

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 28th January 2024

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Teaching with authority: the scriptures at Mass

Parish Mass Book pages 132 -134, Prayer of the Church Week 4

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 In the first reading Moses foretells the coming of a prophet who will speak God's word to the people.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Paul urges everyone, but especially those who are celibate, to give their undivided attention to the Lord.

Mark 1:21-28 The prophecy of Moses is fulfilled in Jesus.

Ten-Year Plan



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

This link is to the report to Pastoral Area parishioners for your consideration. There are opportunities to meet with the Pastoral Area Council to give your reflections, & to ask questions or for clarification on the proposals. The meetings will help with the next phase of implementation. Three meetings in different parts of the Pastoral Area should enable parishioners to choose the most convenient:

Saturday 3rd February, St Michael & All Angels 10–11.30 am refreshments from 9.30 am

Monday 19th February, Sacred Heart, Waterlooville 7-9 pm

Monday 26th February, St Joseph, Havant 7-9 pm

Havant Pastoral Area: Pastoral co-ordinator of Evangelisation

Hours of work: Part time (15 hours per week) to be worked on a flexible pattern to include some evening and weekend work.

Aim of the job: To work with churches and schools in the Havant Pastoral area to provide an amazing alpha experience that helps people encounter Jesus and raise up leaders to become missionary disciples. You will be collaborating with Fr James to bring this vision to life. For full details of these opportunities and to apply, please click [here](#).

Closing date: Friday 9th February **Interview date:** 20th or 21st February

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 27th January St Angela Merici

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass Margaret McEntee RIP

28th January

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Pat Snelling RIP

Monday 29th January Feria

10 am Mass Fr Andrew McMahan RIP
After Mass, the Prayer Group meets.

Tuesday 30th January Feria

10 am Mass Roy Thomson RIP

Wednesday 31st January

St John Bosco

10 am Mass Val Perry RIP

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 1st February Feria

No Mass today

Friday 2nd February

Presentation of the Lord

10 am Mass for Betty Fellows RIP & Mike

Saturday 3rd February St Blaise

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass Colin Staggs RIP

4th February Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

10 am Mass for the people

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Andrew McMahan and Judith Dibley RIP, who have died recently. We pray for all those who are housebound, infirm or in particular need.

We are updating our **Remembrance Book**. If you have a name of a deceased loved one that you would like added please send, to office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk by Friday 2nd February, the name, date of death and age at death. We ask for a contribution of £18 per entry.

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

Any Questions? 4 pm Sunday 28th January

We thank all those kind people who have already sent in questions. You might wish to come along with your own question ... and we will do our best ... but we already have material for more than one meeting!

Topics range widely:

- why it is that we confess our sins to a priest as well as to God
- what sorts of foods Catholics can eat
 - whether or not God struggles
- which books would we recommend to understand our faith better
- how the books of the Bible were chosen
- and how we can be made in the image of God but possess characteristics that God regards as sinful.

Please feel most welcome to join us!

Prayer is the most concrete way to make our home in God.

Henri Nowen

In the lead-up to the Jubilee Year of 2025, Pope Francis has called for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. He writes:

In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single "heart and soul" (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity.

Year of Prayer

Stonyhurst Christian Heritage Centre invites you to explore the depths of prayer. The CHC will publish reflections, in text and podcast at christianheritagecentre.com/year-of-prayer.

