

A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church



Today we think about one of the most beautiful images we have of Jesus, the *Good Shepherd*. In today's Mass Jesus, the *Good Shepherd* encourages us to listen to his voice and to follow him with faithfulness, trust and confidence. We are also given the firm promise that those who follow the Lord will never be lost or abandoned, for we are his flock, we belong to him.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 8th May

Opening Sentence

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Opening Hymn:

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus.'
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and pow'r divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Greeting and Entrance

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia Christ is risen
He is risen indeed Alleluia

Call to Confession

My brothers and sisters,
to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries,
let us first call to mind our sin.

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

Gloria (Stand)

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,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
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 Acts of the Apostles (13:14, 43-52)

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'
It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the
Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life
became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the
whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper
classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to
turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory.
So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to
Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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

Gradual Hymn:

Such love, pure as the whitest snow ;
such love weeps for the shame I know ;
such love, paying the debt I owe ;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness ;
such love, filling my emptiness ;
such love, showing me holiness ;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity ;
such love, streaming through history ;
such love, fountain of life to me ;
O Jesus, such love.

2nd Reading

A reading from the Apocalypse (7:9,14-17)

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from
every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front
of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and
holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are
the people who have been through the great persecution, and
because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of
the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him
day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne
will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst
again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them,

because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (10:27-30)

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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 men 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

Deacon: 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!

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn:

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down,
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Offertory Prayers

Priest: Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **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

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.....*The Eucharist prayer continues*

Father, all powerful and ever living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
We praise you with greater joy than ever
at this Easter time,
when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

In him a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world has been renewed,
and we are once again made whole.

The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:

**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.

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 the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever**

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.**

All: 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.

Preparation for Communion:

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.**

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Communion Hymns:

Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer to the heav'nly shore;
may my faith grow clearer, may I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure, ev'ry gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.

As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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 & Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, + and the Holy Spirit be among you,
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon: The Mass is ended, Go in the peace of Christ Alleluia,
Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God! **Alleluia, Alleluia**

Final Hymn:

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Regina Coeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven! Alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia.
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, has promised to give joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech you, that with the help of His mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Worship this week

Tuesday 10th May -11am Mass St Michael at Bowes
Wednesday 11th May -12 noon Mass SMWG
Thursday 12th may -7pm Holy Hour SMWG
Friday 13th May -Mass 12 noon SMWG
Saturday 14th May -Mass 12 noon St Michael's WG

Sunday 15th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Said Mass 8.30am

Sung Mass 10.30am with Sunday school

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting – will take place on *Sunday 22nd May* following the 10.30am Mass, at this meeting we shall give an account of ourselves as a Parish and look forward to the year ahead, please do all you can to attend

Walsingham pilgrimage of healing and renewal. –Monday 29th August. Coach leaving St Michael's Church at 0745am and returning from Walsingham at 16.30pm. Cost for coach is £30 per person, spaces available speak to Carol if you want to book and pay.

Queens platinum Jubilee – Sunday 5th June – Following the 10.30am Mass there will be a BBQ in the Church grounds. If you can help in setting up tables and chairs in the Church grounds on that morning or wish to bring any food donations please let Carol know.

St Michael at Bowes are hosting an international evening on Saturday 18th June. Tickets £15 adults, children under 13 years £7.50

Coach trip to Hastings from St Michael at Bowes, Saturday August 13th. Adults £20, children under 13 years of age £10. More details to follow

Dates for your Diary

Ascension	Thursday 26 th May
Pentecost	Sunday 5 th June
Trinity Sunday	Sunday 12 th June
Corpus Christi	Sunday 19 th June
Ordination of Tom Smith	Saturday 25 th June
Fr Toms first Mass	5pm Sunday 26 th June

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 4.) 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.

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

Wendy, 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, 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, Mark, Ogbonna Quarcoopme-Harper, Gabriel, Julie Zinzan, Margaret, Adeline, Carmel

for those who have died recently

Joe and Fananda, Edward Dell, Linda Blalock- Beavo,
Bernd Hausenblas

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

10th May Doris Sturgess

St Michael's Candle: Is burning for Androulla

The Blessed Sacrament Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Mr and Mrs Robert NgYuTin

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Doris Sturgess