

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B - 28 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)

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>John Mohan RIP</b>	
<b>Sunday 28 April</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Jack Fevrè RIP</b>	<b>Live Streamed</b>
Monday 29 April	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 1 May	10.00 am			In the Convent

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>Saturday 4 May</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Dom Canon RIP</b>	
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Raffaello &amp; Annuta RIP</b>	<b>Live Streamed</b>
Monday 6 May	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 8 May	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.

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Welcome to Fr John Lee who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

#### 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](http://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 them selves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.

### **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.



### **NEWSLETTER**

If you would like to receive our newsletter by email please register at [www.sacredhearthook.org](http://www.sacredhearthook.org) and scroll down to the bottom of the page to subscribe.

### **GIANT SUNFLOWERS**

Calling all children can you help us grow some giant sunflowers this year. At the back of Church this weekend there will be packs of sunflower seeds. Please take a pack home and start growing your sunflower. When your sunflower is fully grown please do take a photo and forward to the office



### **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.



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

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**First Reading** Acts 9: 26 - 31

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 21

**You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly**

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3: 18 - 24

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.**

**Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 15: 1 - 8

### **KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA APRIL LUCKY ME WINNER**

Congratulations to Jacqui Radford who was April's 'Lucky Me' winner. Also due to your generous donations we are able to support the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and Aid to the Church in Need UK this month. The Knights of St Columba is open to any Catholic Man aged 16 and over who wishes to put into action and support the Church. We usually meet at St Bede's Hall on the second Monday of each month from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and you would be warmly welcomed.

### **A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER**

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including an online session on Saturday 4th May to learn more.

### **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/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/)

### **PARISH COLLECTION**

Collection for the week ending 14th April amounted to £ 804.00 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections. Thank you for your generosity.

### **CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING**

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the 2nd May at 2.30pm in the Convent. We start with Exposition of the blessed sacrament and Fr Peter Codd will lead us to share the Gospel message of the upcoming Sunday. We end the session with fellowship and saying the 'Abandonment Prayer'. Everyone is welcome.

### **JOIN BISHOP PHILIP IN LOURDES THIS JULY**

Bishop Philip invites you to join him and fellow pilgrims on this year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Departing from London Gatwick Airport on Monday 22nd July and returning on Friday 26th July, staying close to the Sanctuary at the four-star Hotel La Solitude. There is an itinerary which takes full advantage of all that Lourdes has to offer, which includes participation in all the usual Pilgrimage activities. If you would like to know more about the pilgrimage to Lourdes this year email: [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). The pilgrim fare is £780 but there is the potential for funding.

### **Closer to Christ campaign in Sacred Heart, Hook**

This weekend marks the close out of ***Closer to Christ*** in Sacred Heart. As you will be aware, since December our church has been taking part in this Diocesan-wide initiative. The initiative has two main priorities: 1) Supporting our clergy, from formation through to retirement and 2) ensuring our parish has the necessary funding for the future.

The response from this community has been incredible as almost £40,000 has now been pledged by 18 families – I am so grateful to all those who have dropped back their forms so far. As a parish, we originally set out to raise £50,000 in pledges, we are more than 80% of the way there. For those that are considering a pledge, 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

### **CARITAS PORTSMOUTH - Becoming the Church Beyond Walls**

The Church Beyond Walls Workshop is an 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](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### **Retreat Days 'Our Father in Heaven', 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> (evening)** and **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) We will send a reminder with precise details nearer each date.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year B – 2024 – Hook

**Running after People.** Last week after Mass my Mum gave me a small neatly wrapped bag. Inside it contained a packet of mini chocolate Easter Eggs and deodorant, a curious combination. I have heard it said that you never stop being a parent. The instinct to run after your children, perhaps, never ebbs?

A family, Mum, Dad and four children turned up for the 'quiet' evening Mass. At least one of the children had learning difficulties, which meant on this occasion the Mass was not particularly quiet. There was some 'tutting' from one or two 'regulars' at the back of the Church. As Holy Communion was being distributed, I noticed the family packing up to leave. One of the parishioners noticed their departure and literally **ran after them**. He caught up with them in the car park as they were approaching the exit. Six months later Mum and all four children were baptised, and Dad was Confirmed. At her Baptism Mum shared her story, how God had moved them, how God had run after them.

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

The mission of the Church, the reason we exist, has always been to run after people. In this long excerpt from the Lord's homily, Jesus points us in the direction of the sheep who are not yet of this sheep pen. They must be brought in also. If a 'church' stops running after people, stops loving and serving neighbours, it has stopped being a Church. As Pope Francis once said, they become museums, then mausoleums. There are numerous signs in this community of that inspires and encourages me to keep on running after people; Colette's ministry to Megan and her family; the Pre-School possibilities, the Caritas ministry to families; all examples of a genuine Church in action.

The Lord also speaks today of 'good' shepherds. From the very beginning Jesus recognised the necessity of Shepherds who would sacrificially love and serve God and His people. A very wise and exemplary priest, Canon Mike Hore, once told me, "All you need to do as a priest is to love God, and to love God's people." This is how we recognise genuine shepherds, leaders in the Church. People are run after, gathered, brought in. Conversely, when we see a lack of care, an absence of love, the sheep scatter and flee. We recognise a hired hand, one who is not a genuine shepherd, may even be a wolf in disguise.

We pray today for an authentic Church, for ourselves, that we may never stop running after people. We also pray for the inspired, genuine, sacrificial shepherds among us, that they be recognised and freed up to serve the mission that is ours, to love God and to love God's People.

John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So, when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

**Father John**

### **ON THE EDGES OF FAITH**

Fr Peter Bowe OSB invites you to a Day of Exploration for Seekers on Saturday 1st June at Douai Abbey. The day will explore living on the edge of faith in a time of appalling instability all about and within. Arrival and coffee from 10am; the day starts at 10.30am and ends at 4pm and costs £25 (with lunch) or £15 if you bring your own. Fees are payable on the day (concessions available). To book your place and find out more Visit [www.douaiabbey.org.uk](http://www.douaiabbey.org.uk) - Douai Abbey: The Monastery of St Edmund, King & Martyr

**Caritas Portsmouth** is hosting Sue Carter from the Alzheimer's Society, to run a Dementia Friends Information Session for anyone interested in hosting a Dementia Café, looking to make their parish more Dementia Friendly or just want to know more to support people in their family or community. The session will be held online on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm**. Please register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/4ysur27w> For more information please contact us at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>



### **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.