

# St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park

## Fourth Sunday of Lent, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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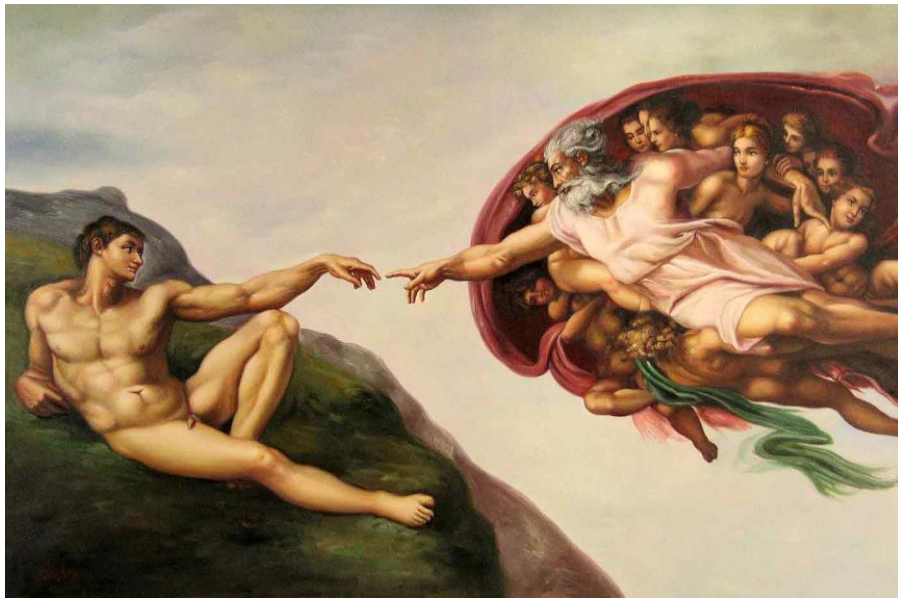
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### Scripture readings for Laetare Sunday

**We are God's work of art ...** writes St Paul to the Ephesians in today's first reading.



*Michelangelo Buonarroti, Sistine Chapel, 1508-1512*

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23** God allows his people to be exiled to Babylon because of their sins: his mercy is seen in their homecoming

**Ephesians 2:4-10** It is not through our own efforts that we are saved but through the love and mercy of God.

This weekend we hear one of two Gospel passages as some people prepare to become Catholic.

**John 9:1-41** Jesus, the light of the world, not only gives sight to the physically blind, but the light of faith to the spiritually blind.

**John 3:14-21** Out of love for us God sent his Son into the world not to condemn but to save us.

**Parish Mass Book** page 166 **Psalter** Week 4

**Prayer of the Faithful** During Lent our response is: Create a new spirit within us, O Lord.

**Please pray** for all those who are housebound, infirm or in particular need.

**Parish BACS details Lloyds Bank**

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

**Canon Gerard edits this Newsletter. He 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 9<sup>th</sup> March**

10 am Mass Gary Griffiths RIP

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

### **10<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

10 am Mass Dorothy Maddock RIP

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

10 am The Rosary is prayed in the Lady Chapel.

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

6 pm Adoration and Reconciliation

7 pm Station Mass at St Colman's followed by fellowship

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

10 am Mass Chris Messenger on his birthday

10.30 am Adoration

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

10 am Mass Charles Snelling RIP

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

10 am Mass Christopher Gruhn RIP (MC)

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Church

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

10 am Mass for our Parish with First Holy Communion class

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass Tom McEntee RIP

### **17<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

10 am Mass Lincoln-James RIP

**The Catholic Grandparents Association** will meet on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am in the Committee Room. All are welcome.

**Stella Maris** Please support our Easter Egg Appeal for seafarers in local ports. *Stella Maris* is the Catholic charity for Seafarers. Many hundreds of seafarers pass through our ports. Please give your gifts to the Parish Office or Deacon Nick by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. The Southampton, Fawley and Portsmouth Port Chaplains will deliver your treats to the ships.

**Easter Raffle** Tickets are on sale this weekend. You would be most welcome to donate prizes!

### **Havant Pastoral Area Lent 2024**

#### **The Mass described**

10 am on Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

#### **RCIA Meetings at St Michael's**

4 pm on Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

#### **Station Masses for Lent 2024**

6 pm Adoration & Reconciliation 7 pm Mass Fellowship and refreshments follow Mass.

12<sup>th</sup> March St Colman's, Cosham

19<sup>th</sup> March St Joseph's, Havant

#### **Stations of the Cross** 6 pm on Fridays

8<sup>th</sup> March St Francis

15<sup>th</sup> March St Michael's

22<sup>nd</sup> March St Clare's

**Library** Please feel welcome to borrow books from our library, found in the Repository. There is a large selection to choose from, including a children's section. Please speak with Eileen Trodd if you have any queries. Please also feel welcome to take and read any of the second-hand books in the Welcome Area; a donation is welcome for any good read!

**Our Finance Committee** met last weekend. It heard of the work identified by the Quinquennial Architectural Report. We are blessed to have a recently built church in good condition. We have prioritised particular jobs which need to be done over the next year or two. The group heard reports on the Gift Aid income and the continuing invaluable work of the volunteer Collection Counters.

We invoke our patron St Michael as we prepare for Mass. We include the prayer here for anyone who wishes to cut it out to keep.

***Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to Hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world, for the ruin of souls, Amen.***

