

A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church

"Fill the jars with water"

Our Mass this morning reminds us that we are chosen and cared for. God has chosen us and cares for us as a bridegroom loves and cares for his bride, to the extent that he has put away our sin and gives us the gift of his living Spirit which enables us to work powerfully for good in his strength. He can transform us into living members of his Body

Sunday 16th January 2022

Opening Sentence

May all the earth give you worship and praise, and break into song to your name, O God, Most High

Hymn : Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

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.

**Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought and word and deed,**

and in what we have left undone.

**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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 (Sit)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (62:1-5)

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations will then see your integrity,
all the Kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named "Forsaken",
nor your land "Abandoned",
but you shall be called "My Delight"
and your land "The Wedded";
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (95)

**R. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
among all the peoples.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord of all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the lord the glory of his name. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: "God is King."
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

2nd Reading

A reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (12:4-11)

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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Thanks be to God

Alleluia (Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord
and they have life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, (2:1-12)
Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
Jesus said, "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions

that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. "Draw some out now" he told them "and take it to the steward." They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from- only the servants who had drawn the water knew- the steward called the bridegroom and said, "People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now." This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and the brothers, but they stayed there only a few days.

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 (Sit)

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

The Peace

Priest: 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.

All: And also with your spirit.

Offertory Hymn: We have a gospel to proclaim,

Offertory Prayers

Prayer over the Gifts

Father,
may we celebrate the eucharist
with reverence and love,
for when we proclaim the death of the Lord
you continue the work of his redemption,
who 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 ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through his cross and resurrection
he freed us from sin and death
and called us to the glory that has made us
a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people set apart.

Everywhere we proclaim your mighty works
for you have called us out of darkness
into your own wonderful light.

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

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven

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

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for 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.**

Communion Hymn: Broken for me, broken for you, The body of Jesus broken for you

Prayer after Communion

Lord,
you have nourished us with bread from heaven.
Fill us with your Spirit,
and make us one in peace and love. **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 with your Spirit.

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

May the Lord bless you with his joy, shower you with his gifts
And assure you of his undying love.

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Final Hymn: We have a gospel to proclaim

The Angelus

Worship This Week

Tuesday 18th January

11am Mass St Michael at Bowes

Wednesday 19th January

12 noon Mass SMWG

Thursday 20th January

Mass 11am St Andrew's Church

Holy hour 7pm SMWG

Friday 21st January

12 Noon devotions

Saturday 22nd January

12 noon Mass

Sunday 23rd January

Said Mass 8.30am

Parish Mass 10.30am

Confirmation Service – Sunday 30th January 2022

Confirmation Candidates – Please hold in your prayers those preparing for Confirmation on January 30th 2022. This is good news that our younger members feel called to a deeper relationship with the Lord. Please pray for them.