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

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Acts 1:12-14 *'All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.'*

1 Peter 4:13-16 *'If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.'*

John 17:1-11 *'Father, glorify your son.'*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Fr James was sent these challenging and helpful words by a friend of his last week and has chosen to share them with you...**

"I Don't Feel Anything at Mass. So Why Go?". This is another one people don't always say out loud, but they live it: "I go to Mass, but I don't feel anything." "It's boring." "It doesn't move me."

It sounds honest. But it hides a dangerous misunderstanding. Because Mass was never designed to entertain you. It was designed to save you.

Let me explain. We live in a world addicted to feelings. If it feels good, it's worth it. If it feels dry, we quit. But love doesn't work like that. And neither does God. There are days you feel nothing in prayer. There are days Mass feels long. There are days the homily doesn't touch you.

But here's the truth nobody tells you: The power of the Mass does not depend on your feelings. Christ is still present. The sacrifice is still real. Grace is still being poured out. Whether you feel it, or not.

Think about this: At Calvary, when Jesus was dying, there was no music, no lights, no "emotional atmosphere." Just blood. Silence. Pain. And yet, that was the greatest moment of salvation in history. Mass is that same sacrifice, made present again. So, if you're chasing feelings, you'll miss it. But if you come with faith, you'll receive everything.

Let me be a bit direct: If you only show up when you "feel something," you're not worshipping God, you're worshipping your emotions. Faith is not built on goosebumps. It's built on truth.

And the truth is this: At every Mass, Heaven touches earth. At every Mass, Jesus offers Himself again for you. At every Mass, you stand at the foot of the Cross. Even if you feel nothing. Especially when you feel nothing. Because real love shows up, not just when it's exciting, but when it's hard.

You don't skip meals because you're "not in the mood to eat." You don't stop breathing because it feels ordinary. So why treat your soul that way? You say Mass is boring? Maybe. But salvation is not a performance. It's a sacrifice.

So come anyway. Kneel anyway. Receive anyway. Because one day you will realize: It was never about what you felt. It was about what God was doing. And He was doing everything.

*Lines from the Nigerian Catholic writer Nwaukwa Chinedu Chisom*

### **Important Newsletter Announcement**

From next weekend (23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May), St Michael and All Angels will be included in our parish newsletter. As our three churches continue to work closely together under the guidance of Fr. James and Fr. Tom, it feels like the right time to bring everything into one shared newsletter. Having a single newsletter for all three churches will help us stay connected, keep everyone informed about services, events and parish life, and celebrate all that is happening across our wider church community. We hope this will strengthen the sense of fellowship between our congregations and make it easier for everyone to share in the life of the parish. **Please continue to contact St Michael and All Angels Parish Office [office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk) to include newsletter items and Mass Intentions.**

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

### **Second Collection for Catholic Communication Network**



Voices and Faces. The second collection this weekend supports the work of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, particularly its websites, publications

and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to foster positive relationships with media outlets to communicate the Good News of the Gospel. For more information, and to read Pope Leo's message for World Communications Day 2026, please visit: [www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd/)

To donate online:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-communications-network-second-collection>

**Flores De Mayo** 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Fr Mark from St Patrick, Hayling Island** Fr Mark will soon be retiring; we wish him every blessing and happiness for the future. Fr Mark will celebrate a Mass at St. Edmund's – a church that holds a special place in his heart – on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. All are warmly invited to attend, refreshments will be served after Mass. Fr Mark's final Mass will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 11am at St. Patrick's. He has been a valued part of our community and will be missed by all. We send him off with our prayers and best wishes.

### **Catholic Legacy Week 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May**



Legacy Week is a time when parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find

out more about the week using this QR code or at [www.cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/your-catholic-legacy](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/your-catholic-legacy)

### **Afternoon Tea at St Joseph's**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. Traditional tea with a free draw! Tickets cost £10. Please book by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – payment is required when booking.

To book your tickets or for more information please contact Julia [juliaat28@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliaat28@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Family picnic**

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

### **Jesus Prince of Peace Safeguarding Training**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am-1.30pm at St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park. Training is **MANDATORY** for all those working in a role with children and/or vulnerable groups. Anyone without a current DBS and training will need to step back from their role until the situation is rectified. Training must be renewed every 3 years in accordance with the national safeguarding standards. An email invitation will be sent to those holding a role who require training, you **MUST** respond to this and confirm your attendance. A reminder will also be sent. You can book direct: [safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

We lovingly remember Canon Gerard Flynn RIP, whose anniversary occurs during June. Tea and cake will be shared after the 9.30 am Mass as we come together in prayer and remembrance and hope you can join us.

### **Admittance to hospital**

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so pastoral and sacramental support can be offered. It may help to give staff a note on admission requesting chaplaincy support, and to follow this up with the ward. Please also inform your parish priest before admission so the Sacrament of the Sick can be given where appropriate.

## LITURGICAL WEEK

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday 16 May</b> Of the Sixth Week of Easter <b>Vigil Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	People of the Parish Bridget Precious, RIP
<b>Sunday 17 May</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Joyce Barnett, RIP Sr Marie Therese Troadec, RIP Mr & Mrs Oliver, RIP People of the Parish
<b>Monday 18 May</b> Of the Seventh Week of Easter	12.30pm	Mass	QA Hospital Chapel	
<b>Tuesday 19 May</b> DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, feast	7.30am 10am 11.30am 6pm 6.30pm	Holy Hour Yrs 3-5 Mass (All welcome) Patricia Brighton RIP, Requiem Mass Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Michael St Edmund St Edmund	For the pupils & staff at St. Peter's Mrs. Pat Arnold, RIP
<b>Wednesday 20 May</b> Of the Seventh Week of Easter	7.30am 10.15am	Holy Hour Mass followed by Adoration	Sacred Heart St Michael St Michael	John Griffiths, RIP
<b>Thursday 21 May</b> Of the Seventh Week of Easter	7.30am 9.30am 10am	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	Peter Butler's 80 <sup>th</sup> & the welfare of Jean Butler
<b>Friday 22 May</b> Of the Seventh Week of Easter	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Private Intention
<b>Saturday 23 May</b> Of the Seventh Week of Easter <b>Vigil Pentecost</b>	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	For those preparing for First Holy Communion Rathnakar & Stany Lobo
<b>Sunday 24 May</b> <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Arlene Lodrick RIP, Emmie Willis RIP & deceased members of the Lodrick, d'Esperance and Adams Families Maurice Wren, RIP Peter Galvin, RIP Mr. Daniel Connolly, RIP

