

# A very warm welcome to St Michael's Church

Sunday 25 August 2024



## Opening Sentence

Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

**Opening Hymn:** Love divine, all loves excelling.

## 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 (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**

Let us pray

Father,  
help us to seek the values  
that will bring us enduring joy in this changing world.  
In our desire for what you promise  
make us one in mind and heart. **Amen**

## **First Reading**

*A reading from Joshua (24:1-2, 15-18)*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

**Gradual Hymn:** My Jesus, my saviour.

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians. (5:21-32)*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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

## **Alleluia**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

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

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (6:60-69)*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the

Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

## **Sermon**

### **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**

**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 always with you. **All: And with your spirit.**

**Offertory Hymn:** All hail the power of Jesus name.

## **Offertory Prayers**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made; it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become for us our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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

**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

Merciful God,  
the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ  
made us your people  
In your love,  
grant peace and unity to your Church. **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.

By his birth we are reborn.  
In his suffering we are freed from sin.  
By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life.  
In his return to you in glory  
we enter into your heavenly Kingdom.

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 God of might,  
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory  
your power and might  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes  
Blessed, blessed is he who comes  
Blessed is he, blessed is he,**

**who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

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:**

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**

The Lord says : The man who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live for  
ever; I shall raise him to life on the last day.



*We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn:** Brother Sister let me serve you.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
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**

Priest: The Lord be with you,  
People: **And with your spirit.**

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

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

**Final Hymn:** We have a gospel to proclaim.

**Angelus:** As I kneel before you.

At your service: Remember Fr Ian is called by God to serve the people of Wood Green so he is never too busy to talk to you should you need to.

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**for those who have died recently**

Francisca Sodipo

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

25th August	Rachael Jarvis, Martha Vanier, John Rodriguez
26th August	Terry Thorne
27th August	David Macrow Pr
31st August	Walters Peters, Beverly Pownall

**St Michael's Candle:**

Is burning in loving memory of Martha Vanier and Guy Ng Yu Tin

**The Blessed Sacrament Candle:**

Is burning for in loving memory of Liline Ng Yu Tin

**The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle:**

Is burning in loving memory of Rachel Jarvis

**The flowers at St Michael's statue:**

Given in Loving memory of