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& 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

Fr. Andrew writes...

Catholic Basics: the Sunday Obligation

The number of Catholics who don't know (or don't care) that they have a duty to be at Mass every Sunday or Saturday vigil is shocking. Coming to Mass every Sunday is the first rule of being a practising Catholic. Catholics who choose to come to Mass once a fortnight, or once a month, or occasionally if they feel like it, are not practising Catholics. We may not re-define for ourselves what it means to practice the Faith: we have to accept the definition provided for us by the Church which Jesus Christ founded to speak in his name. And the Church is clear: "Because participation in the Sunday Eucharist is fundamental for a Christian life, the Church explicitly declares that it is a serious sin to stay away from Sunday Mass without a good reason." (Youth Catechism 365). This is not new, and it's not just my opinion: it has always been the case that practising Catholics come to Mass every Sunday.

Some people do have a good reason for staying away from Sunday Mass. For example, they might have to care for a sick child or an elderly relative; they might be ill themselves, and unable to attend; they might have an essential job which they have to do on Sunday; they might have an unreasonable employer who forces them to work on Sunday. These people commit no sin by not attending Mass. But the Church assumes that they would want to be at Sunday Mass if they could be there. We priests do our best to help by offering a variety of Mass times in a variety of locations across the Parish area. If you are unable to get to your usual church or usual Mass time, please do look at what other Mass times are available in our churches, on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the parable of the wedding feast. The heartless guests refuse the King's generous invitation to his Son's marriage feast, incurring the King's wrath: "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy" (Matthew 22:8). We are the guests invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9). The feast to which we are invited is Sunday Mass, where God spreads a generous table of grace, mercy and salvation. And yet we turn away: "they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business". We spurn the offer of eternal salvation to go shopping, play games, make money or lie in bed.

Once, as I was preparing for Mass in a church sacristy, I saw a sign on the wall, urging the priest to celebrate "as if it were your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass!" Now I say the same to you: treat every Sunday Mass as if it were your first, your last, your only Sunday Mass! Accept the King's invitation to this saving banquet for what it is: the most important, most urgent, most desirable invitation you have ever received.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 10 October Our Lady on Saturday Vigil TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.30am	Adoration & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael	For those in our parish who are sick, grieving or living alone
	5-6pm 6.15pm	Holy Hour & Confession Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Rose Hayllar & Beryl Smith, RIP
Sunday 11 October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Mass	St Edmund	Intention of Ziga Kreft (Ordination to the Diaconate)
	9.30am	Mass	St Michael	For the work of CAFOD
	11am	Mass	Sacred Heart	Maurice & Catherine Cremin, RIP
	11.30am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass	St Patrick QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Joe McGannon, RIP
Monday 12 October St Wilfrid, Bishop, memorial	7.30am	Mass followed by Holy Hour	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Eileen Leahy, RIP (FM)
	12.30pm	Mass	QA Hospital Chapel	
Tuesday 13 October Feria [28th Week in Ordinary Time]	7.30am	Holy Hour	Sacred Heart	John Monteiro, RIP
	10.30am 6.30pm	Mass Mass	St Patrick All Saints' Denmead	
Wednesday 14 Oct Feria [28th Week in Ordinary Time]	7.30am	Holy Hour	Sacred Heart	Remedios & Carmelo Marquez, RIP
	11.30am	Adoration	Sacred Heart	
	12noon	Mass	Sacred Heart	
	5.30pm 6.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Confession Mass	St Patrick St Patrick	
Thursday 15 October St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church, memorial	7.30am	Holy Hour	Sacred Heart	Gladys Pinto, RIP
	9.30am 10am	Adoration Mass	St Edmund St Edmund	
Friday 16 October Feria [28th Week in Ordinary Time]	7.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Funeral Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Colin Barr, RIP
Saturday 17 October Our Lady on Saturday Vigil TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.30am	Adoration & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael	Margaret Judge, RIP
	12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Holy Hour & Confession Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Beryl Hill, RIP
Sunday 18 October TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Mass	St Edmund	Special Intention of T Barnett for Stephanie RIP
	9.30am	Mass	St Michael	Canon Gerard Flynn, RIP
	11am	Mass	Sacred Heart	People of the parish
	11.30am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass	St Patrick QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Pat Eyre, RIP

WHAT'S GOING ON...

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Sunday 11 October	Annual Mass Count for National Statistics – Final Week	All Masses	All churches
	School Colours Mass	11am	Sacred Heart
	Children's Liturgy An opportunity for our younger parishioners to explore and celebrate the Sunday Gospel together in a way that is fun, engaging and age-appropriate.	During morning Mass	Sacred Heart
Monday 12 October	The Breakfast Club For all the early-birds among the parish, join us after the early morning Mass for breakfast.	Second Monday of the month After Mass	Wetherspoons Denmead Queen
	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
	Zoom Bible Study Group 7:45 on Monday evenings (term time) usually finishing about 9 pm. From Monday, the 5th of October we will be studying Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We will be using the Ascension great adventure study course with a video presentation and discussion questions. If you wish to join us, you would be very welcome. email to: Kathyimcollins@gmail.com For more information, you will get the Zoom link each Monday before the session.	7.45pm	St Michael
Tuesday 13 October	Rosary Group All welcome to join our weekly Rosary Group, just pop along!	6.45pm	Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 18 October	Second Collection for Foreign Missions Please give what you can this World Mission Sunday. Your gift, however large or small, can bring hope, transform lives and help those around the world build a brighter future.	All Masses	All churches

NOTICES & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Church Fundraising Concert

Parishioner, Martin Lewis writes... One of the leading Male Voice Choirs in Hampshire have offered to help church funds by staging a concert on **Sunday 11th October at 3pm**. Their repertoire will include a wide variety of music including songs from the Sixties, hits from shows including a couple from Les Miserables and several pieces of sacred music including the perennial favourite You Raise Me Up. There will also be a Fisherman's Friends number from a shanty group, The Whalers. See the choir display board in the narthex for further details, but do try to come along and enjoy 90 minutes of music whilst at the same time boosting much-needed parish funds! Tickets can be bought on the door. Students can get in free - £10 each. Free entry for students under 18.

Mass on Tuesday 13 October @ 6.30pm

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for Mass at All Saints' Church, Denmead. Please note that, due to the current road closure in Denmead, there will be no refreshments after Mass on this occasion. We know many people will be facing slightly longer journeys home, so this is to help avoid any additional delay and allow everyone to travel safely and conveniently.

Baptism into the life of Jesus and the Church

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, Oliwia Lejman, who will be baptised this weekend at Sacred Heart. Please pray for Oliwia, her parents, Godparents and family, that God will bless and guide her through the journey of life.

We welcome Alba McDermott and the McDermott family to St Michael and All Angels. Alba was baptised last weekend.

Amare Memoriae

We pray for the rest and peace of the souls of Colin Barr and Margo Parker who have sadly died recently. Please also remember their families and friends at this difficult time. Colin's Funeral Mass will be on Friday 16 October @ 12noon at Sacred Heart.

A message from Margo's family... Margot Parker 12/10/1934 - 04/10/2026

Margot's family would like to thank the support of all her parish family for the love and care and support shown to her and all of us Parkers through her last years. She died peacefully without pain or upset. Funeral details to be confirmed but, in the meantime, our ongoing love and gratitude to all those who knew mum.

Nick, Chris and Stephen Parker and the extended family.

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:



Monday 12 October, 7-9pm, at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville

Tuesday 13 October, 7-9pm, at St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park and

Wednesday, 14 October, 7- 8:30pm Online

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



News from our schools

- Amy Bonnington, Head of Oaklands School writes... At Oaklands it has been a busy and exciting few weeks at school. Our recent Open Evening was a great success, with prospective families experiencing the warm welcome and strong sense of community that make our school so special.

We are now looking forward to Culture Week, celebrating the diversity of our school family, and St John's Week, when students and staff will come together to raise funds for our partner school in Africa in response to our Catholic call to serve others.

This week, our Year 7 students are participating in their Teaching Mass, helping them grow in their understanding of the Eucharist and school faith life. Students have also been supporting World Mental Health Day, promoting the importance of wellbeing, kindness and looking after one another. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

- Vacancy at St. Thomas More's Catholic Primary School.** The school is looking for someone to work as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA).

Would you like to be a part of a thriving school community that:

- wants every child to feel they have achieved more than they ever thought possible
- wants to provide opportunities that shape children's futures
- wants children to feel they have a role to play in society
- has friendly, supportive colleagues and leadership who want the best for our children
- offers a team-centred approach

If so, visit the Vacancies page on our school website for further information, <https://www.st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk/vacancies/> and contact the school office to arrange a tour or if you would like to discuss the position prior to your application.

Tel: 02392 475909. Email: adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

- St Thomas More's School & Pre-School Open Events for Prospective Parents**

Thursday 22nd October 2026 4:00pm - 19:00pm

Monday 9th November 9:30am - 11:30am

- 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 & Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 15th October from 5:30pm to 8:00pm**

Are you in Year 11 and thinking about your next step in education? We warmly welcome you to come and discover life at Oaklands Sixth Form. Learn more about our facilities, curriculum and enrichment opportunities. Discover what makes our Sixth Form a such a special place to continue your education. Parking is available on site.

The Liturgy Project Formation Days – Day for Readers

Saturday 17 October from 9am-1.30pm at the Pastoral Centre, Winchester. Anyone interested in attending this session should RSVP to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

World Mission Sunday – 18 October 2026

Next weekend, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need.

Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, please use the Missio envelope available in church this weekend, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a direct debit and gift aid your donation, if possible.

Mass for the Sick at St Edmund, Horndean

The next Mass for the Sick will be on **Thursday 22 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. *Maureen Graham*

St Luke's Day Mass

Portsmouth Catholic Medical Association. For Portsmouth Area Health Care Professionals. Thursday 22 October @ 7pm at QA Hospital Chapel (Level A). Whether you work in clinical care, support services, or any healthcare setting, you are most welcome to join us for this special opportunity to pray together, reflect, and celebrate the vocation of caring for others, all are welcome! Followed by refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

Toy Sale & Christmas Fair – Your Help is Needed!

As we look ahead to two wonderful parish fundraising events, we'd be grateful for your support.

Our Toy Sale takes place next month, and we are now collecting donations of new toys only. If you are able to donate a new toy, it would be greatly appreciated and will help make the sale a great success.

We are also preparing for our Christmas Fair on Sunday 6 December and are seeking donations for the raffle. If you own a business, work for a company, or know someone who does, please consider asking whether they would be willing to donate a raffle prize. Gift vouchers, hampers, experiences, and other prizes are always very popular.

Both events are being organised by Nina, our Care in the Community rep., and rely on the generosity and support of our parish community. Every donation, however large or small, helps us make these events a success. Thank you for your continued support! For donations or further information, please contact Nina after the Sunday morning Mass at Sacred Heart or email her – contact details at the end of this newsletter.

Please help - Volunteers needed for 11am Mass tech team (Sacred Heart)

Could you help behind the scenes at the 11am Sunday Mass? We are looking for volunteers to manage the laptop, advance the PowerPoint slides, and help with microphones and sound levels during Mass. Full training will be provided, and if enough people volunteer, we can create a rota. Please contact Nicola Hordell via the parish office if you can help. We would be very grateful for your support.

Excelsis Concert at Sacred Heart - Tickets on Sale Now!

Tickets are now on sale for the forthcoming Excelsis Concert at Sacred Heart Church, taking place on Sunday 29th November at 2.30pm, followed by Afternoon Tea. Featuring beautiful music from the Excelsis Choir, this promises to be a wonderful afternoon while supporting parish fundraising.

Tickets: Adults £12.50 | Under 18s Free

Tickets can be purchased using this QR code →

For those who do not have internet access, paper tickets will also be available from the Parish Office.



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 noon 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.

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 Waterloooville 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 Waterloooville 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

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There is also a Defects Book in the hall

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