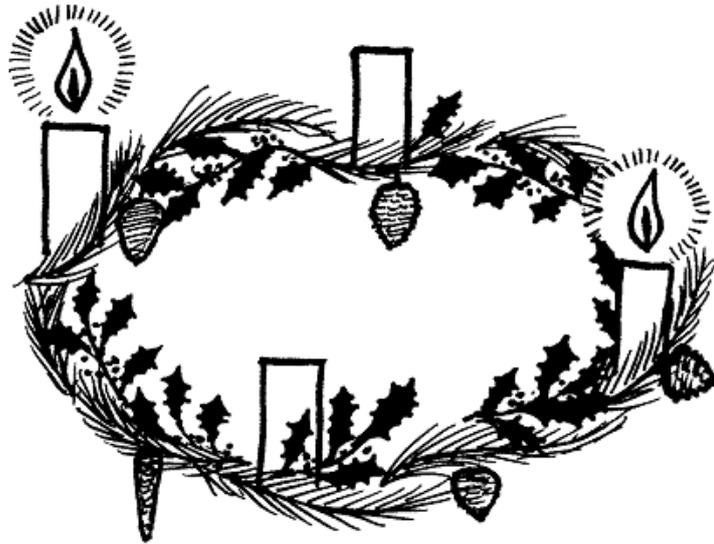


# A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December



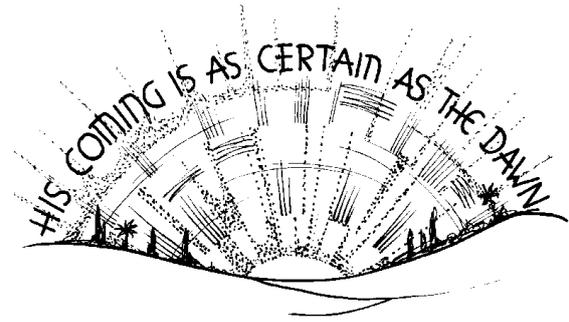
## Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare a way for the Lord.

In today's liturgy we hear again the lonely voice of John the Baptist exhorting us to prepare a way for the Lord. As we continue our journey into Advent, let us create a space in our minds and hearts so that the Lord can come to us in this Eucharist.

## Opening Sentence

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard in the joy of your heart.



## 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

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (40:1-5,9-11)

‘Console my people, console them’  
says your God.  
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.’  
A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low.  
Let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’  
Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
‘Here is your God.’  
Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

## Second Reading

A reading from second letter of St Peter (3:8-14)

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

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

## **Alleluia**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (1:1-8)

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:  
Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;  
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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

May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and, since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
Through 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  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When he humbled himself to come among us as a man,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago  
and opened for us the way to salvation.

Now we watch for the day,  
hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours  
when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven  
we proclaim your glory  
and join in our 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**

Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights,  
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

*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**

Father,

you give us food from heaven.  
By our sharing in this mystery,  
teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and to love the things of heaven.

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.....

You believe that the Son of God once came to us;  
you look for him to come again.

May his coming bring you the light of his holiness  
and free you with his blessing. **Amen.**

May God make you steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope, and untiring in love  
all the days of your life. **Amen.**

You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as man. When  
he comes again in glory,  
may he reward you with endless life. **Amen.**

May Almighty God bless you,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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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*A Season of Hope  
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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm**

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**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.

## Advent Reflection

The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice  
Which many of his contemporaries ignored.  
There are many lonely voices in our world.  
Somewhere at this moment a child is crying-  
Crying for love or maybe simply for bread.  
Somewhere a young person is crying-  
Crying for a listening ear or an understanding heart.  
Somewhere an old person is crying-  
Crying for a visit or a word from his/her children.  
There are a thousand unheard cries in our world,  
Coming from the victims of injustice and neglect.  
Lord, help us to listen to these voices.  
Above all, help us to listen to your voice,  
Whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts,  
Telling us that we are loved by you, and that we are to love one another.

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

Milan, 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, 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, Louiise, 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***

Ray James, Elaine and Tina, Stephen Palmer, Gemma Marshall,

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

7th December                      Adina Oliver

**St Michael's Candle:** Is burning in Loving memory of  
Adina Oliver and Thomas Geoffrey Kirkland

**The Blessed Sacrament Candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Adina Oliver and Rosemary Canjee

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