

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B - 11 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)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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	<u>In the Church</u>
	7.30 pm		Ash Wednesday	<u>In the Church</u>

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 17 Feb	6:00 pm	Mass	Nigel Gould RIP	
Sunday 18 Feb	10.00 am	Mass	Bernard Hubball RIP	Live Streamed
Monday 19 Feb	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 21 Feb	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

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 & David Xavier



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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Leviticus 13: 1 - 2, 44 - 46

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 31

**You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11: 1

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Enlighten the eyes of our mind,**

**So that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 1: 40 - 45

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 (AGM) will be on Saturday 17th February at 11am at the convent all are welcome. Father John Chadwick will be giving a talk on St Margaret Clitherow and the Margaret Clitherow Trust during the AGM. There will be Mass on Saturday morning in the convent before the AGM.

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

16th 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.



CLOSER TO CHRIST

Thank you to those who attended our group meetings last week, either after Mass on Saturday or on Monday evening past. We hope that you are further enlightened on the aims and priorities of this campaign as it seeks to provide and care for our clergy from formation through to retirement whilst helping us to revitalise our local parish communities. For all those who are still considering their support of the campaign in Hook, I would kindly request dropping back your pledge forms either to the Parish Office or via post to the Campaign Office at your earliest convenience.

In the coming weeks the wider parish community will have the chance to learn more about this vital undertaking. I am looking forward to sharing more then.

Fr. John Lee

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.



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 5th March 10:30am
in the tea room

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The contrast between the passages from the Old and New Testaments is striking. The “lepers” of the Bible were clearly people with severe skin disfigurements. Whether or not they suffered from leprosy, sometimes known as “Hansen’s disease”, the Old Testament law about leprosy was a form of both exclusion and inclusion. If the skin condition was severe enough, according to the judgement of a priest, the leper was forced to live at the edge of the camp - not completely excluded but travelling on the periphery. By contrast, in Mark’s Gospel Jesus is “moved with pity” for the leper who approaches Him, even reaching out to Him. Then He says a word that we translate as the phrase “I want.” Christianity didn’t invent medicine, or even make great progress in finding cures, although inventive medieval monks and many Christians throughout history have contributed greatly to modern health care. Rather, Jesus brought sick people into the very heart of Christianity. The hospital is a work of Christ because it reverses the practice of excluding sick people and gathers them into a place of care. Today, the many Christians working in health care - and those that don’t - make caring their business. A carer is anyone whose care is visible in their actions, which is the goal of every Christian. Through caring, we make our faith visible and share it with others. For what is truly in our heart will be truly in our actions.

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

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.

Bishop Philip Egan writes...

14th February is Ash Wednesday, when we begin the great season of Lent. During the season of Lent, the Church invites us by God's grace to undertake three works that, we pray, will lead to our spiritual renewal, preparing us to celebrate Easter: works of (1) prayer; (2) fasting, mortification and self-denial; and (3) almsgiving and charity.

1. **Works of (daily) prayer:** attending Mass; saying part of the Rosary; making the Stations of the Cross; prayerfully reading the Gospel of the day; reading a daily meditation (online or from a book); reading a spiritual book (lives of the saints, prayer, aspect of faith); saying Morning Prayer or another part of the Divine Office.
2. **Works of fasting:** giving up tea, coffee, chocolate or alcohol; giving up a favourite biscuit, fruit, food or sugar in a drink; not snacking between meals; fasting on Fridays; cutting back using the computer, social media or watching TV.
3. **Works of charity:** assisting a parish charitable activity; visiting someone who is sick or elderly; volunteering when an appeal is made; saving money from a work of fasting and donating it to a good charitable cause; supporting CAFOD and Caritas; a work of 'advocacy' campaigning for a just cause (e.g. writing to an MP); random acts of kindness at school, work or in the home; giving up idle conversation.

RITE OF ELECT

at 11am on Saturday 17th February at Portsmouth Cathedral - all welcome

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM -

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY

St. Bede's invites us to participate in this 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](https://www.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.

DIOCESAN RECRUITMENT

For details of all the latest job vacancies across the Diocese please click the link:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/