

# A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Christ's Church: A light in the darkness

In today's Mass we hear how Christ calls his followers to be a light to the world. Each one is to give glory to God in allowing the light of Christ to shine out.

## **Opening Sentence**

O Come, let us worship God and bow down low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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

## **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**

Let us pray.

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 Prophet Isaiah (58:7-10)

Thus says the Lord:  
Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and do not turn from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'  
If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** My Jesus, my Saviour

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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. (2:1-5)

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

## **Alleluia**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:13-16)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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**

**Priest:** Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with your spirit.**

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

**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 Lord, our God,  
who once established these created things  
to sustain us in our frailty,  
grant, we pray,  
that they may become for us now  
the Sacrament of eternal life.  
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.

We see your infinite power  
in your loving plan of salvation.  
You came to our rescue by your power as God,  
but you wanted us to be saved by one like us.  
Man refused your friendship,  
but man himself was to restore it  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him the angels of heaven  
offer their prayers of adoration  
as they rejoice in your presence for ever.  
May our voices be one with theirs  
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

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 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:

**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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

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

**Communion Hymn:** This is my body broken for you

**Prayer after Communion**

O God, who have willed that we be partakers  
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,  
grant us, we pray, so to live  
that, made one in Christ,  
we may joyfully bear fruit  
for the salvation of the world.  
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.**

**Blessing** (Stand)

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

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

May the Lord give you his light  
so that you may not walk in darkness.  
May he give you his love  
so that you may have life forever.  
And may the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

**Final Hymn:** Christ triumphant

**The Angelus**

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

Sr Pat, Androulla, Ceva Clements, Perry Wells, Olive, Fanny Metu Charlotte B, Denise Clarke, Frances, Sarah, Katie Kirkland, Bet, Tracey and the Tuite family ,George Brown, Zarina, Abbey-Sue and Marcia, Barry James, Audley Watson, Lurleen, Georgia Cordell, Kathleen, Shirley & Leslie Angus, Christopher John, Jazzmine Grimes, Michelle, Androulla, Fannos jjordani, Ray Bennett , Emmanuel Kuye, 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 Clements, Jereline Simoms, Ayo Dumbuya, Dorren Norine, Shola Adebowale ,Una and Pat Murphy , Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Evelyn Baker, Gabriel, Anna and Louis, Jean, Dot, Rosemary Stone, Susan Joy, Mai Lee, Freddie Jones, Ester Thompson, Heather and Sarah, Luke and John Burke, Nabawanda Matlida, Donald, Lorraine, Pat Stephenson, Janet Syson, Anthony, Austin, Owen, Rose Gallagher, Ryan Ayoki

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

Alice Mitchell

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

<b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Experito Kato
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Alice Norfolk
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Frank Jones Pr
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Selina Amazu, John Mitchell

**St Michael's candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Guy Ng Yu Tin

**The Blessed Sacrament candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Rosemary Canjee

**The Blessed Virgin Mary:** is burning in loving memory of  
Pakion Sunassee

**The flowers at St Michael's statue** are given in loving memory of

