

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park

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First Sunday of Advent, 3rd December 2023

Year B, the Year of Mark Prayer of the Church: Week 1

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8 The prophet Isaiah recalls God's past goodness to his people and pleads with him to save them from their present sinfulness.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 As we await the coming of Christ in glory the Holy Spirit keeps us steadfast in bearing witness to him.

Mark 13:33-37 We need to stay awake at our appointed tasks because we do not know the hour when Jesus, our Master, will return.

This is the Marian Anthem from the First Sunday of Advent to the Feast of the Purification on 2nd February.

Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.

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L-ma * Redemptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pérvl- a cæ-li
porta manes, Et stella ma-ris, succúrre cadénti súrge-
re qui cu-rat pópu-lo: Tu quæ genu- ísti, na-túra mi-
ránte, tu- um sanctum Ge-ni-tó-rem: Virgo pri- us ac po-
sté-ri- us, Gabri- é-lis ab o-re sumens illud Ave, pecca-
tó-rum mi-se-ré- re.

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Canon Gerard edits this Newsletter

and welcomes items for inclusion by the Sunday prior to publication, please.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

2nd December, Our Lady on Saturday

5 pm Reconciliation
6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

3rd December, 1st Sunday of Advent

10 am Mass Chris Smith (M M-G)

Monday 4th December 1st Week of Advent

10 am Prayer Group

Tuesday 5th December

1st Week of Advent

at St Colman's Church, Cosham

6 pm Adoration and Reconciliation,
7 pm Pastoral Area Station Mass

Wednesday 6th December St Nicholas

10 am Mass for the deceased of the Parish
10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 7th December St Ambrose

10 am Mass for the housebound

Friday 8th December

Immaculate Conception of Mary

St John's Cathedral 6 pm

Mass: Diaconal ordination of Diego Hoyos

Saturday 9th December

1st Week of Advent

5 pm Reconciliation
6 pm Mass for the Parish

Second Sunday Of Advent 10th December

10 am Mass Charles Joyce RIP
followed by interment of ashes

Welcome John Prestoza, recently baptised.

Station Masses

On Advent Tuesdays at 6 pm there will be Adoration & several priests will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mass is at 7 pm, and refreshments follow.

5th December Cosham, St Colman

12th December Hayling Island, St Patrick

19th December Leigh Park, St Michael

Our Christmas Raffle

Please be sure to buy tickets and give yourself a chance to win cash or Christmas gifts!

First Holy Communion 2024

We enrol children at Mass this weekend at 6 pm on Saturday 2nd December or at 10 am on Sunday 3rd December. On Sunday 14th January, after 10 am Mass, we have a meeting about the programme.

Carols on the Green Bim writes: *Once again we sing Carols in aid of the Hospice. This is our 33rd year! 6.30 pm on Tuesday 19th December at the Robin Hood Pub, Rowlands Castle*

St Michael & All Angels

Christmas Masses

Saturday 23rd December 6 pm

Sunday 24th December 10 am

Vigil Masses at 4 pm and 6 pm

Monday 25th December 10 am

Buying a CAFOD World Gift captures the spirit of Christmas giving. There are educational gifts, others for assisting with food production, providing help for refugees, helping with environmental and health projects, or for emergencies as have occurred recently. New gifts include a winter survival kit, particularly helpful in places with harsh climates. Please take a World Gifts catalogue or choose online at [CAFOD World Gifts](https://www.cafod.org.uk/world-gifts).

An Advent Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your Son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

Homes for Ukraine hosts are needed, as Seamus Higson said at Mass. Seamus & Josie can tell you more. Their contact details: seamushigson@yahoo.co.uk 07801285468 josephinehigson@yahoo.co.uk 07712457199

More at Havant Borough Council:

<https://www.havant.gov.uk/support-ukraine/support-ukraine-overview>

