

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

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Third Sunday in Lent

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Exodus 17 3-7 'Give us water to drink.'

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 Love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us.

John 4:5-42 'A spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

8 March 2026

Fr. James writes...

It was a great joy on Tuesday evening to welcome to St Edmunds approximately one hundred parishioners with my brother clergy from around the Southeast Hampshire Pastoral Area. We began with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm and a shared Supper. (This Tuesday's Station Mass is at St Colman's then at St Patrick's on the 17th).

One of the new clergy initiatives this year was to invite Deacon Nick to preach a series of homilies. This evening's homily created a great deal of conversation and gave us all food for thought. I would like to share a few things he shared on the virtue of humility.

'If prayer is the foundation of our Lenten journey, humility is the posture that keeps us moving forward.'

'Within the Church, humility protects unity. It reminds us all that the various roles and ministries are gifts not entitlements. All authority in the Church exists to serve the Gospel.'

True humility does not mean thinking less of ourselves; it means thinking of ourselves less.

God bless, Fr James



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.

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.



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. Dates and venues are set out below.

6th March, St Clare
13th March, St Michael & All Angels
20th March, St Francis
27th March, St Michael & All Angels

Rosary Group Meet every Monday from 10am. Please feel welcome to join us.

Fr Jonathan Jeffrey invites you to a celebration at St Clare's on Monday 9th March at 6pm marking the 25th anniversary of his licensing as Vicar. Everyone is welcome.

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

Catholic Grandparents Association and the elderly

There is a local group of the association that meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is on Thursday 12th March at 11am in the committee room at St Michael's. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Lenten Station Masses (All Tuesdays)

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

10th March at St Colman's, Cosham

17th March at St Patrick's, Hayling Island

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

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 rotas, beginning 19 April and Emma will help with guiding our young readers. If you are a reader or interested in becoming a reader, please join us at a meeting on Sunday 22nd March at 11am in the Paraclete Chapel.

Eucharistic Ministers

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.

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 →



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.

LITURGICAL WEEK

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 7 March Feria [2nd Week of Lent] Vigil THIRD 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	Michael Matthews RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 8 March THIRD 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	Ann Knight, RIP Muriel Hiney RIP Joe & Teresa Siou, RIP (FM) Deasy Family
Monday 9 March Feria [3rd Week of Lent]	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Mass Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Joanne Brawn, Intention
Tuesday 10 March Feria [3rd Week of Lent]	7.30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Lenten Station Mass	Sacred Heart St Colman St Colman	
Wednesday 11 March Feria [3rd Week of Lent]	7.30am 11.30am 12noon 3pm 6pm	Holy Hour Adoration Mass Funeral Mass Reception of body into church	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Michael Sacred Heart	Pauline Webb, RIP Doreen Davey, RIP
Thursday 12 March Feria [3rd Week of Lent]	7am 7.30am 10am	Mass Holy Hour Funeral Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Holy Souls Sister Angela, RIP
Friday 13 March Feria [3rd Week of Lent]	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Amanda Elizabeth Pace, RIP (FM)
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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