

# *St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park*

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## **Second Sunday of Advent, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Year B, the Year of Mark's Gospel**

Parish Mass Book page 85 and Prayer of the Church: Week 2

### **Scripture readings: Preparing the way for the Lord**

**Isaiah 40.1-5.9-11** *The people are urged to prepare a way for the Lord, coming to save them.*

**2 Peter 3:8-14** *If the Lord appears slow in coming, it is to give people an opportunity to be ready to meet him.*



*John baptises the people in the River Jordan, Nicolas Poussin 1665*

**Mark 1:1-8** *John the Baptist urges the people to prepare for the imminent coming of the Saviour.*

### **St Michael & All Angels Christmas Masses**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** 6 pm

**24<sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent** 10am

**Vigil** Masses at 4 pm and 6 pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December the Feast of the Lord's Nativity** 10 am

**Parish BACS details Lloyds Bank** [CDP Leigh Park St Michael](https://www.lloydsbank.com) 30-93-04 Account number: 00882004

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

## **Our Liturgies this week**

*Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.*

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent**

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass for the Parish

### **Second Sunday Of Advent 10<sup>th</sup> December**

10 am Mass Charles Joyce RIP  
followed by interment of ashes

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent**

Our Infant Nativity is celebrated in church.

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent**

10 am Catholic Grandparents meet in church

***6 pm Adoration and Reconciliation***

***7 pm Pastoral Area Station Mass***

***St Patrick's Church, Hayling Island***

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December St Lucy**

10 am Mass Herry & Hunt families

10.30 am Adoration

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **St John of the Cross**

1.30 pm Mass opens the party  
for the Tea and Chat group.

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent**

9.20 and 10.20 am Mass at Oaklands School

### **16<sup>th</sup> December, 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent**

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

### **17<sup>th</sup> December, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

#### **Gaudete Sunday & Baminelli Sunday**

10 am Mass for the people of the Parish

### **Station Masses**

On Advent Tuesdays at 6 pm there is  
Adoration & several priests offer the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mass is at  
7 pm, and refreshments follow.

12<sup>th</sup> December Hayling Island, St Patrick

19<sup>th</sup> December Leigh Park, St Michael

**Please pray** for all those in our Parish who  
are sick, anxious or in particular need.

## **Christmas Collection Donations**

at St Michael's are given by tradition to  
Parish Funds. Please click [here](#) to donate.

**Our thanks** to Havant Filipino Community  
for last weekend's wonderful party & for  
£665, very generous donated to Parish  
Funds. We appreciate such joyful kindness!

## **Baminelli**



The Catholic Grandparents Association  
encourage families to join in the tradition next  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
of bringing *Baminelli*, their baby Jesus  
figures, to Mass to be blessed.

## **First Holy Communion 2024** On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

January, after 10 am Mass, we meet to hear  
about the programme. If any family missed  
enrolment just ask Canon Gerard for details.

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**Carols on the Green** Bim writes: *We sing  
Carols in aid of the Hospice. This is our 33<sup>rd</sup>  
year! 6.30 pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at  
the Robin Hood Pub, Rowlands Castle.*

## **Any Questions?**

Find out more about our faith! We meet on  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 4 pm in church.  
You are all invited and especially if you:

- *are hoping to become a Catholic*
- *have thoughts or questions following Alpha*
- *are a parent wanting to answer your children's questions about Catholicism*
- *or just want to reflect on what we believe*

Canon Gerard would appreciate hearing your  
questions in advance so that he can try to  
answer what you want to know. You can send  
questions to him at

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or give him a written note.

