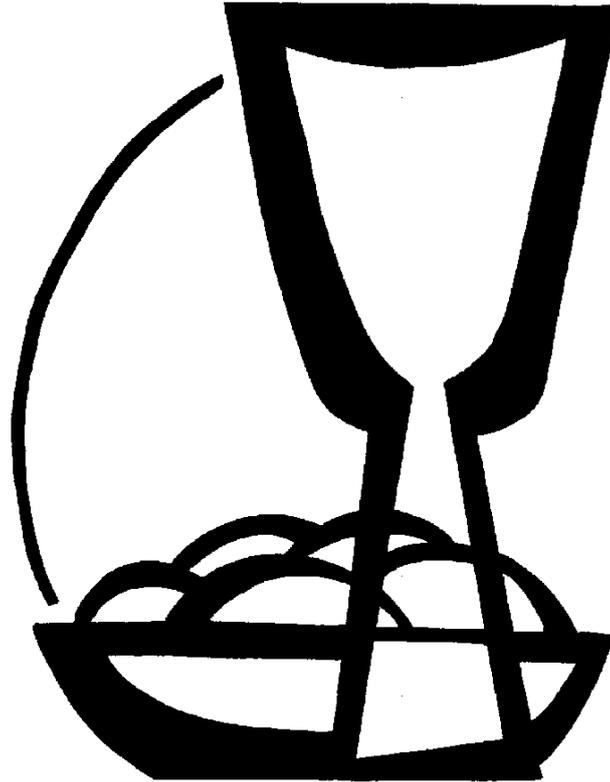


A very warm Welcome to  
St Michael's Church  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July



When we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Holy Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words. During this Mass we ask the Lord to help us to pray, and to increase our faith.

## Opening Sentence

God himself is my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will offer you a willing sacrifice;  
I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

## Greeting and Entrance

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**And with your spirit**

## Call to Confession

My brothers and sisters,  
to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries,  
let us first call to mind our sin.

## Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of  
God's Kingdom **Lord have mercy**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.  
**Christ have mercy**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people.  
**Lord have mercy**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring  
us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

Let us pray to be kept faithful in the service of God.

Lord,  
be merciful to your people.  
Fill us with your gifts  
and make us always eager to serve you  
in faith, hope, and love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom (12:13,16-19)

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly;  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:

for you are great and do marvelous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

## Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.(8:26-27)

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel

The Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew<sup>(13:24-43)</sup>  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and

said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." '

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound  
things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## **Sermon**

### **Creed**

**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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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**

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Christ is our peace he has reconciled us to God in one body by  
the cross; we meet in his name and share his peace!

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

### **Offertory Prayers**

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.**

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 for us our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be  
acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord,  
bring us closer to salvation  
through these gifts which we bring in your honour.  
Accept the perfect sacrifice you have given us,  
bless it as you blessed the gifts of Abel.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you,  
**and with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts,  
**we lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just**

## Preface

Father, all-powerful and ever living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

In you we live and move and have our being.  
Each day you show us a Father's love;  
your Holy Spirit, dwelling within us,  
gives us on earth the hope of unending joy.  
Your gift of the Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead,  
is the foretaste and promise of the paschal feast of heaven.

With thankful praise, in company with the angels,  
we glorify the wonders of your power:

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
Who in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying.  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying.  
Drink this, all of you;  
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 in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all,  
rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the holy spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Holy Mary mother of God,  
St Michael and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Communion**

Our Father

Let us pray with confidence to the Father  
in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the bread**

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

**Though we are many, we are one Body,  
because we all share in one Bread.**

## **Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
grant us peace.**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World.  
Happy are those who are called to His supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

## **Communion Antiphon**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,  
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

*If watching the Mass online, we would encourage you to join in with the liturgy. At the point at which the clergy who are present receive Holy Communion you may wish to make an act of spiritual communion by using one of the following prayers:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.  
**Amen.**

*Or*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the Eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. **Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

May the power of the Father enable you.  
May the hope of the Son sustain you.  
May the love of the Spirit inspire you.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary  
**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit**

Hail, Mary, full of grace  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners, now,  
And at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord  
**Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary.....  
**Holy Mary.....**

And the Word was made flesh.  
**And dwelt among us**

Hail Mary.....  
**Holy Mary.....**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;  
That as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by  
the message of an angel, so by his Cross and Passion we may be  
brought to the glory of his Resurrection; Through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen**

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***for those who have died recently***

Lynette, Cam, Alberta, Ellerston, Terry, Jane Large, Adam, Stanley Manning, Ernest Chapman, Sunnie Briggs, Eileen Ridge, Alan Dowsett

***and for all whose anniversary of death falls at this time:***

24<sup>th</sup> July

James Johnson

