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Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year, 22nd October 2023

God and Caesar

Parish Mass Book page 143 Prayer of the Church Week 1

Isaiah 45:1.4-6 *The return of the people from exile, made possible by King Cyrus, is seen as a sign of God's love for his people, Israel, and of his lordship over all peoples.*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 *Here we see Paul's concern for the Christians at Thessalonika.*



The Tribute Money by Peter Paul Rubens, 1614

Matthew 22:15-21 *This is the story of an effort by the enemies of Jesus to trap him into saying something incriminating.*

Why worry? *Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy.* Leo Buscaglia

The Tea and Chat Group meet at 2 pm this Thursday 26th October. A warm welcome invites you to a nice cup of tea and cream cake, with a quiz, raffle, singsong in great company.

We pray for all those who are unwell, mourning or anxious at this time. You are welcome to pray the Rosary together after Monday 10 am Mass in October, or, if there is no Mass, at 10 am.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 21st October

Our Lady on Saturday

10.30 am – 3.30 pm Prayer and Reflection

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass intentions of the Parish

22nd October Mission Sunday

29th of Ordinary Time

Fr James Lewis celebrates 10 am Mass. Canon Gerard celebrates at Horndean & Hayling Island.

10 am Mass for Michael Ezeani & Chinaza and with the baptism of Hollie Lugia.

Monday 23rd October Feria

10 am Siobhan & Matthew

Rosary after Mass

Tuesday 24th October St Anthony Claret

Canon Gerard attends a meeting in Basingstoke.

Wednesday 25th October Feria

10 am Mass Martin McGranaghan's intentions

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 26th October Ss Chad & Cedd

No Mass today

Friday 27th October Feria

10 am Mass for the intentions of Augusta Wolff

28th October Ss Simon & Jude

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass for the Parish

29th October 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Carole Maddock on her birthday.

Medjugorje First steps are being made locally in planning a pilgrimage next autumn. We need someone to represent the parish in helping to organise. If you could help, please speak to Canon Gerard.

Mass attendance For our national statistics parishes have counted the number of people at Mass each of the past four Sundays, including the Saturday evening Mass. Our average attendance was 243. The lowest total was 209 and the highest 313. Thank you to our kind counters!

Finance Committee Our new committee, chaired by Victoria Parvin, met recently and asked for some reminders to be shared with parishioners.

Donations to Parish Funds can be made in the collection basket, by Direct Debit or Standing Order, via the Contactless Terminal, and can be Gift Aided by taxpayers. If you need a form to help with any of these ways of supporting the parish please contact Ellen McCarthy, our Parish Secretary at: office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk

Collection counters: we would be grateful for another couple of people to count the collection. We have a good team, so this crops up just once a month. If you could help please speak to Canon Gerard who will put you in touch with the team.

Parish Lloyds Bank account BACS details are
CDP Leigh Park St Michael 30-93-04
Account number: 00882004

World Mission Sunday is this weekend. The Church unites through prayer for its missionary activity and collects funds to support Catholic communities across the world in poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is *Hearts on fire, feet on the move* (Luke 24). Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for *Everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone*. Donations and prayers on this day have a direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit: <https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2023/>

The Catholic Women's League invite ladies to their monthly meeting, every first Tuesday, at St Patrick's Hall, Hayling Island, 2 - 3.30 pm with prayer, refreshments, occasional speakers and events. Further information: Pauline Brice, 023 9246 8498 or Chairperson Mary, 023 9246 3714.

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

