

SouthEast Hampshire Pastoral Area
Jesus Prince of Peace
St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Isaiah 2:1-5 *'The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.'*

Romans 13:11-14 *'Salvation is nearer to us now.'*

Matthew 24:37-44 *'Stay awake so that you may be ready.'*

29/30 November 2025

Fr. Tom writes... LET'S MAKE ADVENT GREAT AGAIN

Someone once told me of a T-shirt they had seen at a music festival: JESUS IS COMING – LOOK BUSY.

Psychologists tell us that humour taps into subconscious concerns of which our conscious mind may be only dimly aware. Who knows what the motives of the person wearing that T-shirt were, but most of us know, if we're honest, that if Jesus Christ walked into the room right now, we would be so acutely aware of things we wished we had sorted out about ourselves, that we might not rush straight into his arms?

And yet we sing every Sunday that He is our Saviour and Friend. And each Mass we receive Him with reverence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Bridging the gap between what we sing and what we are, is what Advent is all about. There is no need here to bemoan the ever-earlier start of commercial Christmas. We can all see with our eyes the madness of it, and the hollow motives behind it. But if you would like to get into the true spirit of Advent this year, try to make it to one of the candlelit Rorate Caeli Masses at 7am each Monday at Sacred Heart, or to one of the penitential Station Masses on Tuesday evenings, where there will be chance to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and socialise with other Catholics in the area – details in this newsletter.

Advent is a time of honesty, preparation, and rich silence. When we follow that spirit, Christmas, which (for the record) starts at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve, comes alive again.

Station Masses on Tuesday Evenings

(6-7pm Adoration and Reconciliation, 7-8pm Mass, 8-9pm Soup and Fellowship)

Tuesday 2 nd December	St Colman's Cosham
Tuesday 9 th December	Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
Tuesday 16 th December	St Michael's, Leigh Park

Fr James' Pastoral Letter – copies are available in the Welcome area

Please do take a copy of Fr James' Pastoral Area Letter away with you after Mass. This provides a helpful update of what is going on in our Pastoral Area and also shares Mass times and services going on both in Advent and Christmas. The letter is also available on our webpage.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation; in the half hour prior to Mass

Saturday 29th November

NO MASS TODAY at St Michael's

Fr James attends the Holy Spirit Day, Winchester
Fr Tom leads Mother's Day of Prayer, Sacred Heart.

Masses in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Mass 12noon

Sacred Heart Mass 6.15pm

St Thomas, Emsworth Mass 5pm

Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Sophie Light INT (birthday)

Monday 1st December, Feria

Rosary group meet on Monday's at 10am.

Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 2nd December, Feria

Wednesday 3rd December, Feria

St Francis Xavier, Priest, memorial

10.15 am Canon Gerard Flynn RIP

10.45 am Adoration

Thursday 4th December, Feria

Friday 5th December, Feria

Saturday 6th December, Feria

12 noon Mass

Catherine Marie Walsh & deceased family (FM)

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Sophie Light INT (birthday)

Christmas Chocolate Appeal 2025

Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we're planning to collect hundreds of chocolate Christmas presents. Can you help us by donating chocolate gifts? Please bring donations to Church.

Formation in Faith, Bible group

A bible group meet on Monday evenings at 7.45 pm
9.15 pm on Zoom. If you wish to join, please email
Kathy Collins,

kathyimcollins1@gmail.com who will send you a link.

Altar Servers Training in preparation for our liturgies
a training session for all altar servers will take place
on Sunday 14th December, immediately after the 9.30
am Mass. We'll enjoy some pizza together as well.
Please let Deacon Nick or the parish office know if
you are able to attend.

Children's Choir

Join us at St Michael's for a Children's Choir every
Wednesday from 6 pm to 7 pm, All children are
welcome to sing and make music. Please see Felicity in
our music group if you are interested.

Thank you to our youth who read at Mass last
weekend and all those who contributed to our cake
Sale. We raised over £200



A Candlelit Carol Concert at Sacred Heart,
Waterlooville, with the Denmead Brass Band Monday
15th December at 6.30pm, Readings & Carols followed
by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies. Money raised from the
evening will go to church funds

Carols and festive songs As is now our tradition, our
choir will be visiting Malmesbury Lawn Care Home on
Saturday 20th December to sing carols and festive
songs. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.
Please meet at 1.30pm at Malmesbury Lawn, Woolston
Road, Havant, ready for a 2.00pm start. Come along to
share the music, joy, and community spirit of the
Christmas season.

Christmas Lunch at St Joseph's, Havant

Wednesday 3rd December from 12noon. Tickets £13 –
Please book by 24th November. Contact Julia
juliaat28@hotmail.co.uk

Jesus, Prince of Peace Christmas Fair will be held at
St Joseph's on Saturday 6th December. If you would like
to run a table for St Michael's, please let the parish
office know.

Sacred Heart Christmas Fair Coordinated by Nina
McCormack on Sunday 7th December, straight after
Mass.

St Michael's Christmas party December 20th 5pm –
11 pm. Please bring food to share. See out noticeboard
for more information