

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

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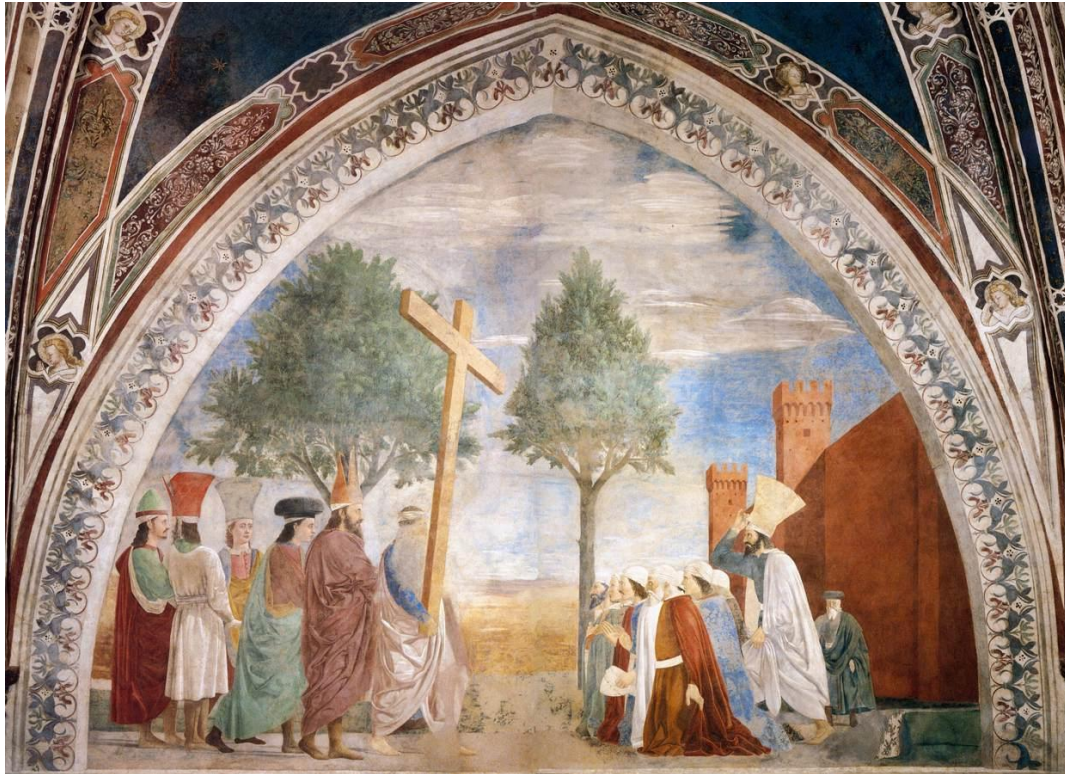
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Exaltation of the Cross, Piero della Francesca (c. 1466)

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 14th September 2025

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Numbers 21:4-9 *If anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.*

Philemon 2:6-11 *He humbled himself, therefore God raised him high.*

John 3:13-17 *The Son of Man must be lifted up.*

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 13th September

St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial

12 noon Mass for St John Chrysostom
Father James Lewis celebrates Mass

14th September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9.30 am Mass in thanksgiving for Father James and Father Tom

Father James Lewis and Father Tom Hiney celebrate Mass

Monday 15th September, Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday 16th September

Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop

Wednesday 17th September, Feria

10.15 am Mass for The Parish
followed by Adoration

Father James Lewis and Father Tom celebrate Mass

Thursday 18th September, Feria

Friday 19th September, Feria

Saturday 20th September

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

12 noon Mass for Colin Staggs RIP
Father Tom Hiney celebrates Mass

21st September

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass for Brian and Carole Maddock INT
Father James Lewis celebrate Mass

Karaoke at St Michael's you are invited to a karaoke evening on Saturday 20th September from 7pm onwards. Everyone is welcome. Colin and Marie would be grateful for raffle prizes. Funds raised will go towards a memorial gift in memory of Canon Gerard Flynn.

St Michael and All Angels Patronal Feast Day

Sunday 28th September. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for further information.

Jesus, Prince of Peace

Parish Music Ministry Team

We are delighted to share with you that we have a new, central contact for our new Parish music network. An opportunity for anyone (not just leaders and co-ordinators) who is interested in

being involved in future events. Please send an email with the subject line Expression of Interest to music@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk

Assisted Suicide Bill Friends first I wish to thank you and give Praise and Glory to the Holy Spirit for making it possible for me to speak to you about this Bill and for all your support and love shown to me personally. This Bill which is to be voted in House of Lords on 12th September has now been given a further date of 19th September as to date there are 201 Lords wishing to speak about this Bill. Please let's put our faith into action and write opposing this Bill. We need to have better care and compassion for the sick and dying. May God bless you all.

Maureen Graham, Justice and Peace

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, 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

and provide your name, age, and a parent's email address and mobile.

Fr James Lewis

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>