

South East Hampshire Pastoral Area
Parish of Jesus Prince of Peace
St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park

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Diego Velázquez Christ in the House of Martha and Mary

Sixteen Sunday in Ordinary Time, 20th July 2025

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Genesis 18:1-10 *Lord, do not pass your servant by.*

Colossians 1:24-28 *A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to God's saints.*

Luke 10:38-42 *Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.*



Fr James writes.....

As was shared at the Masses at St Michael's last weekend, Bishop Philip has requested, with Canon Gerard's sad passing, that I take on the leadership of St Michael's, Leigh Park; Sacred Heart, Waterlooville, and St Edmunds, Horndean. He has also asked me to continue as Catholic Chaplain at the hospital and oversee our local schools. Whilst quite a daunting task, I am delighted to share the good news that I will be ably supported by Fr Tom Hiney who will be joining us in September. Tom was ordained a Catholic Priest, last Summer. He comes with a wealth of life experience and most importantly great faith. I am sure he will settle in quickly and be warmly welcomed by all of you. Please do keep Tom and

me in your prayers as we settle into our new roles. Please also pray for Ellen and Deacon Nick who are doing a magnificent job enabling everything to run so smoothly.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation; in the half hour prior to Mass

Saturday 19th July

6 pm Mass for Reverend Father Ryan Browne,
ordained to Priesthood today
Father Mark Whiting celebrates Mass

20th July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Canon Gerard Flynn RIP
Father John Adikwu celebrates Mass

Monday 21st July Feria

Rosary group mee at 10am, Holy Family Chapel

Tuesday 22nd July

St Mary Magdalene, feast

Wednesday 23rd July

St Bridget Of Sweden, Foundress, Patron of Europe

Father Mark Whiting celebrates Mass

Thursday 24th July Feria

Friday 25th July Feria

Saturday 26th July

6 pm Mass for the Parish
Father John Adikwu celebrates Mass

27th July

Seventeen Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt Int
Father John Adikwu celebrates Mass

Rosary Group - will meet to pray the rosary each
Monday coming 21st July at 10am in the
Holy Family chapel at St Michael's. All welcome!

Becoming and being Catholic if you are
interested in finding out more about becoming a
Catholic or about our faith, please feel welcome
to meet with Deacon Nick O'Neill after 10 am
Mass at St Michael's on Sunday 20th July.
The meetings will be about 40 mins.

St Coleman's Church Summer Fair Saturday
19th July, 2pm -5pm. There are pony rides, dog
show, ice cream van, barbeque and lots more.
Everyone is welcome.

Val Croughan RIP - Please pray for the happy
repose of the soul of Val who died on Saturday
28th June 2025. Val dedicated many years of her
life to the Church as a Parish Safeguarding
Minister and as a trainer. We thank her for her
care, commitment and dedication to the Diocese
of Portsmouth.

Sacrament of Confirmation for Young People 2026

In the Autumn Term, we are beginning the
journey for those that would like to consider
receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, next
Summer. This is open to all young people that are
in year 8 and above from September 2025.

We are beginning with the exciting, new youth
Alpha series. Following this, there will be an
opportunity to enrol in early January for further
faith-based interactive sessions to prepare to
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We are delighted that Bishop Philip will be
Confirming our young people with the Holy Spirit
at the Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville, on
Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm.

If you would like to receive more information
about this opportunity, please e mail:

confirmation@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk

Please provide your name, age, parents
email address and mobile number.

Fr James Lewis

Dedicated to Canon Gerard Flynn

You are the guiding light of St Michaels, where the
angels sing with grace, your deep love and
devotion shines with every embrace.

You are the guiding light of St Michaels, which we
hold you so dear, your sweet humbling smile that
captures every tear.

You are the guiding light of St Michaels, an
inspiration for everyone to see, you have this aura
that surrounds everyone where you'll be.

You are the guiding light of St Michaels, that
shimmers day and night, your illuminating
presence is our guiding light.

You are the guiding light of St Michaels, your heart
and soul divine, it gives us such reassurance,
together we align.

You are the guiding light of St Michaels, which is
now going dim, though your time with us is
ending, your legacy's now a hymn.

You are the guiding light of St Michaels,
so God sent forth his son, he took you by the hand
to guide you up to heaven,
your work on earth now done.

Written by Carole Harrison, a parishioner at
St Michael and All Angels