

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 30th July 2023*

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Our scripture readings this Sunday

Parish Mass Book page 108 and Prayer of the Church Week 1

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

Solomon was told by God that he could have any gift he wanted: he chose wisdom.



The Wisdom of Solomon, Peter Paul Rubens, about 1619

King Solomon is called the king of wisdom. His determination and wise reign made Israel prosper. This judgement of Solomon, above, showed his wisdom. Two mothers gave birth to babies at the same time in the same house. When one of the babies had died, each claimed the remaining baby as her own. King Solomon ordered the baby be cut in half. The true mother she cried out against the child being killed.

Romans 8:28-30 *Those who love God can turn everything to their spiritual advantage.*

Matthew 13:44-52 *What God offers us is so precious that it is worth everything we have.*

Journey in the Catholic Faith

Do you want to know more about being Catholic? At 4 pm this Sunday 30th July we have a meeting for anyone who has become a Catholic in the last few years and for anyone who wishes to find out more about becoming Catholic. Everyone will be most welcome.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 29th July, Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass intentions of the Parish

30th July, 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Eileen & Len Trodd, 68th anniversary

Monsignor Jeremy celebrates Mass.

Canon Gerard celebrates Masses at Horndean and Hayling Island.

Monday 31st July, St Ignatius of Loyola

10 am Mass Janet Jenkins RIP

Tuesday 1st August, St Alphonsus Liguori

No Mass today

Wednesday 2nd August, Feria

10.30 am Adoration

2 pm Nuptial Mass at St John's Cathedral

of Gabriel Semple and Jessica Heath

Thursday 3rd August, Feria

11.30 Mass is at St Patrick's, Hayling Island

Friday 4th August, St John Vianney

10 am Mass Tom Leonard RIP (JS request)

Saturday 5th August St Mary Major, Rome

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass for the intentions of the Parish

6th August, Transfiguration of the Lord

10 am Mass, Jane Knowles-Dyer RIP (P G-C)

Charity – Unity – Fraternity

Serve God by serving others! Maybe God is calling you to be part of a Catholic men's group.

This council (Havant 990) of the Knights of St Columba will be formally instituted on Sunday 13th August at 10am Mass. We will be ready and willing to serve the parish and wider community and we are looking for men to join. Speak to Deacon Nick (07905 275638) for details.

Finance Committee Martin McGranaghan has kindly chaired this group with great acumen and good grace since before the pandemic. He has now decided to retire from the work. Victoria Parvin has kindly agreed to chair the group from now on. Canon Gerard and the Parish thank Martin for his wisdom and commitment.

St John's Cathedral West Window ...



... needed urgent repairs and has been removed for restoration. It contains approximately 9,700 panes of glass! If you could help with this historically and artistically important work please text WINDOW to 70560 to donate £10. You will pay to restore one pane. Texts cost the donation amount & one standard network message charge. Donors will receive updates on the campaign. To donate without being updated, please text WINDOWNOINFO, instead. Thank you for your kindness!

Please pray for priests moving this autumn:

Fr. David Bateman to Southampton
Fr. John Chadwick Sacred Heart, Hook
Canon Michael Dennehy to St. Joseph and St. Edmund, Southampton from 1st November
Fr. Ansel D'Mello St. Margaret Mary, Park Gate
Fr. Marcin Drabik on a year's sabbatical leave
Fr. Nishan Edward to Newport & Totland Bay
Fr. Anthony Glaysher to Twyford
Fr. Phillip Harris to Southbourne
Fr. Peter Hart to St. Mary's Alton
Fr. Innaiah Maddineni to Waterside
Fr. Jude Mbonu to St. Joseph's Tilehurst
Fr. Paul Obada to Christchurch;
Fr. Paul Nwune to the Cathedral
Canon PJ Smith Chaplain St. Mary's School Ascot
Fr. Robert Stewart to Aldershot
Fr. Matthew Topham to East Hendred
Fr. Johnpromise Umeozuru to Fleet
Fr. Stephen Vooght to South Wight
Fr. Andrew Wagstaff to St. Colman's Cosham & St. Paul's Paulsgrove
Our new near neighbour is most welcome!

Retirements These priests, having reached the canonical age, retire this autumn:
Mgr. Vincent Harvey, parish priest of St. Joseph's and St. Edmund's Southampton
Mgr. Andrew Burnham (Ordinariate), parish priest of St. Mary's East Hendred
Fr. Joseph McNerney, parish priest of Newport and Totland Bay Isle of Wight

