

**St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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**Parish Mass Book page 127 Prayer of the Church Week 2**

**1 Samuel 3:3-10.19** *The prophet Samuel played a very important role in the history of Israel. Here we have the story of his call by God.*



John Singleton Copley, *Samuel and Eli*, 1780

**1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20** *Paul tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and we must use them for the glory of God.*

**John 1:35-42** *John gives his account of the call of the first disciples.*



**Prayer for Christian Unity** *God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ and through our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences and live in forgiveness. Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person comes to light. May all of us together reflect the living Christ. Amen*

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

**Parish BACS details Lloyds Bank**

CDP Leigh Park St Michael 30-93-04 Account number: 00882004

## **Our Liturgies this week**

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

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

5 pm Reconciliation  
6 pm Vigil Mass Greta Powderley RIP

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

10 am Mass for the people of the Parish  
**First Holy Communion 2024**  
After 10 am Mass we meet to outline our programme.

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January Feria**

10 am Mass Fr Clement Marshall RIP  
After Mass, the Prayer Group meets.

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January Feria**

10 am Mass Jackie Knowles (Rani)

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **St Anthony of Egypt**

10 am Mass  
10.30 am Adoration

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January Feria**

*Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.*

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January St Wulstan**

12 noon Unity Liturgy at St Francis Church

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Ss Fabian & Sebastian**

5 pm Reconciliation  
6 pm Mass John McEntee RIP

### **21<sup>st</sup> January Third Sunday Ordinary Time**

10 am Mass for Ss Peter & Paul Church (Rani)

## **Catholicism: want to know more?**

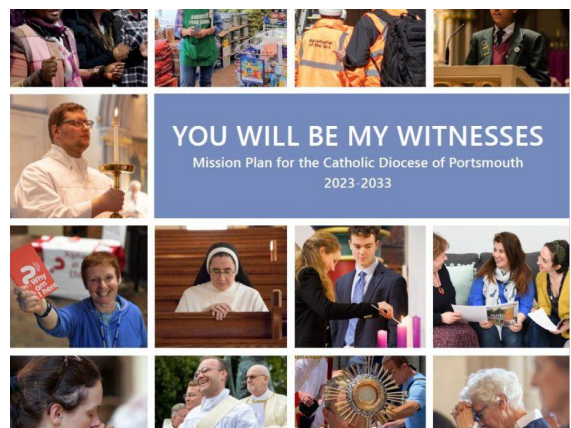
On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 4 pm in St Michael's you are invited to come along with Any Questions! This could be helpful, especially if you *are hoping to become a Catholic, have thoughts or questions following Alpha, are a parent wanting to answer children's questions or just want to reflect on what we believe.* Canon Gerard & Deacon Nick appreciate hearing your questions in advance at:  
[gerardflynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gerardflynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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

**Christian unity** We are invited to join our local fellow Christians at a Unity Liturgy at St Francis Church at 12 noon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. We, in return, invite them to Mass at 10 am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Please do come and pray on these occasions if you can.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Val Perry RIP, whose funeral will be at 10 am on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. *Eternal rest grant unto Valerie, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.*

## **Ten-Year Plan**



[Havant-Pastoral-Area-Phase-1-Report-for-the-Laity-to-view.pdf](https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/Havant-Pastoral-Area-Phase-1-Report-for-the-Laity-to-view.pdf) (portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

We are now in a position to present the report to parishioners across the Pastoral Area for their consideration. To this end, we will be supplying copies of the report online, via the link above, and as hard copy for everyone to read, reflect on and respond to. There will be opportunities to meet with the Pastoral Area Council to give your reaction to the report and to ask any questions or clarifications on what it proposes. The meetings will offer an occasion to see what might happen in the next phase of implementation. There will be three meetings in different parts of the Pastoral Area so that parishioners may choose the most convenient to attend. Please make a note in your diary:

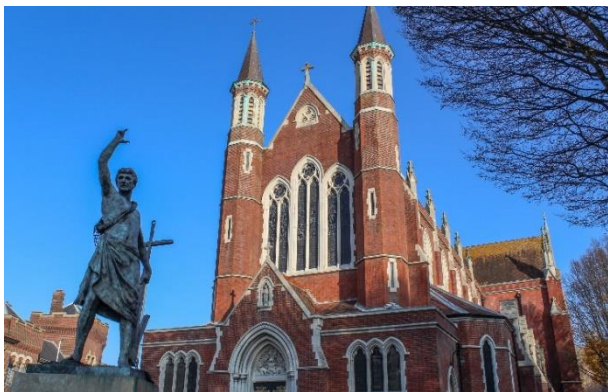
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 10–11.30 am**  
**St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 7-9 pm**  
**Sacred Heart, Waterlooville**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 7-9 pm**  
**St Joseph, Havant**

## Training for Eucharistic Ministers

Fr James Lewis offers this kind invitation. If you take it up could you please let Canon Gerard know. Thank you.

*On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January at St. Patrick's Church, Hayling, there will be training for Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the sick and housebound. Mass will be celebrated at 10 am and the training session follows from 10.30 -12.30 am. This supports priests in bring weekly Communion to the sick and Housebound. This session is aimed for Eucharistic Ministers already carrying out this important ministry, and those that would be interested to find out more.*

**Canon James McAuley**, Cathedral Dean, writes, in preparation for next weekend's collection for St John's Cathedral:



*I became Dean of our Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist in September 2022. Since then, the parish has paid for emergency repairs of serious leaks in the Blessed Sacrament and St Patrick chapels, and in the Discovery Centre, which cost £23,060 in total. The cost of these repairs was paid for by parishioners, who responded generously to an appeal for contributions. In January 2023, the 120-year-old West Window began to collapse because of deterioration in the lead work. Its restoration was completed in December 2023 at an estimated final cost of more than £100,000. So far, we have raised almost £38,000 towards the cost of restoration of the West Window. These projects have used up virtually all the Cathedral's available funds.*

*The heating and electrical systems are in urgent need of upgrading. One of the three boilers, which heat the Cathedral and Cathedral House, has been broken since spring 2022. The money*

*I had allocated to replace it had to be diverted to pay for the repairs to the West Window. The two remaining boilers both failed in late November 2023. After a week of no central heating, the two boilers were repaired, but we have been advised that all three boilers have come to the end of their useful life, having been installed about 25 years ago. We have no money to replace the boilers, never mind upgrade the heating system to a more energy efficient, "greener" system.*

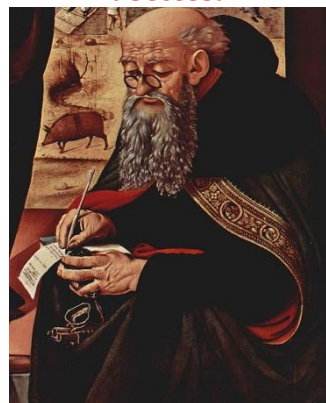
*In the summer of 2023, the quinquennial architectural survey was completed and the report we received in September outlined work required over the next five years to the roof, windows, heating, and electrical systems at an estimated cost of more than £1 million.*

*I fully appreciate the financial pressures being felt by everyone but appeal to you to support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 21<sup>st</sup> January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us.*

### **St Anthony Abbot**

His memorial is this Wednesday. Regarded as the Father of monasticism, he said:

***To those who have an active belief, reasoned proofs are needless and probably useless.***



St Anthony (241-356) depicted by Piero di Cosimo

***Regard as free not those whose status makes them outwardly free, but those who are free in their character and conduct. For we should not call men truly free when they are wicked and dissolute, since they are slaves to worldly passions. Freedom and happiness of soul consist in genuine purity and detachment from transitory things.***

