

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st September 2025

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Amos 8:4-7 *Against those who 'buy the poor for silver.'*

1 Timothy 2:1-8 *'Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.'*

Luke 16:1-13 *'You cannot serve God and money.'*

Alpha returns to St Michael's ... We begin another programme for the autumn term. Alpha starts Monday 29th September at St Thomas More School 1pm and Tuesday 30th September at St Michael and All Angels Church at 7pm. **Alpha** is a place where you can ask questions and find out about Jesus's love for you. It's also a way to reignite one's faith. Ten meetings include video presentations and discussions ... as well as good company.

... and First Holy Communion 2026 We then get ready for First Holy Communion next year. The **Alpha** programme lays the foundations for parents and guardians of children in Year 3 and above, looking to make First Holy Communion next year. As **Alpha** ends, we will invite families to register the children. Preparation for children and parents begins in February 2026.

Sunday Mass is the most important element. Mass times are on our websites and in our newsletters. At the Sunday Mass the faithful gather for our weekly celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. We hear the scripture readings and the homily which teach about our faith. **Please sign me up for the Alpha programme**

Email office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk providing your name and email address.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation; in the half hour prior to Mass

Saturday 20th September

**St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong
Hasang & Companions**

12 noon Mass for Colin Staggs RIP

21st September

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass for Brian and Carole Maddock INT

Monday 22nd September, Feria

Tuesday 23rd September

St Pio of Pietrelcina, Rel, memorial

Wednesday 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham, feast

10.15 am Mass for The Pastoral Area
followed by Adoration

Thursday 25th September, Feria

Friday 26th September, Feria

Saturday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul, Founder, memorial

12 noon Mass for St Vincent de Paul

28th September

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass for Geraldine Hines INT

Tea and Chat Group meet on Thursday
25th September at 2pm. All very welcome.

St Michael and All Angels Patronal Feast Next
Sunday 28th September we celebrate by coming
together for a meal in the hall. Please bring a dish
to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome
Area. We will serve from 11am.

Preschool at St Joseph's Hall, Havant

Wednesdays from 9.45am -11.15am in the hall. £2
for a family of 2 children, additional children £1
each. Refreshments are provided. No booking
needed, just turn up. For more information, please
contact Julia, juliaat28@hotmail.co.uk

Mass for the Sick St Edmund, Horndean, would
like to extend a warm welcome to everyone in
Jesus Prince of Peace Parish for a special Mass
with the Sacrament of the Sick on Saturday 11th
October @ 12noon. Lunch in the hall afterwards
and for catering reasons please email Sue on
office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk if you wish to
attend. They will be collecting donations which go
towards the cost of the lunch, and any money left
over at the end of the year goes to charities like
CAFOD, Stella Maris and Aid to the Church in
Need. Previously, your donations have also helped
families in Ukraine. This Christmas, the parish will
be sending all profits to the Rowans Hospice.

Annual Mass Count Begins this Sunday and takes
place over the next 4 Sundays.

Jesus Prince of Peace Parish
Music Ministry Team

Marijke Miles writes... We are delighted to share with you that we have a new, central contact for our new Parish music network. From now on, all communications will come from this address and this is a new opportunity for anyone (not just leaders and co-ordinators) who is interested in being involved in future events, rehearsals planning meetings, sharing of knowledge and resources and so on to register their interest and be added to distribution lists and our database of musical activity across the Parish. Please send an email with the subject line Expression of Interest to music@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk and you will receive a link to a simple Microsoft Form which, once completed, will ensure that you are included in future information sharing. This is not a one-off opportunity. You can always invite and encourage new arrivals and newly interested Parishioners to use this email address to get involved. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sacrament of Confirmation
for Young People 2026

'At the heart of our faith is one truth: God loves you' (Pope Francis)

Dear young people, parents and carers.
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, Waterloo, on Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm.

If you would like to receive more information about this opportunity, please email:
confirmation@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk
and provide your name, age, and a parent's email address and mobile.

Fr James Lewis

Oaklands Catholic School - Open Evening

Come and explore the inspiring learning environment that awaits within the Oaklands community. Oaklands Catholic School invites you to join us for our school Open Evening on Monday 29th September 2025 from 5-8pm, No booking is required for this event.

We will also be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 16th October, where you can explore our state-of-the-art facilities, meet our friendly staff, and learn about our wide range of post-16 courses and exceptional co-curricular offerings.

Don't miss this opportunity to see what we offer - we can't wait to see you there.

St Edmund's Catholic School Open Morning

Saturday 4th October 2025: 9am to 1pm

Come and get an insight into our Outstanding Catholic School in Portsmouth. The morning will be in 2 sessions and book is required.

Session 1 - 9:00am - 11:00am

Session 2 - 11:00am - 13:00pm

For more details please visit:

<https://www.saintedmunds.org.uk/openmorning>

Second Collection this weekend for Home Missions

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formally known as Home Mission Sunday) is observed annually on the third Sunday of September. It is a day dedicated to proclaiming the joyful message of the Gospel - a message that brings hope and transformation to all who receive it with an open heart. This year, the Church commemorates a significant milestone: the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This historic gathering of bishops laid the foundation for the creed we profess each Sunday, a creed that expresses the core of our faith and mission—to know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with Him forever in the next. The creed begins with the powerful declaration, "I believe," which serves as the theme for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2025.

This special Sunday highlights the Church's evangelisation efforts at both parish and diocesan levels. There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend. Copy and paste the link into your browser.

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