



# A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church

## Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
Be happy at all times.

Happiness is our birth right as Christians. We give thanks to God for his Spirit who lives in us and makes us aware of our wonderful mission in spreading the good news of man's redemption. The Spirit brings us deep peace because the God who called us will not fail us.

### Opening Sentence

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

### Lighting of Advent Candle

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;  
A candle of **Hope** in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky  
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of **Peace**;  
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of **Joy**;  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow  
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

### 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.

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**  
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**  
Lord have mercy, **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**

O God, who see how your people  
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
and to celebrate them always  
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
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 book of Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12**

**R: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R:**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R:**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R:**

### **Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (3:10-18)

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon** (Sit)

**Creed** (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;  
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.

### **The Peace**

**Priest:** 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.  
**All:** And also with your spirit.

## Offertory Prayers

### Prayer over the Gifts

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
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.**

*The priest continues.....*

**For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever  
and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the bread

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People: Though we are many we are one body, because we all  
share in the one bread.**

*Preparation for Communion:*

All: **With this bread...**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the  
sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of  
the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my  
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

All: **With this wine...**

*We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing as directed  
by the side's people*

## Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

*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 the following prayer:*

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

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
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.**

## Notices

### ***Blessing & Dismissal***

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And with your spirit.**

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

Be glad in the Lord always!  
Focus your thoughts on all that is true,  
all that is holy, all that is just,  
all that is pure, all that is lovely,  
and all that is worthy of praise.  
And the peace of God—  
peace that goes far beyond anything we can comprehend—  
that peace will guard your hearts and minds  
as you live in Christ Jesus.  
So go from here with confidence and joy,  
to serve the Lord and the blessing...

**The Mass is ended, Go in peace. Thanks be to God!**

## The Angelus

Refreshments are served after the Mass, please stay and enjoy  
the fellowship of your brothers and sisters in Christ

### At your service:

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**Sort code 20-98-21 Account number 00790869**  
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**Food Bank -Thank you** to all who have given so far, it is much appreciated. Thank you for the support it really is appreciated especially as we are feeding over 250 families each week on **Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-4pm**



**St Michael's Followers** – Our junior church (children over the age of 5.) meet every Sunday during the 10.30am Mass. We continue to use hand sanitizer and ensure all touch areas are cleaned before and after use. The children are given their own supplies for their use only. We ask that parents complete a registration form for their children.

**Confirmation Service** – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## **Worship This Week**

**Tuesday 14th December**

11am Mass St Michael at Bowes

**Wednesday 15th December**

12 noon Mass SMWG

**Thursday 16th December**

Mass 11am St Andrew's Church

Holy hour 7pm SMWG

**Friday 17th December**

Devotions at the cross 12 noon

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

12 Noon Mass SMWG

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Said Mass 8.30am

Parish Mass 10.30am

Carol and Nativity service 4pm

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 19th December**

**Christmas Eve**

**Christmas Day**

**Nativity and Carol service 4pm**

**Midnight Mass 11.30pm**

**Parish Mass 10.30am**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December      Holy Family Parish Mass 10.30am**

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

Fr Winfield, Osita Nwakor, Christopher Gibbons, Georgia Cordell, Naomi Brown, Francis Ng Yu Tin, Baby Naira, Kathleen, Eric, Kate, Seelah, Maureen Clements, Jean Bjork, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Augustus Olufunwa, Chris Zinzan, Jazzmine Grimes, Claudette, Androulla & Fannos Hadjiordani, Ray and Pam Bennett, Emmanuel Kuye, Doreen Lelliot, Bob Wood, Krystyna Hammil, Cicely Blalock, Amy Harris, Jerry Moran, Daniel Sintin, Sally Sintin, Amie Samura, Marcus Cullen, Jennifer Douglas, Alexandra F Assis, Joshua Rattray, Victorine Clarke, Thomas Hewitt, Geri Thompson, Mary Thompson, Sarah Reggerie, Ian Lennon, Kathleen Wale, Serena Forni, Derek Ogden, Lawrence Barrett, Dominic Swift, Peter John Clements, Patience Mafunga, Jereline Simoms, Ayo Dumbuya, , Dorren Norine, Beverley Pownall, Shola Adebowale, Una and Pat Murphy, Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Louiuse, 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, Mark, Ogbonna Quarcoopme-Harper, Gabriel, Julie Zinzan, Margaret and Ted, Adeline

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

***Milan Kleanthous***

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

17<sup>th</sup> December                      John Pottrill

18<sup>th</sup> December                      Pam Booth

**St Michael's Candle:** Is burning in Loving memory of Guy Ng Yu Tin

**The Blessed Sacrament Candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Tylemay Vythelingum

**The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Rosemary Canjee