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Dear friends,

I write to you today as a new chapter begins in our new overarching Parish, Jesus Prince of Peace. Like many of you, there have been great joys and sadnesses in recent months. The sudden death of Canon Gerard was a real shock, even though, as clergy, we had known in recent years he had been struggling with health issues. The turnout to his funeral was a recognition of how much Canon Gerard meant to so many of us. To me, he was a friend, a confidante and someone that one could depend on. Canon Gerard has been a stabilising presence to all of us in his time at St Michael's, Leigh Park. On the Saturday before he died, he led the Pastoral Area Finance Committee, as only Canon Gerard could, reminding us moving forward of the two key principles: 'Synodality' – listening to each other and the Holy Spirit as we move forward together; and 'Subsidiarity' – whilst working as one Parish, empowering everyone to use their gifts and talents in building up the Kingdom of God where they have been planted. May he rest in peace.

We have also seen the great joy of celebrating the 50th anniversary of Fr Jeremy's ordination to priesthood and his well-deserved retirement from active ministry. Fr Jeremy too, as Pastoral Area Co-ordinator, has shepherded us in recent years, not to fear working more closely together, and, in fact, seeing the benefits of this for all of us. Station Masses have become part of our yearly rhythm during Advent and Lent where we come together for an evening Mass each week for Adoration, reconciliation, Mass and fellowship. Our shared Evangelisation strategy has seen Alpha - our key tool for Evangelisation - bringing 100s of people closer to Christ. Volunteers are also growing in their faith and offering greater support to the many projects close to our hearts. In recent weeks, I was delighted to also see a wider Parish, Justice, Peace and Social Action group emerge, highlighting the areas in which we need to be educated but also offering support by our prayers and actions. Numbers in our church communities also continue to grow as many seek to find more out of life and a way of quenching their thirst which the world cannot satisfy.

It was certainly fitting that Fr Jeremy presided at Oaklands School at our Pentecost Mass where our new Parish name was announced, Jesus Prince of Peace. What a wonderful name at a time when peace seems to be absent in so many areas of our lives and the world. It was a true testament to the synodality of our area that over 1500 were actively involved in discerning and praying for the new name of our Parish, and Bishop Philip in endorsing our voice.

If you were not at this Mass, please do see the link here that recorded the wonderful occasion highlighting the rich diversity and talents of our new Parish.
<https://www.youtube.com/@stedmundhorndean4491/videos>

It was wonderful to have our brothers and sisters from the Syro-Malabar rite with us too.

Moving forwards, Bishop Philip has asked if I would take on Fr Jeremy's role of leading our overarching larger Parish. While a daunting undertaking, with the love, prayers and support of you all, I trust the Lord will help me with this new task. We also warmly welcome Fr Tom Hiney into our clergy team, who will be assisting me with the pastoral and liturgical needs of the parishioners at St Michael's Leigh Park, St Edmund's, Horndean, and Sacred Heart and St Peter's, Waterlooville.

As many of you may have heard in recent weeks, with a reduction in our clergy from six to five, we have been discerning and praying how best to move forward.

In doing this, we have been looking at the bigger picture seeing what is best for the whole. We are aware that Mass time changes are difficult for everyone and are sorry that these need to happen. Our priority is a desire for every church community in our Parish to have a Sunday Mass and to make it as simple as possible for every parishioner to attend a Sunday Mass. A Saturday vigil Mass at midday, we hope, will assist those that may struggle to go out at night or may find the full Sunday morning Masses a little overwhelming. The new timetable also enables four priests to be able to cover all the Sunday Masses in an emergency. This I hope you will agree is wise and a prudent step to ensure Sunday Mass is always available to each church community.

The Pastoral Area Committee and clergy have also listened and heard the importance of each church community having an identifiable priest(s) to shepherd their respective community. Fr Mark will therefore continue to oversee St Patrick's, Fr Andrew, St Colman's and St Paul's, Fr Joe, St Joseph's and SS Thomas, and Fr Tom and me, St Michael's, St Edmund's and Sacred Heart and St Peter.

Please see below our new Mass schedule for weekends and weekdays which will begin from Saturday 6th September. These will be reviewed in January 2026. Feedback will be sought from everyone during these coming months.

I hope this new academic year brings many joys and blessings to all of us. I particularly pray for all our school children, university students and teachers that this new year may be a good one!

God bless, Fr James

Jesus Prince of Peace Parish

New Weekend and Weekday Mass Schedule from Saturday 6th September 2025

(To be reviewed January 2026)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
<u>Saturday Vigil</u>	12:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:15pm	St Michael's St Thomas More's St Colman's Sacred Heart
<u>Sunday</u>	9:00am 9:00am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 11:00am 11:30am 1:00pm 4:00pm 5:30pm	St Thomas More's St Edmund's St Colman's St Michael's Sacred Heart *St Patrick's (From 5 th October) St Joseph's St Paul's St Joseph's (Polish) Queen Alexandra Hospital Sacred Heart
<u>Monday</u>	7:00am 1230pm	Sacred Heart Queen Alexandra Hospital
<u>Tuesday</u>	9am 6:30pm	St Colman's St Edmund's
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:30am 10:15am 10:30am 12:00pm	St Joseph's St Michael's St Patrick's Sacred Heart
<u>Thursday</u>	10:00am 10:00am 10:30am	St Thomas More St Edmund's St Patrick's
<u>Friday</u>	9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 6:30pm 730pm	St Joseph's St Patrick's Sacred Heart St Colman's St Joseph's (Polish)