

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

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Sirach 15:15-20 'He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly.'

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 'A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory.'

Matthew 5:17:37 'It was said to those of old; but I say to you.'

15th February 2026

Fr. Tom writes...

For those of you looking for some good reading over Lent, here are some recommendations:

1. **The Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis** If you feel in need a bit of a work-out, spiritually speaking, this 14th Century classic is almost unsurpassed as an antidote to worldliness, dread, and pretty much every delusion from self-pity to self-importance. As a girl, Therese of Lisieux could cite much of it by heart, and Padre Pio had a line from it above his cell door. Evelyn Waugh once warned of this book that if you enjoyed reading it you probably hadn't understood it. Not a long read, but difficult to forget.
2. **A Song for Nagasaki by Paul Glynn** Hands down one of the most moving stories I've ever read. Takashi Nagai was a professor at Nagasaki University and, having fallen in love with a Japanese Catholic girl as an undergraduate, a convert to the faith. Nagasaki was and still is the heart of Japanese Catholicism. In an instant, Tagashi lost his wife, and 4000 of his neighbours. The faith and humility he found in the aftermath is utterly inspiring. There is an ongoing Cause for the Beatification of both Takashi and his wife, Midori.
3. **Alone with Christ Alone – Sr. Clare Crockett** This is not available from Amazon etc., but can be obtained from her Order (www.sisterclare.com). If you enjoyed the documentary about this Irish nun on Youtube (*Sister Clare Crockett – All or Nothing*), which I recommended last year, this is an excellent companion, containing her correspondence with her spiritual director, and confirming the remarkable holiness of this former party girl and actress. As with Takashi, there is a now a Cause open for her Beatification. If you think the young have given up on Church, get to know Clare Crockett and her stunning, timeless smile.
4. **Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brandt Pitre** Pitre is perhaps the best Catholic Biblical scholars of his generation, and here he describes meeting his father-in-law for the first time, a Baptist preacher horrified at the idea of his daughter marrying a Catholic. He challenged Pitre on the Catholic doctrine of the Eucharist, prompting Pitre to dive deep into the Old Testament world of sacrificial worship from which the Holy Mass draws so much of its Biblical resonance. A brilliant and very readable response to his father-in-law.
5. **Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church** Promulgated in 2006 after requests for a shorter version of the epochal Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992), this is a masterpiece in its own right. Not dumbed down; but distilled. One of the great principles of Catholic theology is "the connection of the mysteries to each other," and the Compendium runs through the same great questions as its bigger brother: What is God? What is the Church? What are Human Beings? What is Prayer? This is life-giving catechesis and written for anyone willing to concentrate. Happy reading!

The Rosary group - Meet on Monday at 10 am at St Michael's.

We welcome Alfie Thomas who was baptised last Sunday at St Michael's. Please pray for Alfie's family as we welcome them into the Church.



Prayer Ministry

After the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 22nd February at Sacred Heart, there will be prayer stations available for those who would like individual prayer

Love the Bible group - New Zoom Series: Psalms – The School of Prayer

Our new 10-week Ascension group series has begun, led by Jeff Cavins, using DVD teaching and group discussion on Zoom. Resources shared via WhatsApp, or participants may purchase the book (£35). All are welcome. For Zoom details and joining information, please email Kathy Collins if you would like to attend, kathyimcollins1@gmail.com.

We pray for the rest and peace of the soul of John Tookey-Dickson whose funeral will be on Thursday 19th February at 11.30 am at St Michael's. Please remember his wife Jo, and their family in your prayers.

Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation, begins on Tuesday 24th February at 10.15am at St Michael's in the Committee room. Each session will have a video, discussion and question time. Please do come along. Kathy Collins will be hosting kathyimcollins1@gmail.com.

Big Lent Community Walk!

Ready for a challenge! Everyone is invited to join the Lent walk again this year on Saturday 14th March, from St Thomas', Emsworth to St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park. It would be great to have participants from Waterlooville, Hayling, Cosham and Horndean joining parishioners from Havant, Emsworth and Leigh Park. More details coming soon!

Lent 2026

Lent is a season in the Church's calendar when we're invited for forty days to find time for prayer and fasting. It's an opportunity for spiritual growth as we prepare to commemorate the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and the celebration of his resurrection at Easter. These six weeks mirror the amount of time that Jesus spent in the desert to fast and pray. Full details of how we will be marking Lent across our pastoral area can be found in Fr. James' Pastoral Letter.

Ash Wednesday – 18th February

Masses with Ashes:

7am at Sacred Heart

10.15am at St Michael & All Angels

12noon at Sacred Heart

7pm at St. Edmund

Lenten Station Masses (All Tuesdays)

6pm – Adoration & Reconciliation,

7pm Station Mass followed by supper

24th February at St Joseph, Havant

3rd March at St Edmund, Horndean

10th March at St Colman, Cosham

17th March at St Patrick, Hayling Island

24th March at St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 27 February

There will be a second collection at all Masses on the weekend of 28

February/1 March for CAFOD. There will be GA envelopes available on 21/22 February for your Fast Day donation – If you are a UK taxpayer, GA will add 25% to your donation at no extra cost to you. This Family Fast Day, let's show love to our neighbours, eat simply and give generously, so another family can put food on the table.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Angela, who passed away on Thursday night. May the Lord reward her for a life dedicated to him. Details of her Funeral Mass will be announced when known.

Social teaching and Practical action Saturday 28th February 4-5.30pm at St Colman's Church Cosham PO6 2JJ. Maureen Thompson, Justice & Peace writes... Our pastoral area Justice, peace and social action group are organising an event to encourage a deeper understanding of Bible teaching on life and dignity, for every life is precious. Fr Andrew Wagstaff will offer some teaching followed by tea and chat together. We have invited a speaker from the Rowan's Hospice to learn more about the important work of the hospice and how we might offer practical help. Please come along you will be very welcome at the meeting also option to stay for Mass at 6pm.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 14 February ST CYRIL, Rel & ST METHODIUS, Bishop, f Vigil SIXTH 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	Tom McEntee RIP Francis, Cajetani & Felix Decosta, RIP
Sunday 15 February SIXTH 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	Yvonne Rezler, RIP Colin and Marie McDonald INT People of the Parish Damian Whitfield, RIP
Monday 16 February Feria [6th Week in OT]	7.30am 12.30pm	Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	
Tuesday 17 February Feria [6th Week in OT]	7.30am 11am	Holy Hour Funeral Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund	Evelyn Poole, RIP
BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT				
Wednesday 18 February Feria [5th Week in OT] ASH WEDNESDAY	7am 7.30am 10.15am 11.30am 12noon 6.30pm 7pm	Mass with Ashes Holy Hour Mass followed by Adoration Adoration Mass with Ashes Adoration Mass with Ashes	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	Malachy Donghy, RIP George Riley RIP Ronald Laming Stone, RIP (FM) Holy Souls
Thursday 19 February After Ash Wednesday	7.30am 9.30am 10am 11am	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Mass Funeral Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund St Michael	Arlene Lodrick & Emmy Willis, RIP Dec'd members of Lodrick, d'Esperance & Adams families John Tookey-Dickson
Friday 20 February After Ash Wednesday	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Jeanette Carolan, RIP
Saturday 21 February After Ash Wednesday Vigil FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	11.30am 12noon 5pm 5-6pm 5.30-6pm 6.15pm	Confession Mass Stations of the Cross Adoration Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Brenda Bell-Griffiths INT Margaret Beauvoisin, RIP (FM)
Sunday 22 February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Spec. Int for J Gilroy's 3 cousins in USA Limbania Kerr RIP People of the Parish Madeleine Cunningham, RIP