

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



Trinity Sunday
31 May 2026

From the Vicar...

Dear Friends

We have now come to the end of the many weeks which were taken up with the celebration of and reflection on the 'Paschal Mystery'. It began with Ash Wednesday, went through Lent, the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, the weeks following Easter and culminating in Pentecost and the handing on of Jesus' mission to his Church.

We return now for the rest of the liturgical year—the 'Ordinary' Sundays of the year—and they will bring us right up to Advent and the beginning of another liturgical cycle. But traditionally this transition is commemorated each year by our celebration of the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the most fundamental in our Christian faith, but it is also a doctrine which many of us have difficulty coming to terms with. We often refer to it as a 'mystery' and therefore something which can be affirmed but is not to be understood and need not be explained. "Just believe it," is something people may be told.

In the New Testament, the word 'mystery' (Greek, *mysterion*) refers primarily to some truth which God has made known to us and which we otherwise would not have discovered. The Trinity, that in God there are three Persons, really is a mystery in this sense. It is also, of course, difficult for us to understand how one being can be three persons just as it is difficult for us to understand how Jesus can be both God and human (the mystery of the Incarnation).

We can react to this situation in three ways:

1. by saying it is all rubbish anyway;
2. by not thinking about these things at all;
3. by trying to reduce them to categories which are within our human comprehension.

None of these approaches is very helpful. Rather, we should try to understand as much as we can and say as much as we can while acknowledging that we can only go a certain distance. However, we can go far enough to satisfy our hunger for truth and to have some understanding of our God. One thing we can say right at the beginning. We are not dealing with outright contradictions or trying to believe the impossible. We are not being asked to believe that 3=1.

We are asked to believe that in the one being we call God, there are three Persons, who are, in the words of today's Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer,

...three Persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored.

Rather than getting ourselves tied up in theological knots, we would do far better by reading prayerfully over the beautiful Scripture readings of today's Mass. Here there are no abstruse theological explanations or speculations. Rather the emphasis is not on what, or how, or why, but in very practical language, on the tangible way the Persons in the Trinity relate to us.

God bless you,
Fr Jordan



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

Trinity Sunday

31 May 2026

Presider 8.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson
Presider 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Organist:** Daniel Cooper

Sidespeople: Carol Fraser, Robert Maclagan

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

Opening Voluntary: Matins H Willan

Introit Hymn: 159

1. I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ever,
By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
His baptism in Jordan river;
His death on Cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
His riding up the heavenly way;
His coming at the day of doom;
I bind unto myself today.

3. I bind unto myself the power
Of the great love of Cherubim;
The sweet 'Well done' in judgement hour;
The service of the Seraphim,
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word,
The Patriarchs' prayers,
the Prophets' scrolls,
All good deeds done unto the Lord,
And purity of virgin souls.

4. I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the star-lit heaven,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea,
Around the old eternal rocks.

5. I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, his might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, his shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

6. I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation;
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

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.)

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

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.

Everliving God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity; may we, through the steadfastness of this faith, evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)*

A reading from the book of Genesis (1:1-2-4a)

Barbara Moreton

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 8

R. O Lord, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place—what is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him? **R.**

You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet: **R.**

All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. **R.**

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (13:11-13)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

Fr Robert Jamieson

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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: 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 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: Dorothy Burrows, Adrienne Curtis

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.**

1. Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song
shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, Holy, Holy!
all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, Holy, Holy!
though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy,
there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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.**

Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

And now we give you thanks because you have revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship of love with your Son and with the Holy Spirit, three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

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...

(Sung)

**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:

(Sung)

**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:

(Sung)

**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.

(Sung)

**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 īnoi 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 āianeī
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: Fr Peter Beck, Margaret Maclagan

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.

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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.**

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle and form two lines according to which side you are seated. To receive the Sacrament please cup your hands and the Priest will place it on your palm. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms as you approach the priest. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Communion Proper: Benedícius Deum

Chant during communion: Adoro Te Devote

Communion Hymn: 393

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

God the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you, and guide you in truth and peace and 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.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

1. Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.

2. Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

4. Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light.

Organ Voluntary:

Symphony no. 2 in D major - VI. Finale

C.M. Widor

7.00pm

Evensong and Benediction

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

Kay Burgess, Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Ann Jinman,
Terry & Betsy McKay.

Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys,
Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton,
David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Andrew Lawson, Ashley Forman.

Anniversaries:

(Mon) Bob Oakley

(Thurs) Rev Jenny Harrison—Priest

(Fri) Kate Read, Isabel Richards

(Sat) Florence Coulter

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Needlework Group—Tuesday 7.00 pm at Ros's home. 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.

Bible Study - Thursday 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

Sunday Lunch—Sunday 7 June 12.00 noon, Pegasus Arms. RSVP by 3 June to Ros Calvert 0272428282.

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

Eftpos—available at the back of the church for giving.

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) - Fr Jordan and Fr Robert are available to offer the Rite of Reconciliation. Please contact either to request a time.

This Sunday

St Michael and all Angels is hosting the Annual Organ Festival this Sunday (31 May). This involves organists and organ enthusiasts from all over the country.

They will be attending Evensong and Benediction with some registrants augmenting our choir with music for Trinity Sunday.

Parish Enrolment Forms - a reminder that if you are new to St Michael's and would like to be put on the parish roll, please take an enrolment form from the back of the church, fill in your details and hand it in to the Parish Administrator or give it to Gloria Moyle, the People's Warden. Alternatively, simply email your details (name, address, phone number and email address) to Gloria Moyle.

Fr Jordan on leave. Fr Jordan will be on leave on Tuesday 2 June. Please contact Fr Robert or the Wardens if required.

Church Group Working Bee—10.00am 6 June 2026, all are welcome.

Shared Morning Tea. Sunday 21 June following the 10am Mass we will be having a shared morning tea. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate which can be left in the Parish Hall prior to the service. All are welcome.

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**Corpus Christi****7 June 2026**

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin
10:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson	
	Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Servers:	MC: Lawrence Watson	
	Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin	Cr: Eyob Habte
	Ac: Callum Robertson, Maria Light	
First Reading:	Robert Calvert-Griffin	Genesis 14:18-20
Second Reading:	Jenny Daniels	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	John 6:51-58
Eucharist Ministers:	Jane Evans, Carol Fraser	
Sides people:	Maria Light, Joy Coulter	
Intercessions:	Johann Williams	
Offertory:	Jane Evans, Gloria Moyle	
Morning Tea:	Vince Moreton, Pat Pilkington	
Sacristan:	Thomas Visakan	
Sacristy:	-	
Livestream:	Michael Graveston	
Flowers:	Johann Williams	
Evensong Server:	Sung Bae	
Evensong Readers:	Ros Calvert, Therese Aitchison	

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Christchurch**

This Sunday Trinity Sunday — 31 May 2026

8.00 am **Low Mass**
10.00 am **High Mass**
7.00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday King's Birthday

12.35 pm No Mass

Tuesday Feria

12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886

12.00 pm Meditation Group
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Feria (Corpus Christi transferred to Sunday)

11.00 am Bible Study
12.00 noon Rosary Group
12.35 pm Mass
6.00 pm Bible Study

Friday Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, Missionary, Martyr, 754

12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Ini Korpuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

Next Sunday Corpus Christi – 7 June 2026

8.00 am Low Mass
10.00 am High Mass
7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Online Services

facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch
Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.

Proprs come from a variety of sources.

Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.