

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Acts 6:1-7 'They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.'

1 Peter 2:4-9 'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.'

John 14:1-12 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'

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Fr. Tom writes...

There is a helpful little book from the Catholic Truth Society called *How to Overcome Distraction in Prayer* by Fr Ed Broom (£3.95 plus postage). It was a consistently good seller at the Cathedral when I was there and can be purchased from the Catholic Truth Society by ordering through their website (ctsbooks.org) or by phone 020 7640 0042. I think it's worth reading. Why it strikes a nerve with many is not complicated. Many of us struggle with distraction, be it at Mass, or when praying at home. The book does not see this as something that can be overcome with easy tips or techniques. Instead, it challenges us to become aware of *what kinds of thoughts* are distracting us – for this helps us to see what is dominating our lives in the place of Jesus.

Obviously, a car alarm or a screaming child can disrupt most people (especially the parents), but the book is not so interested in those kinds of things. Rather, it is interested in what comes to us in silence. If worrying about money, or a heavy conscience, or annoyance at others, or doubts, or impure thoughts, are consistently popping into our minds when we are trying to pray then at least, we can identify what we are up against. These things become false idols when they crowd out Jesus from our hearts.

When we have honestly compiled our list, at least mentally, then we can start to pray about that list: Lord, help me to worry less about money, at least while I am here. This is your time;' 'Lord, I don't need a miracle, but I just want to know that you are there and that you care about me;' 'Lord, help me to make a good confession. It's been years, and I'm kidding myself that it doesn't matter;' 'Lord, you gave me a heart to love you, not to entertain these horrible hatreds and perversions. Please drive them from me. I give you my heart to you right now, as battered and strained as it is;' Prayer life gets real when we start getting real with God, more honest than we would with a friend, and feeding on His Word and Presence as the answers we crave.

Jesus Prince of Peace 'One Mass'

For your information, the celebratory 'One Mass' planned for Pentecost weekend has been postponed until Saturday 26th September 2026, due to administrative matters still being finalised.

Rosary Group

Meet on Monday at 10am at St Michael's.

Bible Timeline

Continues 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

The Humphreys' Family Trek for Rare Dementia Support

Alison Humphreys writes... Three years ago, Fr John was diagnosed with a rare form of dementia, Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD). Since then, we have been helped tremendously by Rare Dementia Support, which is part of the National Brain Appeal Charity. It provides much needed help and advice for people with rare dementias and their families.

To help raise funds for this important work, on May 2nd Fr John's children, Clare, Rosemary and Edward, are doing a 36 mile sponsored walk from Dean Park Cricket Ground in Bournemouth to the Utilita Bowl at Eastleigh. This is in recognition of Fr John's love of cricket. They would be delighted if you felt able to sponsor them. The link to their Just Giving Page is: www.justgiving.com/page/humphreys-walk

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 9th May at 12noon. Lunch in the hall afterwards and *for catering reasons please email Sue on* office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk or sign the list in St. Edmund if you wish to attend. They will be collecting donations which will go towards the cost of the lunch and any money left over at the end of the year goes to charities like CAFOD, Rowans Hospice, Jesuit Refugee programme and Aid to the Church in Need.

Peace talk Sat 9th May 2026

At St Colman's church hall (PO6 2JJ) from 4pm – 5.45pm followed by Mass at 6pm. After success of our first talk reflecting on human dignity our Justice & Peace group invite you to another afternoon to reflect on what the church teaches on peace. We are pleased to have Fr Andrew Wagstaff speak about church teaching on peace and welcome Fr Jonathan Jeffery to lead us in a biblical reflection. Everyone is welcome.

Formation Morning for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation and the Liturgy Formation team invite you to a formation morning at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester on Saturday 9th May commencing with Mass at 9am.

There will be a welcome session from Fr Anthony, a talk focusing on the Eucharist. In the sacred scriptures as well as a session on Lectio Divina: "Living a Eucharistic life – what does it mean to live out the eucharist?". All Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please register via

liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Flores De Mayo

9.30am Mass on Sunday 17th May will be our traditional celebration of Mary, and you are invited by our Filipino community to stay on for lunch. Please bring food to share.

Afternoon Tea at St Joseph's

Wednesday 10 June at 2pm. Traditional tea with a free draw! Tickets cost £10. Please book by Wednesday 3rd June – payment is required when booking. To book your tickets or for more information please contact Julia juliaat28@hotmail.co.uk

Catholic Grandparents Association

The group takes a break during May and looks forward to gathering again at St Michael's on Thursday 11th June at 11am.

Family picnic

St Joseph's, Havant, 13th June 2026 at 12noon. Includes BBQ, live music, activities for children

Admittance to Hospital?

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Catholic and would appreciate the Catholic Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

LITURGICAL WEEK

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 2 May St Athanasius, Bishop of the Church, mem Vigil Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Svetlana Urbandvich INT Anne Finn, Intention
Sunday 3 May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Louisa Ryder RIP George Riley RIP People of the Parish Rose Hayllar, RIP
Monday 4 May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680) feast	12.30pm	Mass	QA Hospital Chapel	
Tuesday 5 May Of the Fifth Week of Easter	9am	Mass	St Colman	
Wednesday 6 May Of the Fifth Week of Easter	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 the sick Margaret Beauvoisin, RIP (FM)
Thursday 7 May Of the Fifth Week of Easter	7.30am 9.30am 10am	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	 Rodante Ngayan, RIP
Friday 8 May Of the Fifth Week of Easter	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 Maurice & Catherine Cremin, RIP
Saturday 9 May Of the Fifth Week of Easter Vigil Sixth Sunday of Easter	11.30am 12noon 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Confession Mass Mass for the Sick Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	For the Parish For the sick Mr. Stewart Russell, RIP
Sunday 10 May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	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 & the Woodgate family Canon Peter Turbitt INT Mick Woodgate, RIP & the Woodgate family People of the Parish