

**Readings for St Michael Patronal
Festival (Michaelmas) - 29th Sept**

FIRST READING

Revelation 12.7-17

A reading from the book of
Revelation.

7 War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹ But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

¹² Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

PSALM 103.19-22

R Bless the Lord, you angels of his.

19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word. **R**

21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1.5-14

A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews.

5 To which of the angels did God ever say,

'You are my Son;
today I have begotten you'?

Or again,

'I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son'?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.'

⁷Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire.'

⁸But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever,

and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.'

¹⁰And,

'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,

and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;

¹² like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be

changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will never end.'

¹³But to which of the angels has he ever said,

'Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'?

¹⁴Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

GOSPEL

John 1.47-51

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to John.

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'

⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'

⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord