

# A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church Sunday 4th September

We measure people's commitment to a cause by the sacrifices they are prepared to make for it. We cannot hope to be genuine followers of Christ without making sacrifices. The Gospel today reminds us that to commit ourselves to the Lord is not an easy option, and he makes no attempt to hide the difficulties, the hardships and the sacrifices that will be required of those who follow him. When considering this we must always remember that Jesus is generous with his grace to those who strive to answer his call.

## **opening Sentence:**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Opening Hymn:** God is love, let heaven adore him

## **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.

You were sent to heal the contrite Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**  
You came to save sinners Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**

You pray for us at the right hand of the Father Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

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**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 book of Wisdom (9:13-18)

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted  
Wisdom

and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** In my life Lord, be glorified

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

A reading from St Paul's letter to Philemon (1:9-10,12-17)

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia**

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke,(14:25-33)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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 you.

**Offertory Hymn:** All my hope on God is founded

### **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**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,

graciously grant that through this offering,  
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty  
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,  
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.  
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 everliving God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.  
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**

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. 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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

## Communion Hymn:

Be still my soul  
Broken for me, broken for you, The body of Jesus broken for you

## Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,  
whom you nourish and endow with life  
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,  
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts  
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.  
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.**

**Notices** – Please sit

*Blessing of children , blessing & Dismissal*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

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

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself.

The power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service.

The joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Final Hymn:** All hail the power of Jesus name

**The Angelus-** as I kneel before you

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**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.**

## Worship this week

**Tuesday 6th September** - Mass 11am St Michael at Bowes

**Wednesday 7th September**- Mass 12 noon SMWG

**Thursday 8th September** - Holy Hour 7pm SMWG

**Friday 9th September** -Mass 12 noon SMWG

**Saturday 10th September** -Mass 12 noon SMWG

**Sunday 11th September**

Said Mass 8.30am

Parish Mass 10.30am

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Coffee and refreshments are served after Mass, please stay for a few minutes after the service and enjoy the fellowship of your brothers and sisters in Christ



**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.



**St Michael's Followers Breakfast Club** –we offer a free breakfast club for Children (and their parents and carers) from 9.30am – 10.15 am on Sunday mornings in St Raphael centre.



**Can we pray for you?** – Prayers are offered every day at Church, if you have any prayer requests please let the clergy know. We pray daily for the parish and especially for those yet to return to church.

**Adult choir** – meets with Vanessa at 7pm on Wednesday evenings. So far 16 people have attended and enjoyed the time together. How about you coming along too?

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September – All Nations party-** After a 3 year break this celebration returns. Lists are at the back of Church if you are able to bring food to share on the evening. More details to follow  
Tickets available now from Carol. Adults £7, Child £5, under 5's free.  
Family of 4, £20

### **Dates Ahead for Your Diaries**

**Our Social and fund-raising team are arranging the following events: -**

Sunday 4th September	Back to Church Sunday & blessing of children
Saturday 24th September	All nations party & celebration
Thursday 29th September	St Michael's Day

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

Akeem ,Martin Bennett, Mark ,Audley Watson, Wendy, Lurleen, Christopher Gibbons, Georgia Cordell, Naomi Brown, Francis Ng Yu Tin, Baby Naira, Kathleen, Eric, Kate, Jean Bjork, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Augustus Olufunwa, Chris Zinzan, Jazzmine Grimes, Michelle, 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, 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, Shola Adebowale ,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, , 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, Ann Hammond. Anna and Louis, Bridget, Jean, Katie Kirkland

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

Alexandra Assis, Brenda la Rose, Beverley Pownall,

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

4th September Maud Green

5<sup>th</sup> September Roger Medford, Chandra Ramsamy,  
Charles Peytcher- Forsyth

9<sup>th</sup> September Joyce Creek

**St Michael's Candle:** Is burning in loving memory of  
Goopal Mootoosamy

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

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