THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHRISTCHURCH



The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 August 2025

From the Curate...

Dear friends,

This Sunday, we gather in the Twenty-second week of Ordinary Time. The weeks of "ordinary" time remind us that most of our Christian lives are lived not in the high seasons of feasts and festivals, but in the steady rhythm of day-to-day discipleship. It is here—in the ordinary—that God shapes us, nurtures us, and calls us deeper into the life of Christ.

Looking ahead, September 4 marks the 3rd session of the 56th Synod for the Diocese of Christchurch. Synod is the place where representatives of our diocese meet to listen, to debate, and to discern together the direction God is calling us. Please hold Bishop Peter, clergy, and lay members in your prayers, that the work done in those days may be guided by the Spirit and grounded in Christ's love.

Today's gospel from Luke 14:7-14 tells the story of Jesus at a meal, urging his followers not to seek the places of honour, but instead to welcome people who are experiencing a time of difficulty and social isolation. In a world where pride, power, and self-interest so often dominate the headlines—from international conflicts to the struggles of daily living—Jesus offers us another way. His invitation is both challenging and hopeful. Jesus asks us to make space for the overlooked intentionally, to welcome those who are pushed aside, and to live humbly as guests at God's abundant table. In the coming week, may we find opportunities to embody this generous hospitality in our own lives.

God Bless,

Father Robert

FR. ROBER

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

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Organ: Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Tim Cranston, Vince Moreton

Organ: Sursum Corda John Ireland

Mass Setting: A New People's Mass Dom Gregory Murray

Introit Hymn: 473

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries, May Jesus Christ be praised: Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair;

May Jesus Christ be praised.

My tongue shall never tire Of chanting in the choir, May Jesus Christ be praised: The fairest graces spring In hearts that ever sing, May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find, May Jesus Christ be praised: Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this, May Jesus Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day, When from the heart we say, May Jesus Christ be praised: The powers of darkness fear, When this sweet chant they hear, May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heaven's eternal bliss The loveliest strain is this, May Jesus Christ be praised: Let air, and sea, and sky From depth to height reply, May Jesus Christ be praised.

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 Mass of the day is introduced and the people are invited to call to mind their sins.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our 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.**

(Sung)

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.

Let us pray (silence)

God of power and might, source of all good, graft in our hearts the love of your name, and bind us more closely to you so that you nourish the goodness you sow in us and, by your watchful care, you tend and guard the good you have nourished; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **Amen**.

First Reading: (sit) Sirach 10:12-18 Gloria Moyle

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brought upon them unheard-of calamities and destroyed them completely.

The Lord overthrew the thrones of rulers and enthroned the lowly in their place. The Lord plucked up the roots of the nations and planted the humble in their place. The Lord laid waste the lands of the nations and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth. He removed some of them and destroyed them and erased the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings or violent anger for those born of women.

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

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Responsorial Psalm:

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and greatly delight in God's commandments.

They are a light in the darkness for the upright, being gracious, compassionate and just. It goes well with those who are generous in lending, who conduct their affairs with justice. **R.**

For the righteous will never be shaken; they will be kept in remembrance for ever. They will not live in fear of bad news, because with steadfast heart they trust in the Lord. **R.**

Their heart is steady, they will not fear; in the end they shall see their enemies' downfall. They give freely to the poor; their righteousness stands for ever, and they will hold up their head with honour. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Maria Light

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord bless you
Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14 Fr Robert Jamieson

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Sermon: Fr Robert Jamieson

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. (stand)

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: Joshua Wilson Black

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: Jenny and Peter Daniels

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: 127

To thee our God we fly
For mercy and for grace;
O hear our lowly cry,
And hide not thou thy face.
O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand,
And guard and bless our native land.

Arise, O Lord of hosts!
Be jealous for thy name,
And drive from out our coasts
The sins that put to shame.
O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand,
And guard and bless our native land.

Thy best gifts from on high
In rich abundance pour,
That we may magnify
And praise thee evermore.
O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand,
And guard and bless our native land.

The powers ordained by thee With heavenly wisdom bless; May they thy servants be, And rule in righteousness.

O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand, And guard and bless our native land.

Give peace, Lord, in our time,
O let no foe draw nigh,
Nor lawless deeds of crime
Insult thy majesty.
O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand,
And guard and bless our native land.

The Church of thy dear Son
Inflame with love's pure fire,
Bind her once more in one;
And life and truth inspire.
O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand,
And guard and bless our native land.

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.

Lord, may this eucharistic offering bless us always with your saving grace and accomplish in our lives the redemption that it signifies. 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.

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. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. 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.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Peter our Bishop, and all who minister in your name.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you.

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: Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,

ka īnoi tatou:

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.

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 ājanei

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: Rachel Watson, Michael Graveston

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 peace.

What great delight you give us, O Lord, what hidden treasures to those who fear you!

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: The Secret of Christ Richard Shephard

Communion Hymn: 306

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands

That holy things have taken;

Let ears that now have heard thy songs

To clamour never waken.

Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang

Keep free from all deceiving;

The eyes which saw thy love be bright,

Thy blessèd hope perceiving.

The feet that tread thy holy courts From light do thou not banish; The bodies by thy Body fed With thy new life replenish.

Let us pray (silence).

God of blessings, we have been fed at this table with the bread of heaven. Give us this food always, that it may strengthen your love in our hearts and inspire us to serve you in our brothers and sisters. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the 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: 456

Teach me, my God and King, In all things thee to see; And what I do in anything

To do it as for thee!

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws.

Makes that and the action fine.

All may of thee partake; Nothing can be so mean, Which, with this tincture, 'for thy sake', Will not grow bright and clean. This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own

Cannot for less be told.

Organ Voluntary: Alla Marcia John Ireland

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Fr Geoff Paterson, Graham Woolnough, Jamie McDermott, Terry & Betsy McKay.

Charles Barltrop, 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, Ashley Forman.

Departed: Judy Palmer

Anniversaries: (Mon) Christopher Smith, Edric Baker

(Tues) Tania Saunders (Wed) Bob Peck—Priest

(Thurs) Peggy Allan (Fri) Beth Burgess

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Needlework Group—Tuesday 7.00

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

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Parish Sunday Lunch—Sunday 7 September 12.00 noon, Pegasus Arms. RSVP by Wednesday 3 September. Contact: Ros Calvert 0272428282.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**. The Outreach would like any donated warm hats and gloves.

SYNOD

Fr Jordan and Fr Robert will not be at the church on 5 September as they will be attending SYNOD. Any urgent enquiries please contact the Wardens.

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earth-quake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

NEXT WEEK The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 September 2025

8:00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin

10.00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch
Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Servers: SD: Rachel Watson MC: Thomas Visakan

Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin Cr: Lawrence Watson

Ac: Liam Moore, Robbie Moore

First Reading: Therese Aitchison Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Reading: Johnann Williams Philemon 1-21
Gospel: Fr Robert Jamieson Luke 14:25-33

Eucharist Ministers: Rachel Watson, Gail Chiswell

Sides people: Jane Ellis, Jane Evans

Intercessions: Kate Churchill

Offertory: Gloria Moyle, Sue Shannons
Morning Tea: Carol Fraser, Pat Pilkington

Sacristan: Lawrence Watson

Sacristy: -

Livestream: Kathleen Campbell Flowers: Johnann Williams

Evensong Readers:

Evensong Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin

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8.00 am Said Mass 10.00 am Sung Mass

7.00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday Builders of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand

No Mass

Tuesday The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1942

12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Feria

12.00 noon Meditation

12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Albert Schweitzer, Medical Missionary, Theologian, 1965

11.00 am Bible Study

12.00 am Pray the Rosary

12.35 pm Mass

Friday Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Missionary of Charity, 1997

12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Charles Fox, Scholar, Missionary, 1977

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass