

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B - 7 April 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 EASTER

Saturday 6 April	6:00 pm	Mass	Neil Manning RIP	
Sunday 7 April	10.00 am	Mass	Good Estate of Lori Rose	Live Streamed
Monday 8 April	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 10 April	10.00 am			In the Convent

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 13 April	6:00 pm	Mass		
Sunday 14 April	10.00 am	Mass	Geraldine Timoney RIP	Live Streamed
Monday 15 April	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 17 April	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

Please see Father John after Mass if you require either Confessions or the Sacrament of the Sick.

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



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all your gifts, cards and good wishes over Christmas. Very humbling, in a beautiful way, and much appreciated. God bless you all. Fr John

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.

UCM MEETING—CHANGE OF DATE

The next UCM meeting is on Saturday 27th April at 10:30 in the Hall.



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

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

ADORE MINI RETREAT

ADORE Day of Renewal mini-retreat 27th April "I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Kristina Cooper. Attend in person 9.30-3.30 at St. Bede's Church, or watch on Zoom livestream 9.30- 1.00 - please register in advance at: Meeting Registration - Zoom More information at <http://www.altonrenewal.com>

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/

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 4: 32—35

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**



Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1 - 6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!**

Gospel John 20: 19 - 31

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN IN SACRED HEART,

77% of our goal of £50,000 has now been pledged by 18 families in our parish! £38,313 has been promised and I am extremely grateful to those who have returned their forms, your generous support will help to provide for our clergy, from formation through to retirement and ensure our parish has the necessary funding for the future.

We stand to receive one third of everything that is raised, once we reach our goal so we have much to look forward to. Your payments do not need to start immediately, but your pledge acts as a simple promise and will be counted in our target. I would kindly request dropping back your forms either to the Parish Office or via post to the Campaign Office over the next week or so.

Fr. John Lee

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.



POPE FRANCIS APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

During April, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



MARRIAGE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit:

www.marriagecare.org.uk

or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

Bishop Philip warmly invites you to join him and fellow pilgrims on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, one of the most significant pastoral events in the Diocesan calendar. This year's pilgrimage is from Monday 22nd – Friday 26th July 2024... Lourdes holds a special affection in the hearts of many across the Diocese and these trips are wonderful opportunities to experience faith, fun and friendship. Please consider joining him and fellow pilgrims when we depart from London Gatwick Airport on Monday 22nd July. We have an itinerary which takes full advantage of all that Lourdes has to offer, which include participation in all the usual Pilgrimage activities. Pilgrims visit many places that were important to St Bernadette during her lifetime as well as offering the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. During our pilgrimage there will be moments of quiet reflection and peace, as well as times when we will be able to hear the chanting and singing of hundreds of voices. If you would like to know more about joining in Lourdes this year email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Calling our Youths

Why not give something back by joining our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? We will be leaving for Lourdes on Monday 22nd July and returning on Friday 26th July. You could help by assisting some of our pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs, offering a steadying arm and a warm smile! Our Youth pilgrims are an essential part of our pilgrimage, and they tell us each year of the amazing time they have had, returning many times to serve our pilgrims. If you would like to know more about joining us, contact lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The pilgrim fare is £780 but there is the potential for funding.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH - LITURGY FORMATION TEAM

Save the Dates

The Liturgy Project Reflections, Guidance, Q&A's & Explore
To help people to encounter Christ through Liturgy.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be organising two training days in 2024 - one for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and one for readers. These will be held at St Bede's Church and Hall, Popley Way in Basingstoke as follows:

Day for EMHC – Saturday 4th May 9:30am—2: 30pm

Day for Readers – Saturday 19th October 9:30am—2: 30pm

Both days will include some light refreshments. Please enrol now if you would like to by emailing liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk We will send a reminder with precise details nearer each date.

CARITAS PORTSMOUTH



Becoming the Church Beyond Walls

The Church Beyond Walls Workshop is a interactive session to help your parish start exploring the needs in your local community and deciding how to respond to them. Following the See-Choose-Act pathway it is an opportunity to focus on getting to know your neighbourhood and the specific opportunities it offers for engagement and outreach using the gifts and resources of people in your parish.

Based on the goals of the 10 year mission plan [You Will Be My Witnesses](#), the workshop includes

- The opportunity to answer the question 'what does poverty look like in this parish/pastoral area?' examining what poverty is, and what is it's impact
- A mapping exercise to identify examples of social outreach already present
- Identifying the most pressing needs and ways to respond in line with Catholic Social Teaching

This workshop is suitable for small parish groups or wider pastoral areas so if you would like to find out more or book a session, please contact us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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

Easter – 2024 – Hook

Big Deals. I visited a family I hadn't seen for years. Mum had called me to ask if I would bless their new house. I was delighted. The day arrived but I just couldn't find the place. Eventually, I was guided on the phone up a track. The hugest house appeared. Seeing the rows of shoes outside I took mine off, as if it's what I normally do, and I went in. It was stunning. Marble and Oak everywhere with people similarly everywhere admiring the house. I then heard the back story of the project that was this new house. For years it had consumed Mum and Dad. They had sacrificed everything, quite possibly, in the cause of realising this dream. It was a big deal, a costly one.

Now, the project was gone. The dream was a reality. What next? It had to be shared. Everyone was there. Deep within us, maybe buried underneath a few layers of self-centredness, the God-given instinct to share is there. God shared His Life with us, His Son, to convey a very simple message; that God would go to hell and back for you and I. He did! On Thursday, we heard how the King of Kings came among us as a servant washing dirty, treacherous feet. Yesterday, we were reminded how Jesus suffered, how He literally poured out his blood to embody the Father's undying love.

Yet, we stand here believing, wanting to believe, this was not the end; that the cross became the polar opposite, the gateway to life without end. Death can still look like the end when we go through it, but it is only the beginning because of what Jesus did. This is a big deal! Mary Magdalen knew this when she started running to tell the other disciples about the empty tomb!

I may believe in God. I may believe His Son's teachings are a good guide to sensible living. I may even accept that Jesus was who He said He was, that he did suffer, die and rise again paving the way to heaven. I may believe all of that, but how big a deal is it for me? Could the Holy Spirit be nudging?

These last three days don't just mean something. They mean everything. If we believe that our earthly life, however long we are spared, is the *Hors d'oeuvre* – the appetizer to the main course - we will regard living and trusting in God as the biggest deal on earth. If we believe this, if we **want** to believe this, we will find ourselves washing dirty, sometimes treacherous, feet. If we believe this, we will find ourselves loving at all costs. We will suffer pain for it. If we believe this, we will find ourselves sharing this life-saving message with everyone, which is where our sister Collette comes in.

The God and Collette Story - Believe it. Share it. **Happy Easter!**

John 20:1-9

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So, she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So, Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)