

A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church



Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 1st March 2026

In today's Mass we are reminded that Abram's faith in God's promise was rewarded and fulfilled. At the Transfiguration, the disciples saw the brightness of God's glory. If we have faith in him, our lives can be transfigured and infused with his brightness.

Opening Sentence

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Hymn: All people that on earth do dwell

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.

Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's
Kingdom **Lord have mercy**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. **Christ
have mercy**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people. **Lord have mercy**

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

The Liturgy of the Word

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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

A reading from the book of Genesis (12:1-4)

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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

Gradual hymn: All I once held dear (Knowing you Jesus)

Second Reading

A reading from 2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

Sermon (Sit)

The 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

Jesus tells us:

‘If you bring your gift to the altar and then remember that your neighbour
has something against you,
first be reconciled with your neighbour
and then offer your gift.’ (Mt. 5:24)

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.

All: And also with your spirit.

Offertory Hymn: My song is love unknown

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.**

Prayer over the Gifts

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
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
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

On your holy mountain he revealed himself in glory
in the presence of his disciples.
He had already prepared them for his approaching death.
He wanted to teach them through the Law and the Prophets that the
promised Christ had first to suffer
and so come to the glory of his resurrection.

In our unending joy we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven

as they praise your glory for ever:

**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:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory**

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:

Breaking of the 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

Communion antiphon: This is my Son, my Beloved, in whom is all my
delight: listen to him.

We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing as directed by the sides people.

Communion Hymn: Peace is flowing like a river

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
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

Blessing

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

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire and at last attain
that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Final Hymn: To God be the glory

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, 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, Nicola Humberstone, Clarice Blake

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

1 st March	Charles Mills Pr
2 nd March	Dorothy Power, Gilbert Okai
4 th March	Florrie Howard
5 th March	Harriet Wright

St Michael's candle: is burning in loving memory of
Marcel 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
Harriet Wright

The flowers at St Michael's statue – not during Lent