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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 23rd February 2025, Year C

The values of the Kingdom

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Our scriptures at Mass

1 Samuel Chapter 26 Could you ever be tempted to do something very wrong? David turns down an opportunity to kill Saul because he believes it would not be right before God.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Adam and Christ: how could we compare them? Paul draws parallels: to Adam we owe the life of earth and to Christ the life of heaven.

Luke 6:27-38 What do we have to do in this life? Jesus stresses the duty of loving one's enemy and the obligations of fraternal charity.

Ash Wednesday is on 5th March. Now is the ideal time to prepare for Lent. We can consider how to abstain, how to pray and how to donate to others: giving up, giving praise and giving away. ***Walk with me***, an ideal prayer companion for Lent, is now on sale in our Welcome Area.



Cafod is the best means through which to give to others. **CAFOD Lent Fast Day** is on 14th March. Tim Collins gives his usual talks at the end of Masses over the weekend 8th & 9th March.

The Six Holy Habits are an ideal support for our spiritual life.

Keeping Sunday special, a family day, by attending Mass

Could I prepare better for Mass, arriving in good time, reading the Gospel and the prayers?

Spending five minutes a day in prayer *What help do I need to pray and know the Bible better?*

To do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy

What does poverty mean in my area and how can I help?

Every fortnight make a Holy Half Hour before the Blessed Sacrament

How can I hear more clearly the voice of Jesus calling me?

Going to Confession once a month or so *How can I best prepare?*

Joining a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship

Many groups would welcome new members - or why not start a new one?

Our Liturgies

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 22nd February Chair of St Peter

6 pm Mass Tom McEntee RIP

23rd February

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass

for the intentions of the people of our Parish

Monday 24th February Feria

10 am Mass Audrey Meehan RIP

Tuesday 25th February Feria

Wednesday 26th February Feria

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 27th February Feria

12.15 pm Mass at St John's Cathedral
John Wren RIP

Friday 28th February Feria

10 am Mass Betty Fellows RIP & Mike

Saturday 1st March St David

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass Gary Griffiths RIP

2nd March

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass for the people of the Parish

Local Mass times are published at:

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

The Tea and Chat Group meet on Thursday 27th February at 2 pm. If you have not been before, be assured of a warm welcome with a cup of tea, cream cake and lots of friendly parishioners.

Who was St David, whose Feastday is on Saturday?

St David (+ c.600) was born in south Wales. We know little of his life; tradition says he founded a monastery at Mynyw (Menevia) and was consecrated bishop, according to legend in Jerusalem. He lived an austere life. Many Welsh monasteries claimed him as founder. His cult spread quickly and in 1120 Pope Callistus II declared that two pilgrimages to his shrine at St David's were equivalent to one to Rome.

Collect for Saint David

O God, who graciously bestowed on your Bishop Saint David of Wales the virtue of wisdom and the gift of eloquence and made him an example of prayer and pastoral zeal, grant that, through his intercession your Church may ever prosper and render you joyful praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Today's saint is written by Fr Nicholas Schofield in Saints of the Roman Calendar.

Station Masses On the Tuesdays in Lent we celebrate one Pastoral Area Mass at 7 pm, preceded by Reconciliation at 6 pm, celebrated by several priests & followed by fellowship & refreshment:



Tuesday 11th March St Colman's

Tuesday 18th March St Joseph's

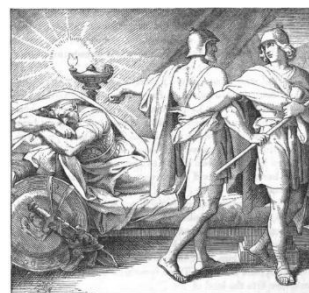
Tuesday 25th March St Edmund's

Tuesday 1st April St Michael's

Tuesday 8th April St Patrick's

On the Saturdays in Lent we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10 am here at St Michael's and in many of the other local churches.

Prayer partners needed Could 21 parishioners pray daily for our First Holy Communion candidates? You might also pray with your partner directly after Sunday Mass when the opportunity arises. If you could help please email Canon Gerard:
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An 1873 image of Abishai encouraging David to strike Saul. We hear about this in our First reading at Sunday Mass.

