

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B - 14 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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 13 April	6:00 pm	Mass	Clive McColgan	
Sunday 14 April	10.00 am	Mass	Noelle Mulivihill RIP John Hannagan RIP	Live Streamed
Monday 15 April	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 17 April	10.00 am			In the Convent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 20 April	6:00 pm	Mass	Geraldine Timoney RIP	
Sunday 21 April	10.00 am	Mass	John & Nicky Drake-Lee 60th Wedding Anniversary	Live Streamed
Monday 22 April	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 24 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@sacredhearthook.org for more information.

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.

CONFESSIONS AND SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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

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

REPOSITORY

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

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 & Clive McColgan



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 7th May 10:30am
in the tea room

ADORATION FOR PEACE Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

PARISH DATABASE

Please remember to inform the Parish Office of any changes in your contact details including mobile numbers and email addresses.
You might like to subscribe to the newsletter by email to save paper & printing costs.



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>

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.



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 3: 13 - 15, 17 - 19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1 - 5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24: 35 - 48

Second Collection - 20th & 21st April

Clergy Training Fund

Each year we make an appeal to support the Clergy Training Fund in response to the ever-increasing costs of training priests and deacons to serve in our Diocese. There is no state funding for seminaries or for the formation of permanent deacons and so the money required to provide each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition for a number of years needs to be found from the generous support of people who contribute to this fund. The Clergy Training Fund is also used to finance the on-going formation of diocesan clergy, whether it be for professional studies or to support the educational costs for those on sabbatical.

Give As You Live Donation Page:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-training-fund-second-collection-2024>

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/

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.

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 its 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.

Retreat Days 'Our Father in Heaven', 4th&5th May, St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester

Pope Francis has asked that this year, 2024, be a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year, 2025. He has asked that there be a particular focus on the Our Father. We pray this prayer so often and there's always the risk of it becoming dry or remaining superficial.

Why not come and join us on **Fri 4th (evening)** and **Sat 5th May (all day)** as Allegra Mutanda leads us in a time of prayer and recollection, helping us to explore what it means to pray 'Our Father in heaven'? All our missionary efforts are dependent upon this intimate relationship between us and 'Abba', who wishes to bless and heal all His beloved sons and daughters. All are welcome. Once you have registered, you will receive further details nearer to the date of the event.

Please confirm your attendance by **Monday 29th April** latest by registering here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-of-prayer-our-father-in-heaven-retreat-days-fri-3-pm-and-sat-4-may-tickets-877957062207?aff=oddtcreator>

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 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.

Second Sunday of Easter – Year B – 2024 – Hook

Not for Budging. Being without a car recently meant I joined those who brave the trains every day. So, I got on the fast train to London Waterloo. No seats. I looked longingly at the sign which read ‘reserved for the elderly or infirm.’ I stood at my post, heroically, by the luggage rack. I was joined by a young woman. She was on her phone constantly texting at fifty thousand words to the minute. Then people started to approach us up the aisle to go to the loo. Would she move? Throughout the journey she remained wedded to that spot **as if her life depended upon it.** In all probability she was a lovely person but on the surface she was obstinate. She was not for budging!

St Thomas is often marketed to us as the only honest disciple of the bunch in that he admitted having doubts. I am sure that’s right in many ways. Yet, we also get a sense today of Thomas being a bit obstinate.

“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

“I will not believe” is a very big statement to make. Yes, we know it ended well with Thomas travelling over three thousand miles to evangelise the people of Kerala, India, but he didn’t start off well. He refused to accept the testimony of his brothers and sisters that the Lord had risen. He would not allow himself to be persuaded. He needed proof, which of course cancels out the need for faith. We are saved by our faith, not proof!

Are you persuaded, Brothers and Sisters? Do you live by faith? Or are you looking for proof? The question, as always, rests with our desire. I buried a young woman of confident faith yesterday. She had allowed herself to be persuaded that the Way of Jesus is the Way to heaven. Her husband, in his grief, told me, “I don’t get God, but I want to believe like she did.” When we decide we want to believe we are more than halfway there. God does the rest.

Don’t let the tragedy of a bereavement or other similar calamity be the only opportunity to reconsider what is truly important in life. Live in the light of Easter, Brothers and Sisters, because you want to love God and neighbour. Choose to live by faith, **as if your life depended on it.** It does! Choose to live in the groove of Grace every day and God will, in His own time, show you all the proof you want.

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.