

# A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Today we are reminded that when we are truly sorry God always forgives us. If we try to excuse our weaknesses, he will give us every chance to change; but if we persist in evil, we cannot expect him to forgive us. We must neither presume on God's forgiveness by living carelessly, nor doubt it by living in despair.

## Opening Sentence

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

**Hymn:** We sing the praise of him who died

## 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.**

## 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

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,  
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving  
have shown us a remedy for sin,  
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,  
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,  
may always be lifted up by your mercy.  
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 Exodus (3:1-8,13-15)

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you."' This is my

name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

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

**Gradual Hymn:** Meekness and majesty

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter to the Corinthians (10:1-6; 10-12)

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you O Christ: King of eternal glory.**  
Repent, says the Lord,  
for the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand.  
**Praise to you O Christ: King of eternal glory.**

## **Gospel**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (13:1-9)

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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:** Jesus tells us:

‘If you bring your gift to the altar and then remember that your neighbour has something against you, first be reconciled with your neighbour and then offer your gift.’ (Mt. 5:24)

Christ 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:** On a hill far away

### **Offertory Prayers**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,  
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,  
may take care to forgive our neighbour.

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.  
This great season of grace is your gift to your family  
to renew us in spirit.  
you give us strength to purify our hearts,  
to control our desires,  
and so to serve you in freedom.  
You teach us how to live in this passing world,  
with our heart set on the world that will never end.  
Now we join the angels and the saints  
as they sing 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.**

*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*

### **Communion Antiphon**

The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein  
to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my  
God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are  
praising you.

**Communion Hymn:** God forgave my sin in Jesus name

### **Prayer after Communion**

As we receive the pledge  
of things yet hidden in heaven  
and are nourished while still on earth  
with the Bread that comes from on high,  
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,  
that what is being brought about in us in mystery  
may come to true completion.  
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.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

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

God grant you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him. And the blessing of....

The Mass is ended, Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Final Hymn:** To God be the glory great things he has done

**The Angelus**

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Making an offering to the Church via your bank: -

**St Michael Wood Green Business Premium Account**

**Sort code 20-98-21 Account number 00790869**

**Using as reference: Gift and you name, if you wish.**

**Food Bank -Thank you** to all who have given so far, it is much appreciated especially as we are feeding more 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.

**Lent at St Michael's-** What difference has Lent made to you so far? Are you making full use of this holy season to walk a little closer with the Lord?

**Lent Course:** Lent is the great season of springtime in the Church's calendar through which we prepare for the great climax of Easter. So it's appropriate, alongside our fasting – our giving up of things upon which we've become too dependent or taking up of a particular commitment – Lent course Meeting weekly on Thursdays at 7pm



**Stations of the Cross** will take place every Sunday evening throughout Lent beginning at 6pm. This powerful and demanding devotion really helps us in our understanding of God's deep love for us and would be a great Lenten discipline to take on in the holy season.

**Flowers for Easter** – If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one for Easter please make it known to Pam or Carol .The lilies will be arranged in Church on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday with the names of loved ones listed on the altar. Lilies can be purchased for £5 and any donations for flowers for Easter will be gratefully received.

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

Lurleen, 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 Adebawale ,Una and Pat Murphy , Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Loiuisse, 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, Carmel

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

Austin, Joe and Fananda,

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

22nd March	Louisa Adams, Vi Welsford
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Christinana Ogunbayo
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Maud Fairbrother

**St Michael's Candle:** Is burning for the people of Ukraine

**The Blessed Sacrament Candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Guy NgYu Tin

**The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Liline NgYu Tin



## **Lenten Journey 2022**



### **Sundays in Lent**

**Said Mass 8.30am  
Parish Mass 10.30am  
Stations of the Cross 6pm**

### **Tuesdays in Lent**

**Mass 11am St Michael at Bowes**  
Followed by Lent Group bible study at St Michael at Bowes

### **Wednesdays in Lent**

**Mass 12noon**  
Silent prayer from 11.30am

### **Thursdays in Lent**

**Lent course 7pm SMWG**

### **Fridays in Lent**

Fast Day  
**Mass 5.30pm**  
Followed by breaking of the fast with spiced loaf and hot chocolate

### **Saturdays in Lent**

**Mass 12noon**