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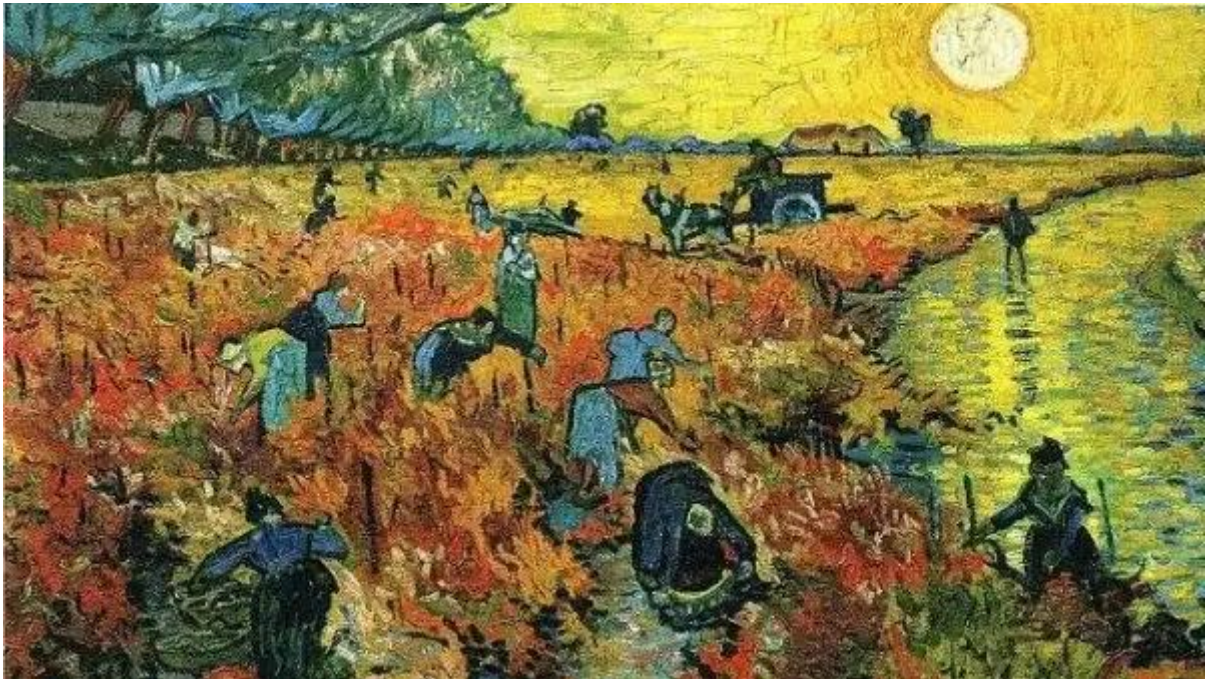
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year, 24th September 2023 *The Workers in the Vineyard*

Scripture readings for Sunday Mass

Isaiah 55:6-9 As high as the heavens are above the earth
so high are God's ways above our ways.

Philippians 1:20-24.27 Writing from prison, Paul is thinking of his death,
and longing for complete union with Christ.



Vincent van Gogh, *The Red Vineyard* 1888

Matthew 20:1-16 This story is about the generosity of God
which soars above human standards.

Cafod Autumn Fast Day is Friday 6th October with the collection that weekend.

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

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

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

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 at Horndean & Hayling Island.

Monday 25th September Feria

10 am Mass for the intentions of

Canon David Mahy

Canon Gerard will be on retreat from after this Mass until Saturday.

Tuesday 26th September Ss Cosmas & Damian

Wednesday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 28th September St Wenceslaus

Friday 29th September

The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Saturday 30th September St Jerome

Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass Michael Wilmot (Rani)

1st October 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Darragh Lawler RIP

Tea and Chat Group

meet at 2 pm on Thursday 28th September.

All are very welcome.

Oaklands Catholic School application forms

If you wish Canon Gerard to endorse an application form please complete as much of the form as you can, including the name and address of the Parish. Leave the form for Canon Gerard in a self-addressed envelope after any Mass. It will be ready for collection at a subsequent Sunday Mass. Thank you.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Andrew Hanlon RIP, brother of Jean Mott. Andrew died recently. We pray for all who are unwell.

Parish Readers The Liturgy Formation Team will host webinars on Teams for parish readers but all parishioners are welcome to attend. The sessions will run from on Wednesdays, 4th October to 1st November, 7 to 8 pm. **The details of the sessions** along with the links to join the meetings are available by clicking the link, which is the blue writing. If you do join in please let Canon Gerard know so that we can use your gifts at Mass.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on young people from our Pastoral Area next year, on a date to be advised. We soon start an exciting preparation programme for the Sacrament. Those who will be at least 13 years of age during the current academic year are invited to apply by writing in person, and in your own hand, to Fr Jeremy, 356a, London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SR by Sunday 8th October. The sessions are on Sunday afternoons, featuring food, film, faith and fun. Please bring questions, doubts, fears, and hopes to the lively discussions and informative teachings.

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.

Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Angels, messengers from God, frequently appear in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named. Michael appears in Daniel's vision as *the great prince* who defends Israel against its enemies; in the Book of Revelation, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah. Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness, and the restoration of the family fortune.

