

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

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book page

Scripture Readings at Mass

Malachi 3:19-20 'For you the sun of righteousness will shine.'

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 'If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.'

Luke 21:5-19 'By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

St Edmund of Abingdon 15/16 November 2025

Fr. Tom writes...

According to the early 14th century historian Nicholas Trivet, St. Edmund of Abingdon always kept pious and learned Dominicans about him when he was Archbishop of Canterbury. One of them, who lived to be very old, told Trivet of an occasion when Edmund was found in ecstasy: "One day, when the saint had invited several people of great quality to dine with him at his palace, he made them wait a long time before he came out to them. When dinner had been ready some time, St Richard, who was his chancellor, went to call him, and found him in the chapel, raised a considerable height above the ground in prayer."

St Teresa and St John of the Cross are both reported to have levitated when in prayer, or even in conversation with each other about God. Miracles are embarrassing to some modern Christians, who don't want to be thought of as weird, but have been what the Church calls "criteria of credibility" throughout the missionary spread of the Gospel. St Benedict of Nursia and St Francis of Assisi were both wonder workers. St Carlo Acutis dedicated his short life to promoting the history of Eucharistic miracles.

40% of the text of Mark's Gospel is either about Jesus' miracles or the reaction to his miracles. Our entire faith is built on His Resurrection.

Rather than being squeamish about miracles, one should rather accept them as occasional moments of Divine encouragement, and give thanks that, at the end of his life on earth, by refusing to call down legions of angels to save him from the Cross, Jesus performed a "non-miracle" that was in fact more powerful than any of His miracles, because it showed us the extent of his unaccountable love.

Women's Retreat Day Saturday 29th November, 9.30-4.00; Sacred Heart, led by Fr Tom Hiney. Lunch provided. Babes in arms welcome. £10 suggested donation. To book email catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com

Feast of Christ the King – Youth Mass & Cake Sale

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King with a special Youth Mass. After Mass, we will be hosting a cake sale. **Donations of cakes are warmly welcomed** and can be brought to the parish before Mass. Thank you for your support! Father Joe Gruszkiewicz celebrates this Mass whilst Father James celebrates Mass in Havant.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation; in the half hour prior to Mass

Saturday 15th November

Our Lady on Saturday

12 Noon Mass for the Parish

Sunday 16th November

St Edmund of Abingdon

9.30am Mass Teresa Boyle INT

Monday 17th November, Feria

Rosary group meet on Monday's at 10am.

Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 18th November, Feria

Wednesday 19th November, Feria

10.15 am Paolo Brunetti RIP

10.45 am Adoration

Thursday 20th November, Feria

Friday 21st November

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mem

Saturday 22nd November, St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, m

12 Noon Mass for the Parish

Sunday 23rd November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe

9.30am Mass Sheila Ryder RIP

We welcome Father Kevin Bidgood this Sunday whilst Father James and Father Tom will be at St Edmund, Horndean to celebrate their Feast Day.

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.

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.

Requiem Mass for George Riley RIP

is on Thursday 27th November at 1:30 at St Michael and All Angels Church. You would be welcome to join the family at the reception at Rowlands Castle Golf Club afterwards.

Formation in Faith, Bible group

A bible group meet on Monday evenings at 7.45pm – 9.15pm on Zoom. If you wish to join, please email Kathy Collins, kathyimcollins1@gmail.com who will send you a link.

We welcome Payton who was baptised last Sunday

Please pray for Payton, Godparents and family.



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.

Catholic Mothers Portsmouth Join a community of Catholic mums growing in faith together. Join us for prayer, discussion, friendship and a space to encourage and support each other. Children are welcome too! This term, we are looking at Pope St John Paul II's "Letter to Women".

St John the Evangelist Cathedral, Portsmouth parish hall (parking is available at the Cathedral)

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 9:30am -11:30am.

Monday 1st & 15th December

You are most welcome to contact us for more information: please contact Maria or Katherine at catholicmothersportsmouth@gmail.com

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 – 11pm. Please bring food to share. See out noticeboard for more information

Update and where we are following on from our meeting on Sunday 14 September

Children/Youth choir	Will begin on Wednesday 12 November at 6pm-7pm at St Michael's.
Catholic Mother's Group	Meet St John the Evangelist Cathedral, Portsmouth parish hall on 1 st and 3 rd Mondays of the month, 9:30am -11:30am. Monday 17 th November, Monday 1 st & 15 th December If you wish to establish a local group please let the parish office know.
Community outreach	Fr Tom is establishing a group.
Craft Group	If you are interested in leading, please contact the parish office.
Encourage more young adults	Think and Drink (1st Sunday of every month. Young adults (18+) are invited to join us for fellowship and fun. Gathering in the Narthex at Sacred Heart Church after 5.30 pm Mass on the first Sunday of every month and walking across to the Woodpecker Pub on London Road.
Family circles for young families	We are looking to develop a monthly children's Mass. Further information to follow in the newsletter.
Flower arrangers	We need more flower arrangers. Please let the parish office know if you are interested in helping.
Food Bank	Fr Tom is developing a group. If you are interested in being involved in outreach, please see Fr Tom.
Formation in Faith, Bible group	A bible group meet on Monday evenings at 7.45pm – 9.15pm on Zoom. If you wish to join, please email Kathy Collins, kathyimcollins1@gmail.com who will send you a link. Lenten talks have been arranged each Saturday during Lent.
Health programme	Slimming World is held every Thursday at St Michael's.
Justice and Peace Group	Newly formed Justice & Peace Group for Jesus Prince of Peace Parish - St Michael's require a representative. If you are interested, please contact Philip Hayllar philiphayllar@hotmail.com
Prayer Group	Rosary group meet each Monday in Church at 10 am. Post Alpha, after Christmas, other groups will be organised.
Social events	It has been agreed there will be 4 x events for the year. • Christmas Party 20 December • Quiz night • Karaoke night • Summer Barbecue. If you would like to be on the social committee, please let us know.
Taking communion to the housebound	Fr James and Fr Tom are currently organizing a schedule to visit those who are sick or housebound. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit, please contact the parish office.
Youth Group	A Pastoral Area Youth Group for 8–12-year-olds is being formed! A rep from each church would be required. Please let the parish office know if you are interested. More details on meeting times will be shared soon.