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**Jesus Prince of Peace**  
**St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park**

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**Second Sunday in Lent**

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**Scripture Readings at Mass**

**Genesis 12:1-4** *The call of Abram, the father of the people of God.*

**Timothy 1:8-10** God calls and enlightens us.

**Matthew 17:1:9** 'His face shone like the sun'.

1 March 2026

**Fr. Tom writes...**

**"Listen to Him"**

The Gospel this Sunday has Matthew's accounts of the Transfiguration, that extraordinary event when three of Jesus' disciples, having followed him "up a high mountain," witnessed him being bathed in celestial glory ("His face shone like the sun"; "his clothes became white as light"), while a voice from the light instructed them: "Listen to him." After the light had disappeared, Jesus instructed them to "Rise and have no fear" It was a scene that left an indelible impression on these leading disciples. Years later, Peter would recall: "We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain" (2 Peter 1:18).

Listening to Jesus (because he wants the best for us) involves obedience, which is an unfashionable virtue. In truth, disobedience has never been far from the heart of fallen humanity but, since the 1960s, it has become a part of the political establishment. Not, interestingly, when it comes to paying taxes or having the right QR code, but certainly when it comes to faith and morals. Personal desire is placed above everything. Even as believers, we can be easily drawn into asking Jesus to ensure that 'My will be done' rather than 'Thy will be done'. The Good News is that when we do listen to Jesus, in Scripture and the living Tradition of His Church, what looks like surrender of freedom turns out to be the greatest freedom we could imagine. Grace brings joy within obedience, and it is wonderful. Let us rise and have no fear.

**Mini-Retreat Days** Everyone is invited to our Mini-Retreat Days, every Saturday during beginning at 11am at St Michael and All Angels Church, Leigh Park. There will be a talk 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.

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

Dates and venues are set out below.

27<sup>th</sup> February, St Michael & All Angels

6<sup>th</sup> March, St Clare

13<sup>th</sup> March, St Michael & All Angels

20<sup>th</sup> March, St Francis

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## **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.

**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](mailto:kathyimcollins1@gmail.com).

## **Lenten Station Masses (All Tuesdays)**

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

3<sup>rd</sup> March at St Edmund, Horndean

10<sup>th</sup> March at St Colman, Cosham

17<sup>th</sup> March at St Patrick, Hayling Island

24<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March for CAFOD. There will be GA envelopes available on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## **Easter Egg Appeal**

Can you help us give an Easter Egg and chocolate to seafarers this Easter? Please leave them in the Working Sacristy or drop them off the parish office.

**Our Passover Meal** will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm at St Michael's. This special evening will be shared with our friends from St Francis' and St Clare's. Further details and booking forms will be available from next weekend. Please look out for more information and be ready to sign up early.

**Social teaching and Practical action** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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. You will be very welcome at the meeting also option to stay for Mass at 6pm.

## **Big Lent Community Walk**

Ready for a challenge! Everyone is invited to join the Lent walk again this year on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mthompson@cafod.co.uk) for more details.

## **Think & Drink - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Join us for a new initiative embracing faith, fellowship and fun for young adults (18+). Gathering in the Narthex at Sacred Heart Church after 5.30pm Mass on the first Sunday of every month and walking across to the Woodpecker Pub on London Road.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Marie Therese RIP who died recently in France. Many of you may remember Sr Marie Therese who served in the parish of St Michael's.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Doreen Davey who died recently. Doreen's funeral will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm at St Michael's.

# Liturgical Week

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday 28 February</b> Feria [1st Week of Lent] <b>Vigil SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	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	Angela Lynch RIP  Thanksgiving Austin Francis D'Costa
<b>Sunday 1 March</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9am  9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass  Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund  St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Mick Woodgate, RIP & Deceased members of the Woodgate family Canon Gerard Flynn People of the Parish Madeleine Cunningham, RIP
<b>Monday 2 March</b> Feria [2nd Week of Lent]	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Mass Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Danielle, Intention
<b>Tuesday 3 March</b> Feria [2nd Week of Lent]	7.30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Lenten Station Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	Katherine Thuss
<b>Wednesday 4 March</b> Feria [2nd 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	Nicholas Riley INT  James & Rose Cremin, RIP
<b>Thursday 5 March</b> Feria [2nd Week of Lent]	7am 7.30am 9.30am 10am 12noon	Mass Holy Hour Stations of the Cross Mass Funeral Service for Noreen Cronin	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart	Holy Souls  Mick Woodgate, RIP
<b>Friday 6 March</b> Feria [2nd Week of Lent]	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Kathleen McGaurah, RIP
<b>Saturday 7 March</b> Feria [2nd Week of Lent] <b>Vigil THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	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	Michael Matthews, RIP  People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 8 March</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Ann Knight, RIP Muriel Hiney RIP Joe & Teresa Siou, RIP (FM) Deasy Family