

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

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## First Sunday of Advent 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

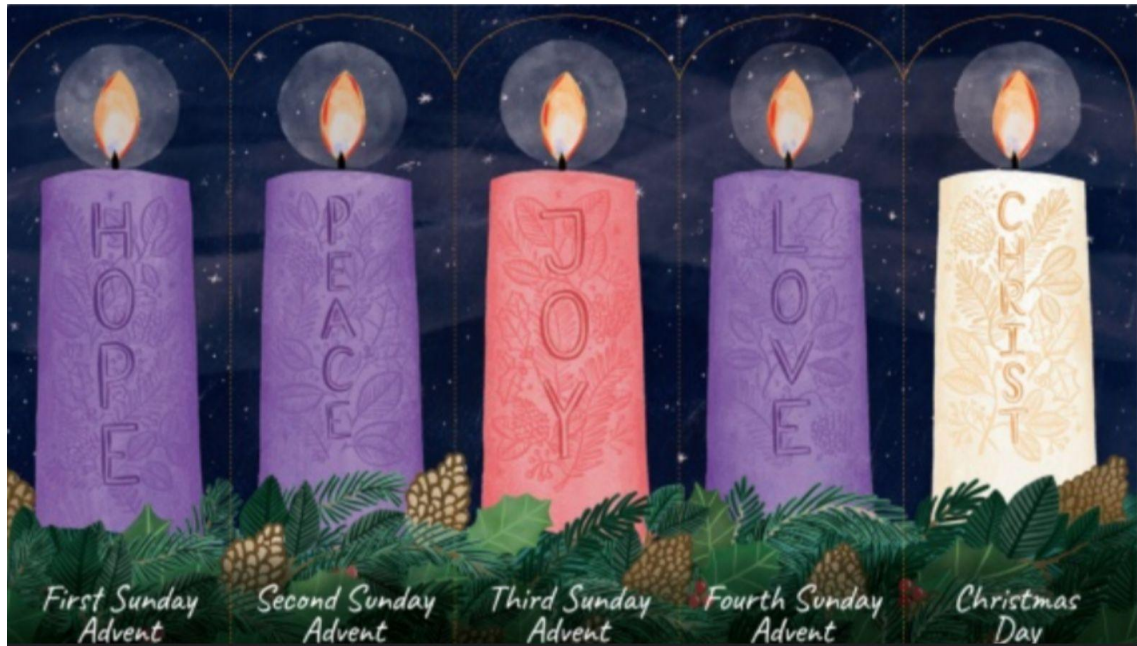


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### Parish Mass Book Page 82, Prayer of the Church Week 1 Scriptures at Mass

**Jeremiah 33:14-16** The prophet Jeremiah assures the people that God will send the promised one, the Messiah.

**1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2** Paul prays that the Lord may deepen the love the Thessalonians have for one another, and thus prepare them for the second coming of Christ.

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36** Luke borrows language from the Old Testament to describe the second coming of Christ. Christians should prepare for this with confidence, vigilance and prayer.

### Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.  
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,  
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.  
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, *Come Lord Jesus! Amen. Henri J.M. Nouwen*

## **Our Liturgies this week**

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

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November St Andrew**

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December First of Advent**

10 am Mass Tony Maddock RIP

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December St Francis Xavier**

10 am Mass for all those who are housebound

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30 am Adoration

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

*Canon Gerard attends a Day of Prayer.*

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December St Nicholas**

10 am Mass Catherine Walsh RIP  
& deceased members of her family

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December St Ambrose**

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December Second of Advent**

10 am Mass Teresa Boyle RIP  
& Tea and Chat Group intentions

### **Becoming a Catholic**

#### **4 pm Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Anyone is most welcome to come along with questions, thoughts and hopes!

### **First Holy Communion**

We enrol children for our programme at 6 pm Saturday Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> November and at 10 am Sunday Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please arrive with your child in good time to complete an enrolment form. Thank you.

### **Paskong Pinoy na sa Havant**

#### **We have a Christmas party!**

7<sup>th</sup> December from 7 pm to 11 pm

All parishioners are welcome to attend;  
please bring food to share.

We are selling raffle tickets on the night.

All money raised goes to our Parish.

### **Christmas Draw Tickets,**

are available in our Welcome Area.

### **Advent in Havant Pastoral Area**

6 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

7 pm by Station Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> December St Colman's, Cosham

10<sup>th</sup> December Sacred Heart, Waterlooville

17<sup>th</sup> December St Joseph's, Havant

All end with refreshment and fellowship.

### **Christmas Masses 2024**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4 pm & 6 pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10 am

Other Mass times will be published at:

[Havant Pastoral Area - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

Your collection donations at Christmas go, as is traditional at St Michael's, to Parish Funds.

### **Thank you everyone!**



Canon Gerard is most grateful for your extraordinary generosity on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his priestly ordination. The beautiful triptych which the Parish gave him in 2019, painted by Ian Etheridge, was wonderfully complemented this year by Ian's carving of the figure of the Good Shepherd, on the right panel of the triptych. Ian had also created our Sacrament House in 2016.



