

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B - 4 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)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Saturday 3 Feb | 6:00 pm | Mass | Marie Claude Lambin RIP | |
| Sunday 4 Feb | 10.00 am | Mass | Mrs Bridget Loane RIP | Live Streamed |
| Monday 5 Feb | 9:30 am | Mass | | In the Convent |
| Wednesday 7 Feb | 10.00 am | Mass | If Father John is able to attend there will be Mass in the Convent | |

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Saturday 10 Feb | 6:00 pm | Mass | Peter Horan RIP | |
| Sunday 11 Feb | 10.00 am | Mass | Patrick Joseph McHugh RIP | Live Streamed |
| Monday 12 Feb | 9:30 am | Mass | | In the Convent |
| Wednesday 14 Feb | 10.00 am | | Ash Wednesday | |
| | 7.30 pm | | Ash Wednesday | |

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.

Please remember the Church is God's House, where people come to pray.

Please respect His House: turn off mobiles, no food, drink or noisy toys. 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



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.

GIFT AID

Thank you to those people who have signed gift aid declarations during 2023 in the name of Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. However, there are many parishioners who are yet to sign a new form, and because of this our Parish income will be reduced by over £5,000 this year. Any UK taxpayer can sign a simple gift aid declaration and the Parish is able to claim a further 25% on your donations. A form, which is available on the welcomers table and attached to this newsletter, can be returned to office@sacredhearthook.org or via the Parish letterbox. Many thanks.

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)

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...**

PHOTOGRAPHS

You may be aware that photos are taken at some of the church/parish events. For this purpose we need to know if there are any objections to these being put on the website or parish Facebook. If you do not want to appear in the above please make your objection known. Many thanks.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Job 7: 1 - 4, 6 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16 - 19, 22 - 23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1: 29 - 39

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

REPOSITORY

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

UCM

Next UCM meeting meeting (AGM) will be on Saturday 17th February at 11am at the convent all are welcome.

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

16^h February

23rd February

1st March

8th March

15th March

22nd March

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of February 2024, and invites everyone to pray for the terminally ill and their families.

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CLOSER TO CHRIST

As promised in a recent newsletter, we are delighted to inform you that Fr. John Lee will be hosting two final meetings about the ***Closer to Christ*** campaign and how we, as a parish, may support it. This vital undertaking focuses on two main priorities, those being:

Supporting our priests from formation through to retirement; and

Rejuvenating our local parish communities so that they have the resources to thrive

Father John will host two gatherings in the Parish Hall at the following times:

Saturday, 3rd February at 7pm (after Mass)

Monday, 5th February at 6.30pm

To confirm your attendance, please email office@sacredhearthook.org or call the parish office on 01256 577007.

We appreciate you considering this invitation and look forward to speaking with you soon.

PARISH DATABASE

Whilst people remember to notify Doctors, Dentists, Schools and the like when they move house or change their email address or mobile number, not everyone remembers to notify their parish. Please do let us know if there have been contact changes for you so that we can amend our database accordingly. Thank you.



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.

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 6th February 2024 10:30am
in the tea room

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The verses from Job, heard as part of the readings, suggest a sense of isolation, of feeling that life offers no purpose, no meaning, and is over-whelming. Those are sentiments that could equally be expressed by people today. Mark's Gospel is very different. Even on a quiet Sabbath day, this world is teeming with people: Jesus and apostles, Simon's mother-in-law, the crowds who flock to Simon's house. Jesus is at the centre of a community. But it is Jesus who makes a difference, turning to each person who needs Him, one by one. Like those who follow Him in Mark's Gospel, we too can have our lives transformed by Jesus. Conversion requires trust, though, and like those who came to Simon's house at the end of the Sabbath day, trusting Jesus would cure them, so we must be ready to offer Him our trust if we are to undergo our own conversion. Conversion is a relationship, a mutual exchange between God and ourselves. God's love is there for us - but are we willing to reciprocate? Conversion brings us to God. But sustaining our conversion needs prayer, just as Jesus also needed prayer. And that prayer will also help us build our relationships with our communities. Converted to Jesus, ready to serve others, we will, unlike Job, be able to cast aside our melancholy and our eyes will indeed see joy.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

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

Bishop Philip Egan writes...

The Chosen is the biggest crowdfunded project in TV history, and the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus. This series allows viewers to see the life of Jesus through the eyes of those that knew Him. Follow the transformations of His followers through the ministry of Jesus as He journeys to change the world. You can watch every episode of *The Chosen* on Angel Studios for free: download the Angel Studios app and start streaming full episodes. "A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt, a troubled woman wrestling with real demons, a gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people, a religious leader struggling with his beliefs: see Jesus through the eyes of those that met him." Series 4 has just been launched.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM -

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY

This will be a two day trip departing from Basingstoke by coach early on Friday 31st May and returning early evening on Saturday 1st June. The estimated cost is £250 (depending on final numbers) to include the coach plus half board in a 3 star hotel. To register your interest please email Susan Beard: ssusanbeard@gmail.com. Susan will be holding a meeting in St Bede's Church hall on Saturday 27th January to outline the itinerary

NO GREATER LOVE:

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on His journey from His agony in the garden to His crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with Him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that will begin this Lent on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9 pm starting on Monday 19th February. For more information and to register, follow this link: No Greater Love - Course Registration (google.com)

A brief update on the developing Plan Our North-West Hampshire Pastoral Area

Comprising the Catholic churches in Basingstoke, Hook, Tadley and Burghfield Common, is now designated as the Basingstoke Pastoral Area, in preparation to become one Parish after July 2025, alongside other Pastoral Areas in the Diocese. The process began in July 2023, and once the new single parishes (24 in total) are established they will choose new names. Already some Pastoral Areas are, in effect single parishes; for example: Jersey in the Channel Islands, Saint Peter and the Winchester Martyrs and also Saint Swithun Wells. From July 2024 to July 2025, Bishop Philip will be visiting each Pastoral Area to discuss local plans, and there are to be established by then Evangelization Strategy Teams (ESTs) and Transitional Finance Committees serving each Pastoral Area. More to come in future issues of our Parish News, especially as things develop in the Basingstoke Pastoral Area in this new year.

OTHER LOCAL CHURCH, SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Joseph's, Basingstoke

Rev Paul Leonard

Masses at 6pm Sat/ 9am & 11am Sun
(Live-streamed)

St Bede's, Basingstoke

Revs John Lee & Jean Patrice Coulon

Masses at 9am, 11am & 6pm Sun
(Live-streamed)

St Michael's, Tadley

Rev Patrick Tansey

Masses 6pm Sat / 9am Sun

St Oswald's, Burghfield

11am Sundays

