

A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church



8th November 2020

“Stay awake, because you do not know either the day
or the hour.”

The Bridegroom is here!

We await the second coming of Christ just as the ten bridesmaids waited for the bridegroom. We must be awake and patient at all times so we are always ready when the shout goes up ‘He is here’. We have no need to worry about those who have died before us as they too will rise from the dead with Christ in glory.

Opening Sentence

Let my prayer come before you, Lord;
listen, and answer me.

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. God of power and mercy, protect us from all harm. Give
us freedom of spirit and health in mind and body to do your work on
earth. 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 (6:12-16)

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm(62:2-8)

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

Reading

A reading from the book of St Paul to the Thessalonians.(4:13-18)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the

trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because
you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew(25:1-13)
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

God of mercy,
in this Eucharist we proclaim the death of the Lord.
Accept the gifts we present
and help us follow him with love,
for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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 everliving God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Out of love for sinful man,
he humbled himself to be born of the Virgin.

By suffering on the cross
he freed us from unending death,
and by rising from the dead
he gave us eternal life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

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

Lord,
we thank you for the nourishment you give us
through your holy gift.
Pour out your spirit upon us
and in the strength of this food from heaven
keep us single-minded in your service.
Through Jesus 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.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.....

May God's wisdom guide you.
May God's power protect you.
May God's gentleness enfold you.
And may 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**

Advent Sunday- Advent begins on Sunday 29th November and in response to the parish Survey the Clergy will be offering a series of devotions for use at home as we prepare for Christmas.

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Bounds Green food bank – wish list: -

Urgently needed food items include tinned fruit, tea bags, dried pasta, uht milk and breakfast cereals. Thank you to all who have given so far, it is much appreciated. We are pleased to accept any donations and pass them on to the food bank.

Thank you for the support it really is appreciated especially as we are feeding over 250 families each week.

We pray for all who are ill, that God may grant them health and peace:

Baby Naira, Ansell, Mildred, Kathleen, Trevor Thompson, Eric, Eileen Potter, Kate, Seelah, Maureen Clements, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Augustus Olufunwa, Chris Zinzan, Doreen Lelliot, Bob Wood, Krystyna Hammil, Cicely Blalock, Androulla & Fannos Hadjiordani, Christopher Gibbons, Jazzmine Grimes, Emmanuel Kuye, Alexandra F Assis, Joshua Rattray, Elijah Blake, Jeffrey Blake, Victorine Clarke, Amy Harris, Thomas Hewitt, Geri Thompson, Mary Thompson, George Batley, Nancy Brittain, Sarah Reggerie, Jean Bjork, Ian Lennon, Kathleen Wale, Serena Forni, Naomi Brown, Derek Ogden, Lawrence Barrett, Dominic Swift, Jennifer Douglas, Peter John Clements, Patience Mafunga, Jereline Simoms, Joy, Ayo Dumbuya, Ray and Pam Bennett, Dorren Norine, Beverley Pownall, Shola Adebawale, Una and Pat Murphy, Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Loiuse, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Angela Whyte, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Brenda la Rose, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Anita Atherley, Evelyn Baker, Vincent Booth, Rita Thompson, Zena Godfrey, Mark, Veronica Reekie; Peggy Speirs; Daniel Sintin, Sally Sintin, Amie Samura, Victor Snaith

for those who have died recently

Esarlatin Yildirim, Alberta, Ellerston, Rachael Jarvis, Terry, Adam, Sunnie Briggs, Eileen Ridge, Stella, Joan McLoughlin, Daniel Siemeeniako, Ray James, Shirley Collins, Elaine and Tina, Marcus James, Stephen Palmer, Gemma Marshall

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

10th November	Rev Paul Misigelo
11th November	Geoffrey Gingo, Laurence Middle
12 th November	Marion Gregory
13 th November	Vera Mallet
14 th November	Sheila Sturt

St Michael's Candle: Is burning in Loving memory of Sotiris Sotiriou

The Blessed Sacrament Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Jayne James

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Tylemay Vythelingum

Reflection

The foolish have no oil in their lamps.
They burn themselves out
through a life of self-seeking
and dedication to worldly cares and vanities.
They do not even think of the Lord,
much less wait for his coming.
The wise, on the other hand, have oil in their lamps.
They are detached from themselves
and from the cares of the world,
and are full of charity.
They are waiting for the Lord,
and desire nothing else but his coming.
Let us keep our minds alight with faith,
our souls alight with hope,
and our hearts alight with love,
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Sunday Mass live on Facebook 9.30am or later on our YouTube Channel. <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsWoodGreen/> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0N6wZDORWQ2rX89tnwLSlg>

Church open Sunday afternoon from 2pm- 4pm for private prayer

Tuesday Church open from 10am – 12noon for private prayer
Zoom Bible Study 1.30pm
Zoom Evening prayer at 6pm

Wednesday Zoom Evening Prayer at 4.45pm

Thursday Night Prayer on Facebook 8pm
<https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsWoodGreen/>

Friday Church open from 10am – 12noon