

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park

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Sunday 26th November 2023, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Parish Mass Book from page 158, Prayer of the Church: Proper to the Feast



The mosaic in the apse of St Paul outside the Walls, Rome

Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of Man is the pattern for our lives. In Jesus we can find the fullness of life and the happiness for which we always search. God the Father wants the perfection, for which we long, to be found in him, so that through his death and resurrection we might enter the perfection of his peace. Christ is our King in the struggle with sin. Christ's kingdom is founded on his utter goodness, selflessness and love. We see that in the Cross, at the heart of Christ's kingdom. On the Cross Christ shows the power of his kingdom. There he claims nothing for himself. He entrusts himself to the Father, taking on the insults and burdens of a sinful world. The repentant thief saw in Christ's humility that the pride and arrogance of sin had been vanquished. Let us pray with him: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

First reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17 God is portrayed not so much as a judge of his people but more as someone who cares for them as a good shepherd cares for his sheep.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28 At the end of time Christ will reign as Universal King, having overcome all hostile forces, including death.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 We do not know exactly how the last judgement will happen but we do know what the followers of Jesus will be judged on.

Tea and Chat Group meet on Thursday 30th November at 2 pm and all are very welcome.

Parish BACS details Lloyds Bank CDP Leigh Park St Michael 30-93-04 Account number: 00882004

Canon Gerard edits this Newsletter and welcomes items for inclusion by the Sunday prior to publication, please.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 25th November

St Catherine of Alexandria

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass for the Parish and with the baptism of John Carlie Prestoza

26th November, Our Lord Jesus Christ

King of the Universe

10 am Mass for peace

Monday 27th November, Feria

10 am Mass for the people of the Parish

10.30 am Prayer Group

Tuesday 28th November, Feria

6 pm Adoration and Reconciliation, followed at 7 pm by our Station Mass at St Joseph, Havant

Wednesday 29th November, Feria

10 am Mass Bert & Dot Bates RIP

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 30th November, St Andrew

10 am Requiem Mass Mrs Teresa Boyle RIP

Friday 1st December, Feria

10 am Mass Betty Fellows RIP & Mike

2nd December, Our Lady on Saturday

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

3rd December, 1st Sunday of Advent

10 am Mass Chris Smith (M M-G)

Station Masses return for Advent

On four Tuesdays at 6 pm there will be Adoration. Several priests will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mass will be at

7 pm, with refreshments to follow.

28th November Havant, St Joseph

5th December Cosham, St Colman

12th December Hayling Island, St Patrick

19th December Leigh Park, St Michael

Our Christmas Raffle

We would be grateful for donations of prizes for our Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be available soon.

First Holy Communion 2024

We look forward to helping Parish families prepare children, in Year 3 & above, for First Holy Communion next summer. If you wish your child to be prepared please speak with Canon Gerard soon.

We will enrol children at Mass on the weekend of the First Sunday of Advent, at 6 pm on Saturday 2nd December or at 10 am on Sunday 3rd December.

On Sunday 14th January after 10 am Mass we have a meeting about the programme. We hope to find ways to help those who have yet to experience the Alpha programme.

The most important thing of all is to participate in the Sunday Mass, our weekly celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. If regular attendance at Mass is a problem for you just now please do still speak to Canon Gerard. We can try to ensure a place for your youngster on a future programme.

Christmas Party Greetings from Havant Filipino Community. We invite you to our Christmas Party at St Michael and All Angels, on Saturday 2nd December after 6 pm Mass, from 7 pm to 11 pm. Please bring food to share. We have a raffle; all money raised will be donated to our church.



Jan McGranaghan celebrated her eightieth birthday at Mass last Sunday.

Caritas Portsmouth writes: COP28 rapidly approaches. In [Laudate Deum](#), Pope Francis describes how some of the big changes we need to slow the rate of climate change must come from governments. Let us pray for those leaders, that they can listen to those already affected by climate change and have courage to act. Prayers can be found at <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

