

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

Isiah 49:3, 5-6 'I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

John 1:29-34 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'

Fr. James writes...

Prayers and blessings to you all for 2026! It is a great privilege and joy to serve you all along with Fr Tom. Thank you again for all your kind cards, prayers and gifts over the Christmas period. What a blessed time we had together. If you have any feedback you would like to share, please do send this to Ellen at office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk Though our Christmas decorations have been removed, we continue to ponder the great mystery of the incarnation by visiting the crib which remains in place until the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple which we celebrate on Monday 2nd February.

This weekend, we celebrate a first for us. After over 1500 of us from around the Pastoral area took part in choosing a new Patronal Feast; Jesus Prince of Peace was chosen. This is going to be celebrated each year on this weekend in our church communities. The collect from our Mass is one I encourage you to pray with earnest. 'Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow peace on our times.'

God bless!

Prayer Ministry

Fr. Tom writes... Beginning straight after the 5.30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday 25th January, and (if it goes well) on the last Sunday of each month thereafter, there will be the opportunity to receive individual prayer for anything in your life that is causing you anguish, pain or concern. God works in mysterious ways, but in the history of the Church has often used the prayers of others to provide courage, consolation and even miraculous help in difficult or challenging situations. There will be music playing and pairs of people dotted around the sides of the church offering discreet and caring prayer for anyone brave enough to ask. Many of us have been helped by this kind of prayer ministry and would urge you not to let pride or fear stop you if you are interested. May the Lord be particularly with the volunteers as we start this ministry.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 17 January St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, memorial Vigil SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration & Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Gary Marsh Evans INT Gladys, RIP
Sunday 18 January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Michael James Coyle, RIP Colin and Marie Cooper INT People of the Parish Lena Meagher, RIP
Monday 19 January Feria [2nd Week in OT]	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Mass Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Gilbert Dsilva, RIP
Tuesday 20 January Feria [2nd Week in OT]	7.30am 6pm 6.30pm	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	The Welfare of Jean Butler
Wednesday 21 January St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, memorial	7.30am 10.15am 12noon	Holy Hour Mass followed by Adoration Funeral Mass	Sacred Heart St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart	Peter Molyneux, RIP
Thursday 22 January Feria [2nd Week in OT]	7.30am 9.30am 10am 10am	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Mass Funeral Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart	Christopher Byrne, RIP Lionel Doyle, RIP
Friday 23 January Feria [2nd Week in OT]	7.30am 11.30am	Holy Hour Funeral Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Ann Daley, RIP
Saturday 24 January St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, m Vigil THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Colin and Marie Cooper INT Jerome Govere, RIP
Sunday 25 January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	William Joseph White, RIP John & Margaret McEntee RIP People of the Parish Laurie Stephens, RIP

The Rosary group will meet on Monday at 10 am in Church.

Jesus Prince of Peace Feast Day

Our new Feast Day will be on Sunday 18th January. As a pastoral area we will all be celebrating in our respective parishes and we would like to mark the occasion at St Michael's serving tea and cake after 9.30 am Sunday Mass. We will be charging for a slab of cake, and all proceeds will go to church funds.

First Holy Communion Programme begins in February. Please see Julia Corps who is available after Sunday Mass.

Think & Drink - Faith, fellowship and fun for young adults (18+). 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. Next meeting is on Sunday 1st February. Around 7pm start for those going straight there.

Two vacancies have recently arisen for school governors at St. Thomas More's Catholic Primary School (at least one of whom must be a practising catholic) providing the opportunity for anyone interested in primary school children's education to join the Governing Body of one of our local Parish Catholic

Primary Schools. Further information and an application form can be viewed on the website of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth,

www.casoportsmouth.org.uk/governors

or if you prefer to have a conversation to discuss your potential interest, please contact the Headteacher, Mr Sendall or Chair of Governors, Paul Baker on 023 9247 5909. Fr James would also be happy to discuss this opportunity with you.

Peace Sunday – This Sunday

Peace Sunday will be held on Sunday 18th January. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all the use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January.

Envelopes are available for your donations in the welcome area. Money raised on Peace Sunday will go to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools.

If you are able to give you can donate via their website: www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/ or scan this code:

