

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park *Twentieth Sunday of the Year, 20th August 2023*

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The Canaanite Woman

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

The First Reading speaks of how God's house is open to all those who worship with sincerity.

Romans 11:13-15.29-32

God never takes backs gifts. Those who return to God are sure of obtaining mercy.



Christ and the Canaanite woman Constantin Hansen, Danish, 1804-1880

Matthew 15:21-28

We hear the account of a pagan woman who has extraordinary faith in Jesus, and we hear how that faith was rewarded.

Parish Mass Book page 117 **Prayer of the Church** Week 4

Tea and Chat group meet on Thursday 31st August at 2 pm. All are very welcome.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 19th August Our Lady on Saturday

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass John McEntee RIP (AJ)

20th August 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Fr James McAuliffe RIP (MJ)

Monday 21st August, St Pius X

No Mass today

Tuesday 22nd August

The Queenship of Mary

10 am Mass for Mandy Yerbury (CH)

Wednesday 23rd August, St Rose of Lima

10 am Mass Tom Leonard RIP

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 24th August, St Bartholomew

No Mass today

Friday 25th August, Feria

10 am Mass for Betty Deal (CH)

Saturday 26th August, Bl Dominic Barberi

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass Clive Judge RIP (AJ)

27th August 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass intentions of the Parish

Fr David Bateman celebrates Mass.

Canon Gerard is at St Edmund's, Horndean

Knights of St Columba Council Havant 990

was inaugurated last Sunday at Mass. We welcomed many kind Knights who had travelled to join our celebration. We are also grateful to our own new Knights. Ask Deacon Nick, KSC Chaplain, (07905 275638) about membership.



Please pray for fellow parishioners who are unwell at this time and for those undergoing tests or treatment for various ailments.

Journey in Faith Group

Anyone who has become a Catholic in the last few years, or who wants to find out more about becoming a Catholic in the future, is most welcome to a meeting here at St Michael's this Saturday 26th August at 4 pm. Everyone is most welcome!

First Holy Communion



Aurelia's beautiful celebration last Sunday was our final First Holy Communion for this season. On Sunday 10th September at 10 am Mass we invite all the children from this year's celebrations to come dressed in their wonderful Communion clothes. We will give out the certificates and invite you to a barbecue afterwards. Please let us know numbers for the barbecue at office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk

Time to pray!

Come and pray for a day! On 21st October everyone in our Pastoral Area is invited to pray and reflect at St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park. We will respond to Jesus's question

Who do you say that I am?

We will share music, prayer, witness, reflection, images of Jesus and Adoration.

Our previous days on the Synod, and on the Diocesan Plan, *You will be my witnesses*, were great gatherings! This is a third opportunity to be together as we look ahead to sharing our love of the Lord in our new Parish.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please watch out for news of how to sign up; and please pray for a prayerful and happy day!

Canon Gerard edits this Newsletter and welcomes items for inclusion by the Sunday prior to publication, please. Thank you.

