

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B - 10 March 2024

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Sacred Heart Church, The Priests House, London Road, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9LA

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)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Saturday 9 Mar | 6:00 pm | Mass | Tim & Margaret Coulfield RIP | |
| Sunday 10 Mar | 10.00 am | Mass | Doreen Berrill RIP | Live Streamed |
| Monday 11 Mar | 9:30 am | Mass | | In the Convent |
| Wednesday 13 Mar | 10.00 am | | | In the Convent |

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Saturday 16 Mar | 6:00 pm | Mass | Padriag Flynn RIP | |
| Sunday 17 Mar | 10.00 am | Mass | Maura Kirby RIP | Live Streamed |
| Monday 18 Mar | 9:30 am | Mass | | In the Convent |
| Wednesday 20 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@sacredhearhook.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.

REPOSITORY

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

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is Online at: www.sacredhearhook.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 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.

Also for the soul of Jean Williams RIP, who died on Sunday.

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers



May their souls 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

MOTHERING SUNDAY

This Sunday is mid-Lent Sunday or Laetare Sunday, Rose vestments may be worn. It is also Mothering Sunday, in mediaeval England, this day was a holiday from work when people went home to the mother church in which they were baptized. As families gather, they gave gifts to their mother, hence Mothering Sunday, a day we pray for our mothers too. We wish all mothers a very happy day.

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.

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD

The next Charles de Foucauld meeting is on the 14th March 2.30pm in the convent. All are welcome.

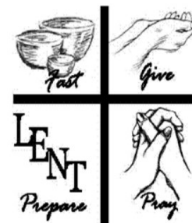
UCM MEETING

The next UCM meeting is on Saturday 6th April at 10:30 in the Hall.



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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 136

**O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
If I remember you not!**

Second Reading: Ephesians 2 : 4 - 10

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son:

Everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel John 3: 14 - 21

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/>

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

PASTORAL AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service will take place on Friday 22nd March at 7:30pm in St Bede's Church.



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 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. The dates are Friday 15th March & 22nd March.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH AN EMPTY PRESBYTERY?

There have been discussions with the team who own and run the St John's Pre-School in Hook to rent out the empty presbytery in order to run an additional Pre-School here at the Sacred Heart. With some changes to the building this could prove an excellent use of the space, an important regular income for the Church as well as providing an opportunity for a number of local families to find increasingly rare early years provision as well as enhancing our name within the Hook area. Sarah Brown, one of the owners, and long-time member of the congregation here, will be introducing the proposal to us all at the Masses this weekend. Please do take a moment to listen and read the proposal letter which will be available to take away. Any feedback to be shared with the Parish Office.

CARITAS PORTSMOUTH

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.

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

Church Beyond Walls Workshop

We have put together a workshop to help guide parishes to start to answer the question 'What does Poverty look like in my pastoral area?'. Following the See-Choose-Act pathway the workshop gives a parish the opportunity to explore what poverty is and how it impacts people locally, consider what gaps in support exist in the community, what gifts and resources are available within the parish and then start to discern and plan a response in line with Catholic Social Teaching. Ideal for parishes or pastoral areas. Please pass on to any clergy or parish teams who are looking to start reaching out into the community and become the church beyond walls. For further information or to plan a workshop please get in touch with Jenny at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Environmental Actions

This spring, Caritas is focusing on our need to Care for Our Common Home— how we can use our grounds to both increase biodiversity as well as saving water and energy. We are just finishing resources so watch out for updates on the Intranet and via admin news and please circulate to any interested groups and parishioners. +



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/

Third Sunday in Lent – 2024

Signposts. I was second in the queue on a roundabout. Ahead of me was a motorbike. It was busy, so I was concentrating on the traffic to my right hoping a gap might appear. A gap did appear. I started moving still looking to the right when the bike stalled. I didn't stop! We pulled over. I was particularly concerned about the rider. He was very good about it all and assured me that he was uninjured. A couple of days later I attended his home address to drop off the money I owed for the repair work. I knocked at the door and his wife answered. No, she scowled! I remained at the door to see her husband appear, rather slowly, from the living room. His left leg was hip to toe in plaster! I almost passed out. Seeing my distress, he said, "Oh no. This was an accident at work the day after." What had started out as an honest decent attempt to make amends had become distorted into something else.

Jesus was traumatised by what was going on in the Temple Court. The Temple had lost sight of its vocation, to enable the People of God to make amends with their Creator, to be a living signpost to the presence and mercy of God, not just for the Chosen People, but to the world. Yet the space in the Temple precincts for many of the worshippers to pray, the 'Court of the Gentiles', had been taken over by the traders and moneychangers. Supposed people of faith had turned their backs on God's call to love and serve Him, preferring instead the cause of serving themselves. The people were being misled. They were being pointed away from God.

Thus, Jesus was livid. The Temple had to go – and it did go in AD 70 - as it no longer served its purpose signposting people to God. On the third day, the day of the Resurrection, the New Temple appeared, no longer a signpost, but the actual presence of God. The risen Body of Christ, for the first time, provided direct access to all who seek God's forgiveness, healing and strength, the gift of eternal life itself.

Two challenges here. First, a warning to the Body of Christ, which includes the Institutional Church, the organisation. It has the solemn responsibility, and the privilege, to be a channel of Grace providing direct access to the Lord without reservation or charge. The Church must therefore avoid, at all costs, serving itself. When the institution appears to chase silver before souls, you know something is wrong. People are misled and signposted away from God, a grave sin. If we see this happening, we must call it out. Secondly, this teaching challenges you and I, personally. Where does my life point? When people see me, see what I do, see where my priorities lay, do they see Christ?

John 2:13-25

Anger – there is a place – passionate – it matters

The Temple – the House of God – where God lives and makes His presence felt is in His Body Jesus ended religion. Authority for ending it hung on the cross. The Temple was to be replaced after three days with a new Temple, the Body of the Risen Lord. The Church was born, known from then on as the Body of Christ.

John 2:13-25

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So, he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days. "They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

Fr John Chadwick

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat

23rd March 10.00-1.00 "MADE HOLY BY JESUS - I no longer live but Christ lives in me." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker **Jenny Baker**. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAR2024 More information at www.altonrenewal.com