

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B - 25 February 2024

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St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) now have a confidential mobile phone line to assist & help. 07434 773219.

Please note we now have CCTV Cameras around the premises for security purposes.

MASS TIMES

Mass in the Convent on Monday mornings at 9:30am
Daily Eucharistic Service at Maryfield Convent at 10:00am (Tues, Thurs & Fri)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 24 Feb	6:00 pm	Mass	Good estate of Charles, Sarah and Sven
Sunday 25 Feb	10.00 am	Mass	Alejandro Aliniab RIP Roy Fletcher RIP
Monday 26 Feb	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
Wednesday 28 Feb	10.00 am		In the Convent

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 2 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	Maria Martha Rattos RIP
Sunday 3 Mar	10.00 am	Mass	Graham Kennedy RIP
Monday 4 Mar	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
Wednesday 6 Mar	10.00 am		In the Convent

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Jan in the Parish Office on 01256 577007 or email: office@sacredhearthook.org for more information.

CONFESSIONS AND SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Father John is available after Mass to celebrate Confessions or the Sacrament of the Sick. Please see Father after Mass if you require either of these sacraments.

WELCOMERS NEEDED

Our parish welcoming Ministry is going really well—and now we need a few more people to join us. If you would like to help out every few weeks, please let the Parish Office know.

Caritas Appeal for Easter Eggs We will be collecting Easter Eggs again this year so that Caritas can share these out amongst families who would otherwise go without.
Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember: Joan Coleman, Debbie Cavedon, Jacob Weston, Mike Murch, Charlie Carruthers, Fr Kevin Delaney, Fr Don Clement, Fr Paul Leonard, Ken Musgrave Patrica Ringrose-Voase, David Xavier & Tony Hopgood



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Michael John Hartnett RIP, who died recently. His Funeral will be on Thursday 14 March at 13:30 in Sacred Heart Church. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers



May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us. If you are new to the area, please contact the Parish office to register as a member of our Parish

THE SACRISTY

Is a place of prayer and contemplation and should be an oasis of calm, before and after Mass. The Priest and Servers need time and space in order to prepare themselves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is Online at: www.sacredhearthook.org/donations or via our new contactless terminal located by the back of the Church.

To set up a Standing Order, our bank account details are: Lloyds Bank A/C number 00880117: Sort Code: 30 93 04 Name: CDP Sacred Heart Hook (Please also use this for cheque payments)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN LUNCH

During Lent the UCM will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 12 noon on Friday's followed by soup and bread in the Church Hall. Voluntary donations will be given to CAFOD. Everyone is invited, so please do come along and feel free to bring a friend, to both or either to the Stations or just lunch

There are 6 Fridays

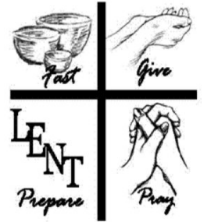
1st March, 8th March, 15th March & 22nd March

REPOSITORY

Please check out our repository in the porch. If there is anything you would like please ask Cecile or the Parish Office.

LENT 2024

Lent is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



Every Friday in Lent

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross in the church followed by a Simple Lunch

Every Sunday in Lent

4:00 pm The Way of the Cross in Maryfield Convent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 115

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living**

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31 - 34

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:



'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Mark 9: 2 - 10

MARYFIELD CONVENT

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Divine Mercy chaplet followed by the Holy Rosary will take place in the Convent Chapel at 3pm on Fridays. Everyone is welcome

COME AND WATCH WITH ME

Visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is one of the Six Holy Habits.

- Spending five minutes a day in prayer
- Attending Mass on Sunday
- Keeping Friday as a day of penance
- Paying a fortnightly visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
- Going to confession once a month
- Joining a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship

MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting—Tuesday 5th March 10:30am
in the tea room

ADORATION FOR PEACE

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

'LEANING INTO LENT 2024'

at the Hogget, London Road, Hook

<https://thehogget.co.uk/>

29th February 7-9pm - *The Son, will He come again?*

7th March 7-9pm - *Where is the Holy Spirit?*

14th March 7-9pm - *The Church is catholic?*

21st March 7-9pm - *Forgiveness, Life and Love.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, just wanted to flag the above to you for your diaries. If you are anything like me, Lent creeps up seemingly out of nowhere every year to be met with little enthusiasm. This year I thought we could collectively take a little more time to gently lean into this Grace-filled season, so that we can be best placed to receive the Lord's blessings this Easter.

The evenings will be loosely framed around our faith set out in the Apostles Creed. We will spend a little time with God's Word, some input from me around the stated theme for the week. Then an interview with a surprise guest who will generously share something of their own faith journey with the rest of us.

Father John C

FROM FR. JOHN LEE ABOUT CLOSER TO CHRIST

Our parish is currently engaged in the ***Closer to Christ*** Campaign, a vital initiative for our Catholic Community in Sacred Heart. This endeavour aims to sustain the priesthood for years to come, ensure parishes have the resources they need and spread the Diocesan vision of *'bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church'*.

The campaign has two main priorities:

Caring for our Clergy: Funding will aid seminarians, active clergy, and retired priests, securing their ongoing ministry and care.

Reviving Local Parishes: The campaign seeks to ensure our parishes have the necessary resources for the future.

We aim to secure £50,000 in pledges over three to five years – I am very happy to say that due to the support of multiple families, £12,425 has been pledged already. Upon reaching our goal, one third of the funds will be returned to our parish, aiding our future projects.

We are now inviting you to support the campaign in whatever way you can. In the coming days you will receive an information pack in the post. I ask that you read the information, welcome a call from the team and consider a pledge at any level to the campaign. Thank you for your commitment to our parish.

WANTING TO VOLUNTEER?

Caritas Portsmouth supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. Our volunteer team help make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the parish/community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. Please visit our website (<https://caritas.org.uk/act/>) or email us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Fri 23 February

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1 March 2024 at 2pm .

in Sacred Heart Church.

WDP: A women led, global, ecumenical movement of Informed Prayer; Prayerful Action.

Theme: I beg you, bear with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:

The 2024 service was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine well before the recent trouble in the area but is very relevant. They are asking us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where he was born, ministered & died & from where our faith began & is rooted. Despite living in an area of the world where there is ongoing conflict & the future is uncertain, the women of Palestine are sharing with love a reminder that they are there, & they want to give hope to everyone.

Be part of the great wave of prayer starting in Samoa at the IDL, across oceans & continents, until the final service at sunset in American Samoa.



CARITAS PORTSMOUTH

If you or your parish are interested in living more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor, come along to the Caritas Online Networking Lunch on **Tuesday 5th March from 12:30-1pm** where we will be joined by Jo Lewry from CAFOD to tell us more about the **LiveSimply Award**. Everyone welcome, you can register at <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

First Sunday in Lent – 2024

Here is the homily Fr John preached at Mass here in Sacred Heart last weekend

First, some very good news. You will recall Emma's story last week. She had a scan at hospital, following which she texted the following: "Please thank them for me. Whilst we are far from out the woods, that is the best outcome that could have happened..." Thanks be to God! Keep praying!

At the other end of the spectrum, I was with a young man in his twenties a couple of weeks ago. He was distraught following the death of his sister in her early thirties. "Why didn't God save her?" he shrieked inconsolably.

Both experiences, I dare say, could be described as wilderness times; periods when we are disorientated, disturbed, even desolated. Yet in all this pain and suffering, we can be given an opportunity to learn something really important; that I am not, ultimately, in control, and that I need help.

'At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness....'

Today we hear how Jesus, the perfect human being, was apparently led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit. I have always had a problem with God's Spirit leading anyone, let alone the Lord, **INTO** an experience of disorientation, disturbance and desolation. In an effort to explain away this idea, I returned to the original text. Literally, it reads Jesus was let **UNTO** the wilderness, a word not often used these days, that roughly means towards. So, Jesus was given an opportunity to face towards the wilderness, to engage with it, or to run away from it.

At least two lessons here. First, desolating experiences can happen to us all, regardless of virtue or Grace. Even the Son of God experienced them, numerous times. So, they don't happen because we are out of God's favour! Second, resist the temptation to hide away from wilderness times when they show up. Jesus shows us that we are to face them, head on, believing that God will never desert us; that He will provide assistance to get us through it, as happened for His own Son.

'He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.'

Even Jesus needed help to get through the forty days. He was assisted by angels, literally, Divine messengers who carry God's faithfulness and love. Be an angel to someone this coming week! Give them a glimpse of how God is, that His Kingdom is indeed very near.

Mark 1:12-15

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON

is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat 2024

At ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE, The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY on Saturday 9 March 2024 from 11 am to 4 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Are you considering being a priest? Contact Canon John Cooke: portsmouthvocations.org.uk/ tel: 01329 318 86

Praise, Worship and Hospitality Canon John Cooke

*invites you to join Sacred Heart Parish, Fareham and Portchester for Praise & Worship Evenings at 7.30pm on the **third Friday of each month...***