



Diocese of Portsmouth
South East Hampshire Pastoral Area
Jesus Prince of Peace
Catholic Communities of
SACRED HEART OF JESUS
& ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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www.stedmundhorndean.org.uk

St. Michael Webpage:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/st-michael-and-all-angels-leigh-park/



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

Fr. Andrew writes...

Dear Sisters and Brothers, I greet you in the name of the Lord. It was with great joy that I received last week a copy of our Bishop's decree, establishing our new parish of Jesus Prince of Peace, Southeast Hampshire. Our Parish has come into being through the amalgamation of six smaller parishes, comprising fourteen Catholic Communities, including four Catholic Schools, our Hospital Chaplaincy and our Polish Chaplaincy. Your clergy and lay leaders have a clear vision for our new Parish, and the implementation here of Bishop Philip's plan for our Diocese. Amalgamation does not entail assimilation or reduction. Rather, we continue to celebrate the differences between our Communities, we build upon the distinctive charisms and talents of each Community, and we seek to fulfil the pastoral needs of each community. For me as your new Parish Priest, I approach this task with gratitude for those who have prepared the way, but also trepidation as I consider the great treasure and daunting task entrusted to my care, even with so many great and talented clergy and laity surrounding me. Please pray for me.

In the Gospel for this Sunday (Matthew 20:1-16), Jesus tells the parable of the labourers in the vineyard. Some of the Church Fathers interpreted the various cohorts of labourers as those who have served God since various ages of the world: the time of Noah, Abraham or Moses, for example. For these early Saints, we Christians are the people of the eleventh hour, "these last days" (Hebrews 1:2), who nevertheless have received the same grace of salvation. In our own lives, we may look back and ask when we chose to accept the Lord's invitation to join him in the vineyard. Or even, we may ask ourselves what is holding us back from fully committing ourselves to the Lord's vineyard today? Like the labourers of the eleventh hour, do we fear the resentment of those who may have laboured longer than us? Or do we fear the scorn of the layabouts in the town square, as we rise to seek out honest work? As Pope Benedict XVI memorably proclaimed at the start of his Pontificate: "Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life. Amen."

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 19 Sept Our Lady on Saturday Vigil TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Healing Prayer Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	For all those who are sick Special Intention
Sunday 20 September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am 9.30am 11am 11.30am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart St Patrick QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Welfare of all members of the Parker Family Canon Peter Turbitt David Jones, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 21 September ST MATTHEW , Apostle, Evangelist, feast	7.30am 12.30pm	Mass followed by Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Holy Souls
Tuesday 22 Sept Feria [25th Week in Ordinary Time]	7.30am 10.30am 6pm 6.30pm	Holy Hour Mass Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Patrick St Edmund St Edmund	Patrick (Pat) Bryant, RIP
Wednesday 23 Sept St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious, memorial	7.30am 10.15am 6.30pm	Holy Hour Mass Followed by Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Michael St Michael St Patrick	Deceased clergy who have served at St Michael and All Angels
Thursday 24 Sept OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM , feast	7.30am 9.30am 10am	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	Vera Murphy RIP
Friday 25 September Feria [25th Week in Ordinary Time]	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Terry Halifax, RIP
Saturday 26 Sept Our Lady on Saturday	4pm	Jesus Prince of Peace Mass	Sacred Heart	People of our Jesus Prince of Peace Parish
Sunday 27 September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am 9.30am 11am 11.30am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart St Patrick QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Edward, Marie and Peter Graham, RIP Southeast Hampshire, as we celebrate becoming one community John Payne, RIP Brian Kidd, RIP

WHAT'S GOING ON...

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Sunday 20 Sept	Annual Mass Count for National Statistics – Week 1 It is the time of year when for the next 4 weekends we are asked to complete our Parish Mass counts. The counting starts with this Saturday's Vigil Mass and continues every Saturday & Sunday until and including Sunday 11 October.	All Masses	All churches
	Second Collection for Home Missions Observed annually on the third Sunday of September. It is a day dedicated to proclaiming the joyful message of the Gospel—a message that brings hope and transformation to all who receive it with an open heart.	All Masses	All churches
Monday 21 Sept	Team Clean Remember that Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Why not join the 'Team Clean' to ensure His house is always clean and tidy. Give it a try - the Team are very friendly bunch.	9-10am	Sacred Heart Church
	Rosary Group	10am	St Michael
Tuesday 22 Sept	Rosary Group All welcome to join our weekly Rosary Group, just pop along!	6.45pm	Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 24 Sept	Tea & Chat Group Everyone is very welcome, and we look forward to seeing both familiar and new faces! If you enjoy a quiz, sing along, the company of friends and a cuppa with a variety of cakes – come along.	Last Thursday of the month @ 2pm	St Michael, Leigh Park
Saturday 26 Sept	Churches Together Prayer Breakfast If you are a morning person and would like to join others for breakfast and prayer for one hour on a Saturday morning please do come and join us for our Churches Together Ecumenical Breakfast that takes place in and around Horndean.	Fourth Saturday of the month @ 8.30am	To be confirmed in next week's newsletter
	Jesus Prince of Peace Community Mass We warmly invite all parishioners to come together as we celebrate becoming one community. Refreshments to follow in the parish centre. Come and celebrate this new beginning together as one family in Christ.	4pm	Sacred Heart

Sunday 27 Sept	Prayer Ministry An opportunity to receive individual prayer for anything in your life that is causing you anguish, pain or concern. God works in mysterious ways, but in the history of the Church has often used the prayers of others to provide courage, consolation and even miraculous help in difficult or challenging situations. There will be music playing and pairs of people dotted around the sides of the church offering discreet and caring prayer for anyone brave enough to ask. Many of us have been helped by this kind of prayer ministry and would urge you not to let pride or fear stop you if you are interested.	Last Sunday of the month after 5.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart Church
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NOTICES & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

New Parish of Jesus Prince of Peace

Bishop Philip has signed a decree formally establishing the new Parish of Jesus Prince of Peace, Southeast Hampshire, with effect from 12 September 2026. We are now one parish! Our new parish comprises the Catholic Communities of St Joseph, Ss Thomas', St Patrick, St Michael, Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle, St Edmund, St Colman and St Paul. Congratulations and thanks to the clergy and people who have worked so effectively together to arrive at this more perfect union of our communities.

Father Andrew Wagstaff, Parish Priest

Live-streaming in our churches

Some of communities have used live-streaming, for example on Youtube, to broadcast liturgies. In particular during the time of Covid-19-related restrictions on worship, many found this a useful resource. Some of our homebound parishioners use live-streaming as one way of staying connected to our parish. Other communities in our parish area have never used live-streaming. As the new parish priest of Jesus Prince of Peace Southeast Hampshire, I have decided that live-streaming should be discontinued across our parish. In part this is because of the significant burden of compliance with data protection rules which it entails. In part this is because of recent developments in artificial intelligence which make the cloning of images and voices increasingly easy. It just seems to me imprudent to publish our liturgy to the world at large. Please be assured that we will be working to put in place a provision for homebound people to watch a recording of Sunday Mass in our parish area. We will also continue to prioritise visiting our homebound parishioners, and bringing them the Word and the Sacraments of the Church.

Father Andrew Wagstaff, Parish Priest

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes

As we come together into a single parish of Jesus Prince of Peace, Southeast Hampshire, we need to take account of the various ways in which programmes of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation have been delivered in the communities of our parish area. We hope to bring about a harmonisation of the programmes across the parish. For this reason, this year 2026-2027 we will be taking a break from delivering sacramental programmes in order to re-set our approach in Autumn 2027. Our guiding principle going forward will be that:

the right time to receive a Sacrament of Initiation is when you are ready to practise the Faith.

If your family would like to join the programmes for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please use this year to prepare by making sure that your family comes to Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening. This practice is called the Sunday Obligation: it has always been the first rule of being Catholic. If you need to, please consider how you can re-arrange your life to make this happen.

Father Andrew Wagstaff, Parish Priest

Baptism into the life of Jesus and the Church

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, Noah William Karo Davenport-Jallow, who will be baptised this weekend at Sacred Heart. Please pray for Noah, his parents, Godparents and family, that God will bless and guide him through the journey of life.

Amare Memoriae

We pray for the rest and peace of the souls of Brian Kidd & Pat Webb who have sadly died recently. Please also remember their families and friends at this difficult time. Brian's Funeral Mass will be on Friday 9 October @ 12noon at Sacred Heart. Pat's Funeral will be at St. Edmund and will be announced when confirmed.

Please also pray for Patrick Bryant, who was a St. Edmund's parishioner for over 20 years until he and his wife left 9 years ago to live with his son and his wife in Spain. He recently passed away peacefully on 18th August. The family have arranged for the Mass at St. Edmund's on Tuesday 22 September @ 6.30pm to be offered for him.

Children's Liturgy at St Edmund

We're delighted to announce that Children's Liturgy will be taking place twice a month. From Sunday 4 October, Children's Liturgy will take place on the first and third Sunday of each month. Even more opportunities for our younger parishioners to explore and celebrate the Sunday Gospel together in a way that is fun, engaging and age-appropriate. We look forward to welcoming all our children. Dates and details will be included in the 'What's going on' grid in the newsletter.



Autumn Alpha 2026

Have you ever done an Alpha course? If not, this could be your time? Or maybe you know someone you would like to invite.

The Alpha course is a free course for anyone who is interested in exploring the Christian faith. No prior knowledge is necessary – likewise, prior knowledge does not exclude you! You will receive a warm welcome at Alpha and enjoy a meal with your group, watch a video about the Christian message and then have some time for discussion and exploration of faith. There's no pressure or judgment - it's just an informal and safe space to explore what we are thinking.

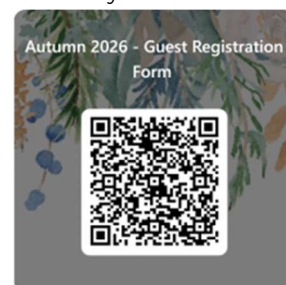
We have three Alpha courses running this autumn starting:

Monday 28 September, 7-9pm, at Sacred Heart, WaterlooVille

Tuesday 29 September, 7-9pm, at St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park and

Wednesday, 30 September, 7- 8:30pm Online

For further information, email alpha@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk or click on the QR code to register.



Feast of St Michael and All Angels

The Parish will celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels on **Sunday, 27 September**, after the 9.30am Mass. The Feast itself falls on Tuesday, 29 September 2026, but we will come together as a parish community on Sunday 27 September for a joyful celebration of our patronal feast with tea and cake after Mass. Everyone is warmly welcome!

Synodality focus group

Josie Higson writes... The diocese has asked that we collect a few people from our parish to discuss the following questions on synodality to feed back to a diocesan meeting in November. The questions are:

1. How are we as a Diocese living the reality of synodality?
 - How do I personally contribute to the life and mission of the parish?
 - How are we as a parish adopting a synodal approach?
 - Through our approach to listening
 - Through our approach to welcoming
 - Through how we discern in our decision-making
2. How can this be improved and developed further?
 - Where would I have wanted my parish to be at this time regarding Synodality?
 - How can I contribute to help my parish achieve this goal?
 - How can we contribute to help our parish achieve this goal?

We propose to hold a focus group on Saturday 19th September from 13:30-14:30 in the Narthex at Sacred Heart Church. If you would like to contribute to this, please email, alpha@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk. Because of the nature of the listening and discerning process, places will be limited and given on a first come-first served basis.

News from our schools

Amy Bonnington, Head of School (Oaklands) writes... At Oaklands we have had an excellent start to the new school year, with students returning ready to learn and embrace new opportunities. It has been a particular pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 students into our school community, and we look forward to seeing them flourish over the coming months. We came together as a whole school family to celebrate our Feast Day Mass for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, giving thanks for the many blessings within our community and reflecting on the values that unite us in faith.

We are busy preparing our Open Events so that we can welcome new families into our school community, if you have a child in Year 5 or 6 then please come along to our Open Evening on the 28th September 16.30-19.30 which is open to all or you can book onto our **Open Morning on the 15th October 9.30-11.15am.**

We wish all our families a happy and successful term ahead.'

St Peter's Open Events 2026

Thursday 15th October 2026: 9.15 – 10.45am

Tuesday 20th October 2026: 1.15 – 2.45pm

Wednesday 4th November 2026: 9.15 – 10.45am

Monday 9th November 2026: 1.15 – 2.45pm

Wednesday 11th November 2026: 6.00 – 7.30pm

Applications for Year R September 2027 open in November 2026

Applications for new children to join St Peter's in Year 3 September 2027 open now!

Oaklands Catholic School Open Evening

Oaklands Catholic School & Sixth Form Open Evening Monday 28th September 2026 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm

We warmly welcome you to come and discover life at Oaklands Catholic School & Sixth Form.

Explore our facilities, meet our students and staff, and experience the caring, inclusive community that makes Oaklands such a special place to learn and grow. Parking is available on site.

Please sign in at the White House on arrival.

Mass for the Sick at St Edmund, Horndean

Maureen Graham writes... Please note that the next Mass for the Sick will be on Thursday 8 October @ 10am. You are cordially invited to add your name to the sheet at St. Edmunds or contact Sue in the parish office at Waterlooville. We will have coffee/tea and biscuits after Mass followed by lunch at 12noon. Sue Woodward and I look forward to welcoming you all.

St Edmund's Red Missio Box Holders

Irena Murphy writes... Please leave your boxes on the table in the church hall to be emptied. The quarterly magazines are available there for collection. Any queries, please email me: irena_murphy@hotmail.com

Spectacles – A Small Donation that can make a Big Difference!

Our Justice and Peace Group are collecting surplus and unwanted specs to send to developing countries, where they can make a real difference to someone's everyday life. If you have any old or unused glasses at home, please consider donating them. Simply place your unwanted specs in the collection basket in church. Thank you very much for your generosity and for helping to give your old glasses a new lease of life!

Church Fundraising Concert

The well-known Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir will be holding a concert on Sunday 11 October @ 3pm at Sacred Heart to help raise funds for the parish.

Tickets available online via www.hampshirepolicechoir.org.uk or on the door. £10 per person.

A couple of parishioners are members of the choir who will be singing all types of music including songs from the shows, hits from the sixties as well as a selection of sacred classics. There is even a sea shanty made famous by Fisherman's Friends included in the programme.

Do come along and enjoy the unique sound of a male voice choir while at the same time helping to boost the church finances!

Sacred Heart 11am Sunday Mass Tech Support

Nicola Hordell writes... We are still in need of a volunteer or team of volunteers who could take over from Barry to set up/manage the tech we use at the 11am Mass (microphones, laptop, livestream system). Barry has done a great job and is about to begin a well-earned retirement. If anyone is able to volunteer to take on this role, we would be delighted and very, very grateful to hear from you. If enough volunteers can help, a rota could be arranged. Please contact me by emailing Sue in the parish office as soon as possible if you would be able to help and we can organise a time for you to find out how the tech works etc. *Please note, all slides will be prepared by another volunteer so we only need people who can set up, manage the laptop and tech etc. at services.*

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella

We are delighted to welcome the Relics of St. Gerard Majella to St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth PO1 3HG on Saturday 31 October. There will be a Mass at 12.15pm, celebrated by Bishop Philip, with the relics available for personal prayer from 11am. There will also be an opportunity to receive a blessing with the relics after Mass. St. Gerard is the patron saint of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those seeking work and those wishing to make a good confession. This is a wonderful opportunity to come and pray with the relics of this much-loved saint and all are warmly welcome.

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.

Our Newsletter

All news items and forthcoming events to office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk by 2.30pm on Wednesday for inclusion in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit any articles prior to publication due to space. Articles may not be published immediately and may be held in reserve for future use. If you would like to receive a copy via email please contact me. As part of our efforts to reduce costs, we ask that you only take a hard copy of the newsletter if you do not have access to the internet. For contact information on different departments, an information sheet is available alongside the newsletters in the church.

Welcome to ChurchSuite – Online Parishioner Registration Database

The parish is now using a new system called ChurchSuite, to manage our parishioner database. To do this we need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners. To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive communications from the parish, please make sure you have filled out a new Registration Form online. There is a separate adult and child registration form. If you do not have access to the internet, pop into the parish office at Waterlooville or Leigh Park and we will be happy to upload your details.



- **The Adult Registration Form:**
<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ngzjrmr1>
or by scanning the top QR code:
- **The Child Registration Form:**
<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/0h3dnrqd>
or by scanning the bottom QR code:



Payments to Sacred Heart, St Edmund & St Michael

There are several ways to make a donation to Sacred Heart, St Edmund or St Michael:

Sacred Heart:

Cheque made payable to 'CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart'
'Donate with Dona' button on our Webpage
Online payments in church using the Dona machine [by the Sacristy]
BACS: Lloyds bank account 01861043, sort code 309304, CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart

St Edmund:

Cheque made payable to 'CDP Horndean St Edmund'
Donate using the Sum Up machine in the narthex
BACS: Lloyds bank account 00880222, sort code 309304, CDP Horndean St Edmund

St Michael:

BACS: Lloyds bank account 00882004, sort code 309304, CDP Leigh Park St Michael