

# A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

The Lord is compassion and love

We cannot celebrate the Lord of love without resolving to be more like him; for we are built into him like stones into a temple erected to give glory to God. We belong to him.

## Opening Sentence

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**Hymn:** Alleluia sing to Jesus

## 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.

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 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**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, always pondering spiritual things,  
we may carry out in both word and deed  
that which is pleasing to you.  
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 Leviticus (19:1-2,17-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

“Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”

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

### **Gradual Hymn:** Before the throne of God

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

A reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. (3:16-23)

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are;* or again: *God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

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

## **Alleluia**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

The Lord be with you,  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:38-48)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

This is the Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

## **Sermon (Sit)**

### **Creed**

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**

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.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

**Offertory Hymn:** Let there be love shared among us

## **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**

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,  
with the observance that is your due,  
we humbly ask you,  
that what we offer to the honour of your majesty  
may profit us for salvation.  
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.

Out of love for sinful man,  
he humbled himself to be born of the Virgin.

By suffering on the cross  
he freed us from unending death,  
and by rising from the dead  
he gave us eternal life.

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 power and might,  
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 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...**

## **Communion Antiphon**

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

*We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing as directed by the sidespeople*

**Communion Hymns:** God forgave my sin in Jesus' name  
Blessed Assurance

## **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty God,

help us to live the example of love  
we celebrate in this eucharist,  
that we may come to its fulfillment in your presence. **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 (Stand)**

The Lord be with you,

**and also with your spirit.**

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

May you serve God who made you;  
Live in God who redeems you;  
Rejoice in God who sanctifies you  
And the blessing...  
**Amen.**

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

**Final Hymn:** Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

## **The Angelus**

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Your clergy are called by God to serve you and are always happy to speak with you

**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.

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.



Wood green parish church of St Michael



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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.**

**Wednesday Drop-in** –Every Wednesday from 10.30am our **Drop-In** is open to anyone who needs a cuppa, a chat and a simple lunch. We offer a warm welcome to everyone especially our homeless brothers and

sisters. If you know of anyone who might appreciate some company please invite them along.



**St Michael's Followers** – takes place every Sunday during the 10.30am Mass



Thank you for all your continuing support towards the food bank. We will gladly take any donations, which will help people in our community it is much appreciated.

**Tuesday 21st February 2023**

11am Mass St Michael at Bowes



**Wednesday 22nd February**

**Ash Wednesday**

12 noon Mass SMWG

7pm Parish Mass

**Thursday 23rd February**

7pm Lent group SMWG

**Friday 24th February**

**8.30am Devotions at the cross**

5.30pm Mass SMWG

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

12 noon Mass SMWG

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8.30am Said Mass & 10.30am Parish Mass

**Dates for your Diary**

*Wednesday 22nd February*

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April*

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April*

*Friday 7th April*

*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April*

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April*

*Ash Wednesday*

*Palm Sunday*

*Maundy Thursday*

*Good Friday*

*Holy Saturday*

*Easter Sunday*

**Palm crosses-** in preparation for Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, if you want to return your palm cross to church Fr Ian will burn them to make the ash to be used on Ash Wednesday.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent 26<sup>th</sup> February** – On the first Sunday of Lent we are encouraged to bring an Icon, a Cross, a rosary or any item of devotion. The aim is to have them blessed and rededicated with a view to placing them in a prominent place in our homes to aid us in our Lent devotions.



**Flowers at St Michael's statue-** Can be given in memory of a loved one, cost £5 to sponsor the flowers for that week

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

Sunny, George Booth, Rosalyn Rowe, Abbey-Sue and Marcia, Barry James, Audley Watson, Lurleen, Christopher Gibbons, Georgia Cordell, Kathleen, Jean Bjork, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Augustus Olufunwa, Chris Zinzan, Jazzmine Grimes, Michelle, 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, 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, Rita Thompson, Gabriel, Julie Zinzan, Margaret, Carmel, Ann Hammond, Anna and Louis, Katie Kirkland, Jean, Dot, Rosemary Stone

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

Gary Booth

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

22nd February

Panayiota Petrou

24th February

Douglas Hunte

**St Michael's Candle:** Is burning in loving memory of  
Derek Sturgess

**The Blessed Sacrament Candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Douglas Hunte

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

**Flowers at St Michael statue-** have been donated in loving Memory of  
Derek Sturgess

**Votive Candles** – If you would like to buy a 7 day candle in memory of a loved one for just £2 please print the name and either give to Kathy or Carol