

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park
Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year, 17th September 2023

On Forgiveness

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Parish Mass Book: page 128 Psalter: Week 4

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7 If we refuse to forgive those who have sinned against us we exclude ourselves from receiving God's forgiveness for our own sins.

Romans 14:7 – 9 The entire existence of a Christian is for Christ and for others.



The Return of the Prodigal Son, Pompeo Batoni, 1773

Matthew 18:21 – 35 We must be willing to extend to others the generous forgiveness that God has extended to us.

*As I walked out of the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom,
I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind I'd still be in prison.*

Nelson Mandela said on the day that he was released from prison after 26 years.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 16th September

Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass Colin Staggs RIP (MS)

17th September 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Franklyn Murley & Bodi Carew Windsor, on their baptisms

Monday 18th September Feria

10 am Mass Charlie Harkham RIP

Tuesday 19th September Feria

10 am Mass Fr Mark Whiting and family

Wednesday 20th September

St Andrew Kim Taegon & companions

10 am Mass for our Alpha programs

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 21st September St Matthew

No Mass today.

Friday 22nd September Feria

10 am Mass for the housebound

Saturday 23rd September St Pio of Pietrelcina

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of the Parish

24th September 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass for our Pastoral Area

Fr James Lewis celebrates this Mass as Canon Gerard celebrates Mass at Horndean and Hayling Island.

Please pray for fellow parishioners who are unwell at this time.

We celebrate our Patronal Feast, St Michael and All Angels, with a Parish Lunch

at 12.30 pm on Sunday 1st October. We hope that you will join us and bring a dish to share in this, the Feast of our Parish Family. To help us with the catering, could you please sign up on the sheets in our Welcome Area? If you have prizes for a raffle we would be most grateful.

Canon Gerard edits this Newsletter and welcomes items for inclusion by the Sunday prior to publication, please. Thank you.

We present the faith-building **Alpha** programme about being Catholic. It's a way to know the faith better.



Ten meetings include video presentations and discussions, as well as good company! We have a 1 pm Monday programme, finishing in time for people to collect school children, and a Tuesday 7 pm programme, beginning this week on 18th & 19th September. Just come along or book at: office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk

Tea and Chat Group meet at 2 pm on Thursday 28th September. All very welcome.

You will be my witnesses

Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter last weekend spoke about the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Canon Gerard was grateful to receive several gracious and visionary messages about this. Our prayers will be essential to all of this work and the opportunity on 21st October might be ideal. You can download the plan at:

[Ten Year Plan - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Who do you say that I am?

Come and respond in prayer to Jesus' question. On 21st October everyone in our Pastoral Area is invited to pray and reflect at St Michael's. We will share music, prayer, witness, reflection, images of Jesus and Adoration.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please sign up with your name, phone number and any dietary requirements at

office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk

Home Mission We have a retiring collection this weekend for the work of evangelising our own country. Friday 6th October is **Cafod Autumn Fast Day** with the collection that weekend.

International Food Evening Friday 6th October Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville

World dishes provided by parishioners from their countries of origin. Tickets are available by contacting Philip at philiphayllar@hotmail.com Anyone willing to provide a dish please contact Lele Jones at lelejones@hotmail.com

