

# *The Catholic Community of St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park*

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## Becoming and being Catholic

We will reflect on these themes:

Who is Jesus?

Who speaks with authority?

Who is Mary, Mother of God?

What is the Eucharist?

Why do we speak of **Holy** Week?

Announcing five meetings directly after Sunday Mass in Lent on 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> March & 6<sup>th</sup> April lasting no more than forty minutes. You should be home in good time for Sunday lunch!

We will reflect with music, art and a teaching from scripture or Church tradition.

Everyone is very welcome!



Pieter Bruegel, the Elder - The Parable of the Blind Leading the Blind, 1568

## **Our scriptures at Mass**

**Sirach 27:4-7** A person's talk shows the kind of person he or she is.

**1 Corinthians 15:54-58** The Resurrection of Christ takes the sting out of death for those who believe in him.

**Luke 6:39-45** A person's words flow from what fills his heart.

**Parish Mass Book:** page 144 **Prayer of the Church:** Week 4

## Our Liturgies

Local Mass times are published at:

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

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March St David

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass Gary Griffiths RIP

### 2<sup>nd</sup> March Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass for the people of the Parish

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Feria

10 am Mass Tony & Val Tonks

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March St Casimir

#### Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

10 am Mass for the intentions of the Parish followed by Adoration

2 pm Mass at St Thomas More School

### 6<sup>th</sup> March Thursday after Ash Wednesday

#### 7<sup>th</sup> March Friday after Ash Wednesday

10 am Mass for vocations

### 8<sup>th</sup> March Saturday after Ash Wednesday

6 pm Mass for the Parish

### 9<sup>th</sup> March First Sunday of Lent

10 am Mass Wendy Mayhew RIP

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

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** St Colman's

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** St Joseph's

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** St Edmund's

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** St Michael's

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Gift Aid** return has been completed for Q1 2024 - 25 and we have claimed £1473.16. Our thanks to Victoria Parvin for ensuring that our parish funds benefit in this way.

**Easter Raffle** Tickets will be on sale soon.

We would be most grateful if you could donate prizes, please!

## Some suggested Lenten practices



*More frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance during Lent.*

More frequent attendance at Mass.

*Less time spent in eating, or eating less food, or getting up earlier than usual.*

Sacrifice of some hours each week that would otherwise have been spent on the internet, watching television or gaming.

*Walking, instead of driving, and walking upstairs instead of using a lift.*

Doing without some delicacy at table, or not eating between meals.

*Getting up promptly in the morning, and retiring in good time at night.*

Answering letters or writing to people who would appreciate hearing from us.

*Gauging one's time in telephone conversation or conversation in general.*

### 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: [gerardflynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gerardflynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## Cafod

is a great way for almsgiving. **CAFOD Lent Fast Day** is on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Tim Collins will speak at the end of Masses over the weekend 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March. The **CAFOD Big Community Sponsored Walk** is on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 11 am-12.30 pm, directly after our First Holy Communion lesson. It will be between St Michael's and St Joseph's Churches. If you and your family wish to join in please contact Maureen Thomson on [mthompson@cafod.co.uk](mailto:mthompson@cafod.co.uk) or speak to Julia Corps.

