

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park *The Transfiguration of the Lord 6th August 2023*

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Scripture readings for this Sunday

Daniel 7.9-10,13-14

We will be led into his presence and offered a share in his glory.

2 Peter 1:16-19

The gift's promise is, for us, as it was for Peter,
a lamp for lighting the way through the dark until the dawn comes.



The Transfiguration of Christ, Giovanni Bellini, 1455

Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration occurs as Jesus is about to make his final journey to Jerusalem and to the Cross. His imminent suffering is seen through a vision of the glory that is to come.

First Holy Communion 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

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 5th August St Mary Major, Rome

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass for the intentions of the Parish

6th August, Transfiguration of the Lord

10 am Mass, Jane Knowles-Dyer RIP (P G-C)

Monday 7th August, Feria

No Mass today

Tuesday 8th August, St Dominic

10 am Mass Rob Antram RIP & his family

Wednesday 9th August, St Theresa Benedicta

10 am Mass Fr Paddy Kilgariff RIP

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 10th August, St Laurence

11.30 am Mass is at St Edmund's, Horndean

Friday 11th August, St Clare

10 am Mass Mrs Connie Loughnane

Saturday 12th August, St Jane Frances

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass intentions of the Parish

13th August 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Alec & Polly Alexander RIP

Inauguration of Council Havant 099 of the Knights of St Columba

Journey in Faith Group

Wonderfully, seven people met last Sunday to reflect on being a Catholic. Some were quite 'young' in the Church and others are discerning if they are called to become Catholic. We meet again on Saturday 26th August at 4 pm.

Everyone is most welcome!



In September, we present the faith-building **Alpha** programme about being Catholic. It's a way to know the faith better. Ten meetings include video presentations and discussions, as well as good company! We have a 1pm Monday programme, finishing in time for people to collect school children, and a Tuesday 7pm programme. We begin on 18th and 19th September. If you wish to be involved, please let the Parish Office know at office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk (A programme also begins at Sacred Heart Parish Waterlooville on Mondays from 2nd October, 7pm. Contact: Steve Leigh alpha@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk or on 07476 875007.)

The Catholic Bible Somebody has asked about the best edition. The English Standard Version, Catholic Edition, will be used for all the readings at Mass from Advent 2024 and could be an ideal purchase. Some people also recommend the Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition.

Altar serving If you recently made your First Holy Communion could you volunteer to serve Jesus and His people at Mass? Just see Fr Gerard or come to the sacristy a quarter of an hour before Mass.

Charity – Unity – Fraternity

Serve God by serving others! Maybe God is calling you to be part of a Catholic men's group. This council (Havant 990) of the Knights of St Columba will be formally instituted next Sunday 13th August at 10am Mass. We will be ready and willing to serve the parish and wider community and we are looking for men to join. Speak to Deacon Nick (07905 275638) for details.

We must sow the seed, not hoard it.

Saint Dominic, whose memorial is on Tuesday.

St John's Cathedral West Window ...



... needs urgent repairs. It has been removed for restoration. It contains approximately 9,700 panes of glass! If you could help with this historically and artistically important work, please text WINDOW to 70560 to donate £10. You will pay to restore one pane. Texts cost the donation amount & one standard network message charge. Donors will receive updates on the campaign. To donate without being updated, please text WINDOWNOINFO, instead. Thank you for your kindness!

