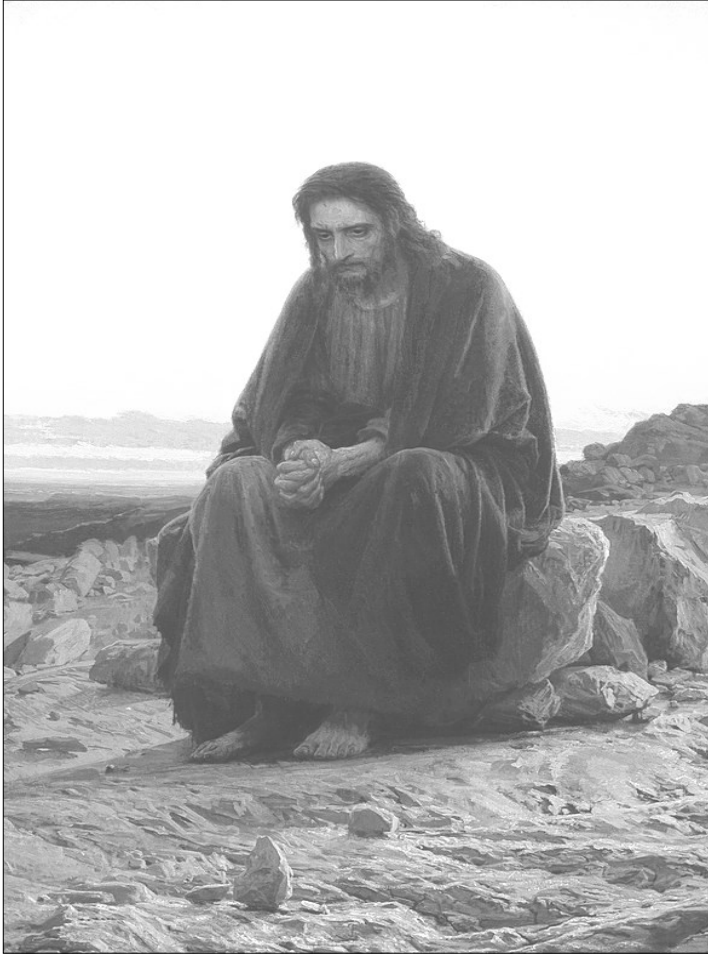


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



Christ in the Wilderness (Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoy, 1872, Tretyakov)

The Third Sunday of Lent
23 March 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

This Sunday we have our Annual General Meeting. This is an opportunity to gather as a parish to look back at the year that has been and to look forward to where we might be heading. If you haven't attended an AGM before it is the time we allocate each year to look at the church's finances, property and the ministry that we offer. It is also where we vote and appoint our Treasurer, People's Warden and Vestry members, and discuss any important issues that may be affecting us as a parish. All of this is done, of course, not just so we can talk about how lovely our buildings are, (though that is important!) but so that we can continue to be a community of God's people who reach out and draw others into the love of God that they may find meaning and hope. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Last Sunday our Gospel reading focused on the Transfiguration event. This Sunday we have a passage from Luke that has some people approach Jesus and tell him of how some Galileans had been killed by Roman soldiers in the Temple sanctuary. One of the recurrent themes throughout the Lenten season is the compassion and mercy of our God. It is something that we constantly need to be reminded about. Our God is always faithful and consistent. His love for us never changes, no matter how we behave, no matter how serious our sins may be. It has to be that way because our God not only loves, he IS love. Love is of the very essence of his being; he cannot not love.

His love is like the sun which gives its warmth to good and bad alike; like the gentle nurturing rain which falls on good and bad alike. And we are called, as far as possible, to imitate him in this—to love always and unconditionally. Because we find that difficult, it is hard for us to think of God loving that way. We do need to get rid of the idea of an angry, disappointed, vengeful God and remind ourselves as we hopefully do every Sunday through the words of the Gospel and the Sacrament that God is for us not against us and wants to offer us grace, forgiveness and love.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Jordan".

Father Jordan

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

The Third Sunday of Lent

23 March 2025

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Organ: Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Tim Cranston, Vince Moreton

Organ: Adagio from Trio Sonata IV

JS Bach

Mass Setting: St Mary's Mass

Anthony Caesar

Introit Hymn: 507

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

God, we implore thee,
in thy glory seated:

bow down and hearken
to thy weeping children:

pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

O thou chief Corner-stone,
Right Hand of the Father:
Way of Salvation,
Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse
thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition,
now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer,
loving absolution.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

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.

**Merciful God,
we have sinned in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done,
and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

(Sung)

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

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

Let us pray *(silence)*

O God, the source of all our strength; watch over us within and without, that in body we may be protected from all adversity, and in mind cleansed from all destructive thoughts; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)*

Isaiah 55:1-9

Robert Maclagan

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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R. O God, you are my God, and earnestly will I seek you.

My soul thirsts for you, my body yearns for you, like a land that is dry and thirsty for water. With this longing I have come before you in the sanctuary, that I may see your power and your glory. **R.**

Your steadfast love is better than life itself; therefore my lips will speak your praise. As long as I live I will bless you, and lift up my hands to pray in your name. **R.**

My mouth shall praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and think of you in the watches of the night, how you have been my helper, how I am safe in the shadow of your wings. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)*

1 Corinthians 10: 1–13

Kate Churchill

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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. Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **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 13: 1–9

Deacon Robert Jamieson

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’

He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’

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

Sermon:

Marla Hughes

Affirmation of Faith:

(Stand)

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *(all genuflect or bow)*
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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

Intercessions: Jenny Daniels

Rest ✕ eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory: Gloria Moyle, 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.**

We sing the praise of him who died,
Of him who died upon the Cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride,
For this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the Tree;
He brings us mercy from above.

The Cross! it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave,
And gilds the bed of death with light;

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

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.**

Through this sacrifice of reconciliation grant in your mercy, Lord, that we who seek pardon for our own sins may also learn to forgive one another. 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.

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

For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity, and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn, they may be led to the fullness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daughters.

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.**

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 ĭnoi tatou:

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai,
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou 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: Margaret Maclagan, Gail Chiswell

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

(Sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Sparrow and brooding dove nest by your altars, Lord. Blessed are those who dwell here and praise your power forever.

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: Like as the hart Vincent Novello

Young Voices: As water to the thirsty John Barnard

Let us pray (*silence*).

Lord our God, you feed us in this life with bread from heaven, the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory; grant that the working of this sacrament within us may bear fruit in our daily lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourself, and to take up your cross and follow him 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: 437

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light:
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken,
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws, which never shall be broken,
For their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious.
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name!

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer to thy name;
Young and old, thy praise expressing,
Join their Saviour to proclaim.
As the saints in heaven adore thee,
We would bow before thy throne;
As thine angels serve before thee,
So on earth thy will be done.

Organ Voluntary: Fantasia in C minor BWV 562 JS Bach

7.00 pm: Taizé

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.

Anniversaries: (Sun) Sr Zoe, CSN, Marion Souter (Wed) Beryl Boshier
(Fri) Sidney Burrows.

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

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

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

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

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Craft Group—Thursday 1.30pm, Parish Lounge. All very welcome.

Pastoral Care Meeting—Friday 10.30 am.

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

TODAY —The AGM will take place after the 10.00am service on 23 March 2025.

Mothering Sunday

Our annual Church and School combined service for Mothering Sunday is taking place next Sunday 30 March at the 10.00am Mass. Please be mindful of getting to the church early for parking. Come along and support our life as Church and School.

NEXT WEEK

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

Mountford 175th Commemoration Evensong

As a part of the 175th Anniversary of the Canterbury Settlement and the bicentennial of the birth we will be having a Festive Evensong at 5.00pm 30 March to celebrate the architecture of Benjamin W Mountfort (St Michael's Belfry and other significant Canterbury buildings), with supper following in the hall. We will be joined by the Cathedral Choir and visiting sub-organist of Christ Church, Oxford, Richard Moore.

Note: We are in need of sidespeople and people to assist with the supper following the service. Please contact Fr Jordan if you are able to help.

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent—Mothering Sunday**

30 March 2025

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: Robert Calvert
	Th: Thomas Visakan	Cr: Hugh Munro
	Ac: Maria Light, Lawrence Watson	
First Reading:	School	Exodus 2: 1–10
Second Reading:	School	2 Corinthians 5:17-19
Gospel:	Deacon Robert Jamieson	Luke: 2 33-35
Eucharist Ministers:	Rachel Watson, Carol Fraser	
Sides people:	Toni Stewart, Jane Evans	
Intercessions:	Fr Peter Williams	
Offertory:	Adrienne Curtis, School	
Morning Tea:	Callum Robertson, Carol Fraser	
Sacristan:	Lawrence Watson	
Sacristy:	-	
Livestream:	Kathleen Campbell	
Flowers:	No flowers	
Evensong Readers:	-	
Evensong Server:	Hugh Munro	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday

8.00 am
10.00 am
7.00 pm

The Third Sunday of Lent—23 March 2025

Said Mass
Sung Mass
Taizé

Monday

12.35 pm

Gabriel, Archangel
Mass

Tuesday

8.30 am
12.35 pm

Annunciation of our Saviour to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Morning Prayer
Mass

Wednesday

8.30 am
12.00 noon
12.35 pm

Feria
Morning Prayer
Meditation
Mass

Thursday

8.30 am
11.00 am
12.00 noon
12.35 pm
6.00 pm

Feria
Morning Prayer
Lent Study
Pray the Rosary
Mass
Lent Study

Friday

8.30 am
12.35 pm
2.00 pm

Feria
Morning Prayer
Mass
School Service

Saturday

John Keble of Oxford, Priest and Poet

Next 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

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Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass