

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

Samuel 16:1m 6-7, 10-13 'David is anointed king of Israel.'

Ephesians 5:8-14 'Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

John 9:1-41 'He went and washed and received his sight.'

15 March 2026



Christ Healing the Blind
El Greco
circa 1570

Mini-Retreat Days Everyone is invited to our Mini-Retreat Days, every Saturday during Lent beginning at 11am at St Michael and All Angels Church, Leigh Park. There will be a talk a different Saint each week, followed by Adoration and Confession, with Mass at 12 noon, and the Rosary followed by a shared lunch at 1pm. (Please bring food to share.) We very much look forward to welcoming you for a time of reflection, prayer, and fellowship.

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. At Sunday Mass the following differences are observed to mark the change of season:

- The entrance procession is silent
- We kneel for the Penitential Rite
- The penitential rite is the triple trope formula
- There is no Gloria
- There are no Alleluias
- The Mass prayers are recited on a monotone
- The Apostles' Creed substitutes the usual Nicene Creed
- One of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation is used
- We use the English Plainchant settings from the Missal for the Holy, holy and Lamb of God
- There is an extra Prayer Over the People after Communion.
- There are no floral arrangements as it is a penitential season.

St Michael's, St Francis and St Clare shared Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 7pm.

13th March, St Michael & All Angels

20th March, St Francis

27th March, St Michael & All Angels

Happy Mother's Day on Laetare Sunday This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is also known as Laetare Sunday, when Rose coloured vestments are used in the Mass as we relax a little from the rigours of Lent.

The Second Collection for the Diocesan Clergy

Assistance Fund takes place this weekend 15th March 2026. The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team who are responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy. You may donate via the link or using the QR code.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/diocesan-clergy-assistance-fund>

Lenten Station Masses (All Tuesdays)

6pm – Adoration & Reconciliation, 7pm Station Mass followed by supper

17th March at St Patrick's, Hayling Island

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

Bible Timeline The Story of Salvation, is being held on Tuesday mornings 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 (9.30am) to St. Joseph's (11am) and St. Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park (11am), finishing with a soup lunch at St. Joseph's at 12.30pm. Emsworth and Leigh Park. Please contact Maureen mthompson@cafod.co.uk for more details.

Readers

We are grateful to Kelly Rose and Emma Ross for taking on the role of overseeing the Ministry of Reading. Kelly will organise the rotas beginning on 19 April, and Emma will help guide our young readers. If you are currently a reader or are interested in becoming one, please join us for a meeting on Sunday 22nd March at 11:00am in the Paraclete Chapel.

Eucharistic Ministers

If you are already a Eucharistic Minister, please join us for a meeting on Sunday 22 March at 11:00am in the Paraclete Chapel. We are grateful to Pat Mitchell for kindly taking on the organisation of the rotas for this ministry. Pat will be in touch with Eucharistic Ministers soon.

Our Passover Meal

Our Passover Meal will take place on **Sunday 29th March at 6pm** at **St Michael's**.

This special evening will be shared with our friends from St Francis' and St Clare's, and we look forward to celebrating together. To book your place, please complete a form available in the Welcome Area. Further details can be found by scanning the QR code. Payment should be made to the Parish Office.



Excelsis Chamber Choir presents... Movie Melodies

Music from your favourite films! Saturday 28 March from 2.30pm at the Sacred Heart Church. Tickets: £12.50 (includes high tea following the concert).

Conductor: Robert Lewis,
Baritone: Freddie Simpson,
Piano: Clive Osgood

Tickets available from Yami after Mass or you can use this QR code



LITURGICAL WEEK

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 14 March Feria [3rd Week of Lent] Vigil FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	11.30am 12noon 5pm 5-6pm 5.30-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration & Confession Mass Stations of the Cross Adoration Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Canon Chris Heaps, INT Tommy Cresham, RIP
Sunday 15 March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Laetare Sunday	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Suzanne Smith Syvia Matthews RIP Dec'd members of the White fam People of the Parish
Monday 16 March Feria [4th Week of Lent]	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Mass Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Maurice & Catherine Cremin, RIP
Tuesday 17 March ST PATRICK, Bishop, feast	7.30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Lenten Station Mass	Sacred Heart St Patrick St Patrick	
Wednesday 18 March Feria [4th Week of Lent]	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	For our Parish Fr. Jeremy, Intention
Thursday 19 March ST JOSEPH, solemnity	7am 7.30am 9.30am 10am	Mass Holy Hour Stations of the Cross Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	Holy Souls Colin Fisher
Friday 20 March Feria [4th Week of Lent]	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Sr. Martin Nolan, RIP
Saturday 21 March Feria [4th Week of Lent] Vigil FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	11.30am 12noon 2pm 5pm 5-6pm 5.30-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration & Confession Mass First Reconciliation Stations of the Cross Adoration Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Intentions for those children, parents and catechists preparing for their First Holy Communion Intention of Harrington family, Peter, Mary & Shirley, RIP
Sunday 22 March FIFTH 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	Muriel Violet Coyle, RIP Monica Rodgers RIP Jim Sharkey, RIP People of the Parish