

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

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Remembrance Sunday 8/9 November 2025

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Scripture Readings at Mass

Ezek 47:1-2. 8-9. 12 *'I saw water flowing from the Temple, and all to whom this water came was saved.'*

1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17 *'You are God's Temple.'*

Jn 2:13-22 *'He was speaking about the Temple of his body.'*

Fr. Tom writes...

I once heard the story of an American woman who accompanied her elderly father on a trip to a Pacific island where he had seen action in the campaign against the Japanese in World War II. In military terms, it had been a disaster. Soon after they had been dropped by submarine onto this particular island, it became obvious that the Japanese had not only spotted them but were ready for them.

For years, her father had never told his daughter what happened, but back on the beach he broke down and told her why he had wanted to come all this way to pay his respects. Realising they were about to be overrun, his company commander and sergeant had ordered everyone back into the water, where the Navy was still submerged, while the two of them proceeded to attack the Japanese post alone. Both were killed but gave the others time to escape.

Acts of knowing self-sacrifice like that are unspeakably moving even for those of us who were not involved. Jesus once said that there was no greater love than that of a man who would lay down his life for his friends. In time, of course, he would do exactly that, and he would do so not just for those around him on Good Friday, but for you and me. As little as we can comprehend the scale or significance of it, he saved us that day too.

As the nation commemorates Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day, we think especially of those (many of them volunteers and conscripts) of the Commonwealth who have died for our sake. May the Lord give us some of their spirit of courage and generosity in our Christian lives.

Remembrance Sunday

Poppies are available. All donations to the Royal British Legion.

Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community. The poppy is a well-known and well-established symbol, one that carries a wealth of history and meaning with it. Wearing a poppy is still a very personal choice, reflecting individual experiences and personal memories. It is never compulsory but is greatly appreciated by those who it is intended to support. www.britishlegion.org.uk

Women's Retreat Day Saturday 29th November, 9.30-4.00; Sacred Heart, led by Fr Tom Hiney. Lunch provided. Babes in arms welcome. £10 suggested donation. To book email catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation; in the half hour prior to Mass

Saturday 8th November

Our Lady on Saturday

12 Noon Mass for Our Lady on Saturday

Sunday 9th November

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9.30am Mass Madeleine Jackson

Monday 10th November

St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church, m

Rosary group meet on Monday's at 10am.

Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 11th November

St Martin of Tours, Religious, Bishop, mem

Wednesday 12th November,

St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, memorial

10.15 am Mass Anthony RIP

10.45 am Adoration

Thursday 13th November, Feria

Friday 14th November, Feria

Saturday 15th November

Our Lady on Saturday

12 Noon Mass for Our Lady on Saturday

Sunday 16th November

St Edmund of Abingdon

9.30am Mass Teresa Boyle INT

A tribute to Canon Gerard Flynn from our wonderful flower team.



Children's Choir Join us at St Michael's for a Children's Choir every Wednesday from 6 pm to 7 pm, starting 12th November and continuing until Christmas. All children are welcome to sing and make music.

Christmas Chocolate Appeal 2025 Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we're planning to collect hundreds of chocolate Christmas presents. Can you help us by donating chocolate gifts? Please bring donations to Church.

Catholic Grandparents Association meet on the second Thursday of each month at St Michael and All Angels in Leigh Park. Next meeting: **11am Thursday 13th November.**

Requiem Mass for George Riley RIP is on Thursday 27th November at 1:30 at St Michael and All Angels Church. You would be welcome to join the family at the reception at Rowlands Castle Golf Club afterwards.

Carols and festive songs As is now our tradition, our choir will be visiting Malmesbury Lawn Care Home on Saturday 20th December to sing carols and festive songs. Everyone is warmly invited to join us. Please meet at 1.30pm at Malmesbury Lawn, Woolston Road, Havant, ready for a 2.00pm start.

Come along to share the music, joy, and community spirit of the Christmas season.

Red Box (Missio) Thank you to all those who have already sent in their red boxes for counting. If you have a box please return it to Liam Hutchings, Promotor.

Formation in Faith, Bible group A bible group meet on Monday evenings at 7.45pm – 9.15pm on Zoom. If you wish to join, please email Kathy Collins, kathyimcollins1@gmail.com who will send you a link.

Catholic Mothers Portsmouth Join a community of Catholic mums growing in faith together. Join us for prayer, discussion, friendship and a space to encourage and support each other. Children are welcome too! This term, we are looking at Pope St John Paul II's "Letter to Women".

St John the Evangelist Cathedral, Portsmouth parish hall (parking is available at the Cathedral)

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 9:30am -11:30am.
Monday 17th November, Monday 1st & 15th December
You are most welcome to contact us for more information: please contact Maria or Katherine at catholicmothersportsmouth@gmail.com

Christmas Lunch at St Joseph's, Havant

Wednesday 3rd December from 12noon. Tickets £13 – Please book by 24th November. Contact Julia juliaat28@hotmail.co.uk

Jesus, Prince of Peace Christmas Fair will be held at St Joseph's on Saturday 6th December. This weekend we are requesting Produce and Preserves Jars of Jam and Chutney.

Sacred Heart Christmas Fair Coordinated by Nina McCormack on Sunday 7th December, straight after Mass.

St Michael's Christmas party December 20th 5pm – 11pm. Please bring food to share. See out noticeboard for more information

Update and where we are following on from our meeting on Sunday 14 September

Children/Youth choir	Will begin on Wednesday 12 November at 6pm-7pm at St Michael's.
Catholic Mother's Group	Meet St John the Evangelist Cathedral, Portsmouth parish hall on 1 st and 3 rd Mondays of the month, 9:30am -11:30am. Monday 17 th November, Monday 1 st & 15 th December If you wish to establish a local group please let the parish office know.
Community outreach	Fr Tom is establishing a group.
Craft Group	If you are interested in leading, please contact the parish office.
Encourage more young adults	Think and Drink (1st Sunday of every month. Young adults (18+) are invited to join us for fellowship and fun. Gathering in the Narthex at Sacred Heart Church after 5.30 pm Mass on the first Sunday of every month and walking across to the Woodpecker Pub on London Road.
Family circles for young families	We are looking to develop a monthly children's Mass. Further information to follow in the newsletter.
Flower arrangers	We need more flower arrangers. Please let the parish office know if you are interested in helping.
Food Bank	Fr Tom is developing a group. If you are interested in being involved in outreach, please see Fr Tom.
Formation in Faith, Bible group	A bible group meet on Monday evenings at 7.45pm – 9.15pm on Zoom. If you wish to join, please email Kathy Collins, kathyimcollins1@gmail.com who will send you a link. Lenten talks have been arranged each Saturday during Lent.
Health programme	Slimming World is held every Thursday at St Michael's.
Justice and Peace Group	Newly formed Justice & Peace Group for Jesus Prince of Peace Parish - St Michael's require a representative. If you are interested, please contact Philip Hayllar philiphayllar@hotmail.com
Prayer Group	Rosary group meet each Monday in Church at 10 am. Post Alpha, after Christmas, other groups will be organised.
Social events	It has been agreed there will be 4 x events for the year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Party 20 December • Quiz night • Karaoke night • Summer Barbecue. If you would like to be on the social committee, please let us know.
Taking communion to the housebound	Fr James and Fr Tom are currently organizing a schedule to visit those who are sick or housebound. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit, please contact the parish office.
Youth Group	A Pastoral Area Youth Group for 8–12-year-olds is being formed! A rep from each church would be required. Please let the parish office know if you are interested. More details on meeting times will be shared soon.