

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B - 5 May 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 OF EASTER

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 9 May	10.00 am	Mass
	7.30 pm	Mass

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 11 May	6:00 pm	Mass	Fen Wadhams RIP	
Sunday 12 May	10.00 am	Mass	Jay De Alwis RIP	
Monday 13 May	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 15 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@sacredhearhook.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.

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.

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.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

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, Fr Kevin Delaney, Fr Don Clement, Fr Paul Leonard, Ken Musgrave Patrica Ringrose-Voase, David Xavier & Clive McColgan

Thank you for all your prayers for Charlie Carruthers.



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 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35,44-48

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7 - 10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15: 9 - 17



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 9th May is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses here at Sacred Heart 10:00 am and 7:30 pm.



PARISH BBQ 2nd June 2024 ALL ARE WELCOME.

Please come and join in our annual Parish Get together to be held at the Parish Hall/ Back Garden after the Corpus Christie Procession on Sunday 2nd June.

There is a list at the back of the church so please put your names down together with the number of attendees coming from your family, stating if you are vegetarian. If you would like to provide a dessert (not compulsory!) please state what you will bring so we do not have too many of the same. Thank you.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On Sunday 2nd June, after Mass, The Feast of Corpus Christi, we hope that you will join us in a traditional Corpus Christi procession, within the Church and Convent grounds. This is an exciting opportunity for the children of the Parish to lead the procession and scatter flower petals in honour of the Blessed Sacrament.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 1st June First Holy Communion
- 2nd June Corpus Christi Procession
- 2nd June Parish BBQ
- 8th June Parish Meeting

CAFOD SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL

The war in Sudan has forced people to flee their homes and these families now face a hunger crisis. Your donations can provide food, shelter and water to families who need it and its surrounding countries: Donate at cafod.org.uk



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/

MARY'S MONTH

On Wednesday, we began the month of May, which traditionally among Catholics is known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are many different factors that have contributed to this association. In ancient Greece and Rome, the month of May was dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime. This, combined with other European rituals commemorating the new season of Spring, led many Western cultures to view May as a month of life and motherhood. In some parts of the early Church, there was a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th May, but it was not until the eighteenth century that the month of May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. According to the *Catholic Encyclopaedia*, "The May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Fr. Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite." Various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread during the month of May. In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month when he established the feast of the Queenship of Mary on 31st May. After Vatican II, this feast was moved to 22nd August, but 31st May became instead the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

This May, then, let us frequently call on the help of Mary's prayers, especially by attending Mass and by reciting the Rosary.

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.

Closer to Christ campaign in Sacred Heart, Hook

Thank you to those who filled in commitment cards last weekend as we closed out the ***Closer to Christ*** campaign in our parish. For those that are either waiting for a call or expecting a form in the post, you should receive those in the coming week. I look forward to updating you on the final amount raised very soon.

Fr. John Lee

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.

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>

SACRED HEART PRE-SCHOOL PROPOSAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we have just received some news from the Diocese regarding the proposal to revitalise the use of the Presbytery as a Pre-School. As you know, this is a mission led concept that would bring children and families into contact with the Sacred Heart family. This medium to longer term arrangement would additionally generate income for the church and save an otherwise dilapidating property.

When I first learned of this possibility before Christmas, I immediately sought advice from the Diocese as to how best to explore options. The Vicar General, Canon Hopgood, helpfully and promptly sought advice from the Bishop. Bishop Philip indicated an openness to the idea, but the proposal would need to be supported and promoted by the wider Basingstoke Parish/Pastoral Area ('PA') as part of their 'Ten Year Plan'. Concurrently, we contacted the Diocesan Estates Department to put them on notice that the project was being discussed and the consultation period began.

Sarah Brown and her colleagues presented the proposal formally to us at Sacred Heart before Easter. It was comprehensively discussed and broadly supported by Sacred Heart parishioners. The project was then presented to Fr John Lee, representing the PA, who swiftly added his support. The Diocesan Estates Department acknowledged receipt of the Proposal but claimed they were unaware of the discussion. Moreover, they suggested contact should have been made with them at the very start. Nonetheless, recognising the evident injustice to all concerned, Estates made every effort to expedite matters. Estates then suggested they should contact the Bishop, and the other Vicar General who oversees the Curia (Diocesan Admin), to obtain their view as to the use of the Presbytery. On the 29th April this response was received,

'The bishop thinks that it would be better to let the presbytery as a "temporary let" and is therefore not in favour of the proposed change in use of the presbytery.'

It transpires that the Bishop and Canon McAuley VG made this decision without any knowledge or information about the Pre-School Proposal, its mission-led focus, or that it was an element of the local Pastoral Area Plan. They were simply informed a 'nursery' wanted to take it over.

On behalf of the Diocese, I express my profound regret at what has occurred these past months. My apologies extend to Sarah and her Team who have spent time, effort and financial resources to explore the possibility. I also extend my apologies to you, the Sacred Heart family, who had taken the time to explore this Proposal, to pray about it, and to thrash out the pros and cons together. That, in itself, speaks to me of who we are as a family of faith. This was never a done deal, but the Proposal was certainly worthy of due process and careful consideration. It seems neither have been present in this instance.

God bless
Fr John

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 for more information, including an online session on Saturday 4th May to learn more.

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 - 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 21st May at 7pm**. Please register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/4ysur27w> For more information please contact us at 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.