

South East Hampshire Pastoral Area
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St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary times 19th October 2025

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Exodus 17:8-13 *Wherever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed.*

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 *That the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

Luke 18:1-8 *God will give to his elect, who cry to him.*

Fr. Tom writes...



On 10th May, in his first few days as Pope, Leo XIV visited the town of Veneziano, near Rome, and prayed at the shrine of 'Our Lady of Good Counsel', which holds an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary that, according to tradition, appeared in the town under miraculous circumstances. Many famous images of Our Lady, such as Our Lady of Czestochowa in Poland, and Salus Populi Romani, before which Pope Francis used to pray, have miracles associated with them, including those images said to be "not made with human hands".

Of all the areas of Catholicism that Protestants converting to the faith struggle most with, Mary is the biggest. St John Henry Newman, who would come to venerate her as much as anyone, initially just had to accept that if Marian devotion was good enough for the Church he had fallen in love with, he would one day understand. He believed in order to understand. Loving Mary is a theology of the heart and in some ways has to be caught rather than taught. When the penny drops, one cannot imagine life without her.

At the heart of the challenge is what Bishop Philip calls the "vertical" nature of Marian devotion. It is entirely supernatural. While a rational age can try to explain away Jesus as a good man, the place of Mary in the Church makes zero sense unless we accept the

Divinity of Christ. It is worth recalling that every time we say the Hail Mary, we are addressing a historic woman who gave birth to God in human form and who is now in heaven urging us on. She was and is utterly unique, while also experiencing the eternal life of grace that we are all called to. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

Prayers for the Holy Souls

Names of your deceased family members, friends, and fellow parishioners will rest by the altar during November, the month when we traditionally pray for the dead. You are invited to write these names on the forms available in the Welcome Area.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation; in the half hour prior to Mass

Saturday 18th October

St Luke, Evangelist, Feast

12 Noon Mass Margaret Cumpsty INT

19th October

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9.30 am Mass for Keith Myers RIP and his family.

Monday 20th October, Feria

Rosary group meet on Monday's at 10am.

Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 21st October, Feria

Wednesday 22nd October, Feria

10.15 am Mass Canon Gerard Flynn RIP

10.45 am Adoration

Thursday 23rd October, Feria

Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life

Friday 24th October, Feria

Saturday 25th October

Our Lady on Saturday

12 Noon Mass Isla Messenger INT

26th October

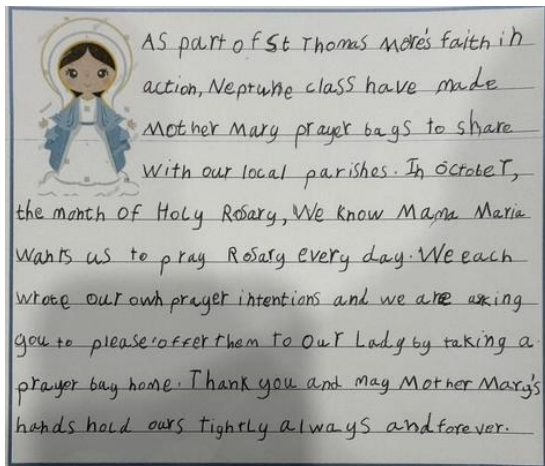
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass for Teresa Boyle's INT

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Matthew Burns, son of Patrick and Angela Burns and brother to Siobhan Lelliott and Sarah Baumann.

Mass for the Sick – Maureen Graham writes...

Thank you to all who supported and helped make this a wonderful occasion. Without you all it would not have been possible. I have sent off a donation to Stella Maris of £50 together with a further donation of £100 to The Rowans Hospice. Your generosity is much appreciated. May God bless you all.



Marian Prayer bags Neptune class at St Thomas More School visited our church on Thursday dropping off Marian Prayer bags. Please feel welcome to take one.

Thank you to Mrs Cryer for arranging the visit.

World Mission Sunday - Sunday 19th October

Second Collection This weekend – Foreign Missions

The whole of the Church unites in prayer to support Catholic communities across the world. There will be a second collection after all Masses. For anyone wishing to donate online: www.missio.org.uk/donate/

Catholic Grandparents Association Set up by an Irishwoman in 2002, it has spread throughout the world, been endorsed by popes, and is now open to all elderly relatives wishing to pass on our beautiful Catholic faith to grandchildren. Resources, ideas, pilgrimages and more information generally can be found on catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. There is a local group of the association that meets on the **second Thursday of each month at St Michael and All Angels in Leigh Park.**

In July of this year, Pope Leo XIV declared "Let us look to our grandparents and elderly as witnesses of hope." Whether it's teaching primary school children how to pray the rosary or knowing how to speak about Jesus and Mary to children glued to an iPad or simply swapping stories and encouraging each other in this wonderful mission, come along. Next meeting: **11am Thursday 13th November.**

Jesus, Prince of Peace Christmas Fair:

As congregations will be aware we are working together to organise a social event to bring our whole parish together this Christmas.

This will take the form of a Christmas Fair to be held at St Joseph's on Saturday 6th December. We need your help to make this a success, so please give as generously as you can to our weekly appeals as we prepare for the event. This week 18/19th October we are looking for contributions to:

Our famous Bottle stall (always a favourite – but remember, we are looking for drinks, not ketchup!) The Bookstall - Good quality paperback fiction for adults and children. Each week will also be collecting anything you can think of for the tombola and children's lucky dip, the more prizes we can collect, the more chance there is for everybody to win something. All parents, please be advised that we are hoping to have a visit from St Nicholas, so if you would like to enable your child to visit him for a small gift, please send us a note in the envelopes provided after Mass, so that we know how many to expect, and what funds might be available to help him fill his sack with gifts.

St Luke's Day Mass

For Portsmouth Area Health Care Professionals on Thursday 23 October @ 6.30pm at the Queen

Alexandra Hospital Chapel, Portsmouth. All welcome. Followed by refreshments