

Southeast Hampshire Pastoral Area
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St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Times

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Isaiah 9:1-4 'In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.'

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 'I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.'

Matthew 4:12-23 'Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.'

Fr. Tom writes...

What is Prayer?

People new to the Church sometimes presume that everyone else knows how to pray. Not just having all the responses, Creeds and prayers memorised for liturgy, but (including during those moments) how to actually, interiorly, pray to God. But, in fact, prayer is very personal, and many people, including monks and nuns, struggle at times with distraction and uncertainty when it comes to prayer. This should not surprise us, since – if one thinks about it – even to say a blessing over one's meal is to address the Eternal Creator of the universe. It can give one vertigo to think about it.

The 1992 Catechism of the Catholic Church, which is such a treasure in so many ways, and far more readable than many people imagine, opens its section on prayer with the humble question: What is prayer? It then quotes the wonderful definition St Therese of Lisieux offers in her autobiography: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned towards heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." There are, the catechism explains, four broad categories of prayer, one of which is 'Intercession', where we explicitly ask God to help us with a particular situation, be it by granting us courage to face it, or some miraculous change.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
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	Greta & Peter Powderly RIP 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
Monday 26 January St Timothy, Bishop, Martyr & St Titus, Bishop, mem	7.30am 10am 12.30pm	Holy Hour Rosary Group meet Mass	Sacred Heart St Michael QA Hospital Chapel	
Tuesday 27 January Feria [3rd Week in OT]	7.30am 6pm 6.30pm	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	Fr. Daniel, Intention
Wednesday 28 January St Thomas Aquinas, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial	7.30am 10.15am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Mass followed by Adoration Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Marie Cooper INT Patricia Sheppard, RIP (FM)
Thursday 29 January Feria [3rd Week in OT]	7.30am 9.30am 10am	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	Michael James Coyle, RIP
Friday 30 January Feria [3rd Week in OT]	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Diana Beston
Saturday 31 January St John Bosco, Founder, m Vigil FOURTH 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	For the Parish John & Kathleen Fleming, RIP
Sunday 1 February FOURTH 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	Margaret Sopwith, RIP John & Sheila Allen RIP Paul Crombie, RIP (FM) People of the Parish

Fr. James is taking annual leave from Tuesday 27th January until Tuesday 17th February. Please keep him in your prayers and he promises to pray for all of us when he is away. Fr. Tom will be here, steering the ship while Fr. James is away. If you require a priest in an emergency, out of office hours, please call 023 9226 2289 and dial 9 when prompted.

We pray for the rest and peace of the soul of John Tooley-Dickson who died recently. Please remember their families and friends at this difficult time.

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

Confirmation 2026

This Sunday, during the 5.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart, 56 Confirmandi will be Enroled for the Confirmation program. Please pray for the young people and the catechists who will be preparing them for Confirmation in June, that they may be strengthened in their faith.

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.

Healing Mass and Prayer

Saturday 31st January at St Michael and All Angels. Celebrated by Fr Tom Hiney and Fr Joe Gruszkiewicz. 11.30am Adoration & Confession followed by Mass at 12noon.

This weekend: Annual Collection for the Cathedral

Our Cathedral is situated in the most deprived part of the diocese. The parish collection covers just over half of the ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week. Please support the second collection this weekend. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the mother church of the diocese been more critical or needed. Please scan this QR code to donate online.



Mass for the Sick

St Edmund, Horndean, would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone in Jesus Prince of Peace Parish for a special Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick on Saturday 7 February @ 12noon. Lunch in the hall afterwards and for catering reasons please email Sue on office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk if you wish to attend. They will be collecting donations which go towards the cost of the lunch, and any money left over at the end of the year goes to charities like CAFOD, Stella Maris and Aid to the Church in Need.