

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park

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Thirty-First Sunday of the Year, 5th November 2023 *Attack on the Scribes and Pharisees*

Parish Mass Book page 149 Prayer of the Church Week 3
Scriptures at Mass

Malachi 1:14-2:2:8-10

The prophet Malachi berates priests for failing to live up to their calling.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

*Paul reminds the Thessalonians of his love and care for them,
and how hard he worked to bring them the Good News.*



James Tissot, *Jesus and the Pharisees* c 1890

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus attacks the Scribes and Pharisees: what he says is important for us too.

Why worry? *Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.*
St Pio of Pietralcina, Padre Pio

Read a Gospel The new Church Year begins soon. The Gospel of Matthew gives way to the Gospel of Mark, the shortest, most dramatic Gospel. Sixteen chapters are easy to read in a couple of sittings. Could you read it between now and Advent? Read it out loud, if you can, in a group and have different people read the various parts. Listen intently to what Jesus says. He says it to you.

***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 4th November

St Charles Borromeo

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass

Zenonas Stankus & Margaret Judge RIP

5th November

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass for Elsie Pratt RIP

followed by prayers in the Memorial Garden

Monday 6th November Feria

10 am Mass Fr Harry Doyle RIP

Tuesday 7th November Feria

12.15 pm St John's Cathedral

**Mass for deceased clergy of
Portsmouth Diocese**

Wednesday 8th November Feria

10 am Mass Anthony Muthu RIP

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 9th November

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

11.30 am Mass at St Patrick's, Hayling Island

Friday 10th November St Leo the Great

No Mass today

Saturday 11th November St Martin

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass for the Parish

12th November

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass George Alagiah RIP

Prayer Group The October Rosary gathering has evolved into a prayer group which will continue after 10 am Mass on Mondays, or at 10 am, if there is no Mass. How wonderful to have another prayer powerhouse in the Parish!

The Catholic Grandparents' Association

meets on 14th November in the Committee Room after 10 am Mass. All are welcome.

Parish BACS details Lloyds Bank

CDP Leigh Park St Michael 30-93-04

Account number: 00882004

Bamenda Sunday is this weekend. We give thanks for our link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda & the ministry of their five priests serving in our Diocese; praying for our brothers & sisters in Bamenda & for peace and justice in the region. We have our annual appeal to support projects in Bamenda in 2024, the 50th anniversary of our link.

Bamenda News is at:

<https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/index.php>

Work on our church Recently we have had:

- the church garage re-roofed
- a check for asbestos
- a fire and safety survey
- the windows cleaned
- an electrical inspection
- a gas safety inspection
- the fire alarm system tested
- the gutters cleared &
- the grounds tidied in readiness for winter.

We will soon have the church audio-system serviced and LED lighting installed in the Hall. In December we have our Quinquennial Report; the regular survey of the whole parish estate. Thank you for your donations to Parish Funds: we depend on these for maintenance. We also thank kind parishioners who keep the church beautiful, clean and worshipful ... out of pure goodness of heart! We are most grateful to several parishioners who have volunteered to count our Mass collection.

QA Hospital Catholic Chaplaincy If you would like to consider volunteering please speak to Canon Gerard.

Hayling Island Catholic Women's League

meet at 2 pm on Tuesday 7th November in the Parish Hall behind St Patrick's Church, PO11 0QU. Enquiries to Mary Webb, 023 9246 3714 or Pauline Brice, 023 9246 8498.

The Catenians - Friendship in Faith

A Date For Your Diary: 7 pm 16th November

Come and meet us at St John's Cathedral Conference Room, Portsmouth to find out about the Association. A short presentation and discussion includes refreshments. See what the Association has to offer you. Register by emailing portsmouthcatenians@yahoo.com and visit:

www.thecatenians.com

www.portsmouthcatenians.org.uk

