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Sunday 15th September 2024, Twenty-Fourth in Ordinary Time Parish Mass Book page 132, Prayer of the Church Week 4

Peter's Profession of Faith

Isaiah 50:5-9 The just person is sustained by the firm belief that God is with him.

James 2:14-18 Faith without good works is dead.



Jesus and Peter depicted in *the Tribute Money*, by Masaccio, 1425

Mark 8:27-35 Even though Peter declares his belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he has no idea what this means.

Declutter & Craft Sale

St Michael & All Angels Church, Leigh Park,

Saturday 26th October 11 am – 3 pm

An opportunity to sell clutter, craft or both! Book a table – only £10 - for Church funds. For further details and to book a table email:- jackychong@btinternet.com or phone 01243 371074

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 14th September

Our Lady on Saturday

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass for the Parish

15th September

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Helen Townsend RIP

We have a collection for our Home Missions.

Monday 16th September

Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

10 am Mass Rev Philip Dyson RIP

Tuesday 17th September

St Hildegard of Bingen

10 am Mass Michael (RA)

10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration

Wednesday 18th September Feria

Thursday 19th September

St Theodore of Canterbury

10 am Mass for Christian Unity

10.30 am until 11.30 am Adoration

Friday 20th September

St Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions

Saturday 21st September

St Matthew

11 am Nuptial Mass Matthew & Vanessa

6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

22nd September

Twenty-fifth Sunday Of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Maggi and David Mills (MMC)

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration that calls us together each year to pray and respond jointly to the cry of Creation. The Celebration, on now, concludes on 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Visit the [web page](#) for links to resources, prayers and ideas to celebrate the season and be inspired for change.

Universal Meal We celebrate our Patronal Feast on Sunday 29th September after Mass. We rejoice in our Parish diversity with a shared lunch, people bringing dishes from their nation of origin. Sign up on the list after Mass.

Becoming a Catholic Are you interested in joining the Church? Do you have a child in Year 3, or above, who could make their **First Holy Communion** next year? We invite you to join a ten-week **Alpha** programme.

- Mondays from 23rd September, 1 – 3 pm, freeing you for school's end &
- Tuesday evenings from 24th September from 7 – 9 pm, beginning with a simple soup, bread, cheese & fruit supper. In Advent we enrol First Holy Communion children & prepare those wishing to join the Church.

Martyn Langford writes: *I was baptised in the Church of England, but went to a Catholic School for just under a year when I was about ten 10. There I first became aware of the importance of Mary in the Catholic faith. In 1990, I had a serious illness and was aware that people were praying for me. After my recovery, I came to realise that Mary really did have concern for me during the illness. A year or two later I considered becoming a Catholic but did not have the courage. I finally took the plunge in 2023. One area of concern was that I found it difficult to believe that the body and blood of Jesus are present in The Eucharist. I enrolled on the Alpha course in the Autumn of 2023. The course itself was presented extremely well, where everyone felt at ease to ask questions without fear of being embarrassed. Much to my surprise, there were many reasons why I feel that I benefited from the course:*

1. Most important, it was on the on the course that I finally got fully on board with the belief that the body and blood of Jesus are present in the Eucharist.
2. The session on prayer was especially helpful, with different ways of praying recommended. Saying the Rosary is something that I had never tried before; it is now part of my prayer life.
3. Other aspects of the Catholic faith were mentioned, including the Communion of Saints. I had not considered this and now have a few favourites.
4. Getting to know other people on the course was also a positive experience. As part of my journey in the Catholic faith looking to the future matters. In my case there is an immense amount to work on: reducing my propensity to sin must be my main focus now.

