

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B - 8 September 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, Wed, Thurs & Fri)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 7 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 8 Sept	10.00 am	Mass	
Monday 9 Sept	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 14 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 15 Sept	10.00 am	Mass	
Monday 16 Sept	9:30 am	Mass	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 will be available after Mass for Confessions and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.



PARISH FINANCE

Dona Plates Contactless giving made easy with Gift Aid optional

Standing Orders

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

BACS Transfer Our bank details if you need them are:

CDP Hook Sacred Heart (Lloyds Bank)

Sort Code 30-93-04 Account 00880117

Cheques Payable to 'CDP Hook Sacred Heart'

Gift Aid payers are encouraged to contact in confidence at: office@sacredhearhook.org

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 24 & 25 August amounted to £ 808.13 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Thank you for your generosity.

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, Fr Jean Patrice & David Xavier



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 1st October 10:30am in the tea room

ADORATION FOR PEACE

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 15 September Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm in the Church
- 21 September UCM Nearly New Sale 11:00am

UCM NEARLY NEW SALE

A UCM nearly new sale will take place on the **21 September** at Sacred Heart Church Hall. If you have anything nearly new to donate for the sale, please place them in the boxes at the church porch. Money raised will go towards to support poor children in a village school in Sri Lanka.



PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM AUGUST 2025

We are planning an ecumenical pilgrimage to Walsingham 18th-21st August 2025. Accommodation will be in the Anglican Centre with full board. Charges for an adult is £300/ person and for children age 5-16yrs will be £180 per child. There is a nonrefundable deposit of £20 to be paid before the 11th of August. If you are interested, please put your name and contact details at the back of the church.

PARISH DATABASE

Please remember to inform the Parish Office of any changes in your contact details including mobile numbers and email addresses.



ILL AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL

If you are ill and are unable to attend Mass, please let Jan know in the office, we can arrange for communion to be brought to you. If you are in hospital or know that you are going to go in, let us know in the office. By phone 01256 577007 or by email office@sacredhearthook.org

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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 35: 4 – 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: James 2: 1 - 5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7: 31 - 37

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our next FHC programme will be starting in October . To join the programme your child should be: 7yrs old or over, a Baptised Catholic, resident in Sacred Heart Parish and attending Mass weekly at Sacred Heart. For enquiries please email: hello@sacredhearthook.org



REPOSITORY

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Has your daughter/son celebrated their FHC, would they like to be an altar server. Please see Emrys or contact the office for more information.

UCM MEETING

Our next UCM meeting is on the **14 September in the parish hall at 10.30am .**

Hope to see you all on the 14th



SUGGESTION BOX

At the back of church there is a suggestion box, please feel free to leave any suggestions or questions for Father John, the PPC, the Finance committee, the H & S team or the Office.

Readers Training Day

A Diocesan training day for Readers led by Fr Anthony Fyk will be held on Saturday 19th October at 10.30 am until 2:00 pm at St. Bede’s Church. You will need to register to attend at: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will be made available

Clergy Moves from 8th September 2024 (in alphabetical order)

Please pray for the following.

- Fr. Ambrose Chou, newly ordained, becomes the assistant priest in Jersey;
- Fr. Marcin Drabik returns from sabbatical and becomes the parish priest of Waterside parish;
- Fr. Anthony Fyk moves to St. Swithun's Southsea with Our Lady of Lourdes Eastney as priest in charge. He continues his diocesan roles as Bishop's Secretary and Director of Liturgical Formation;
- Fr. Tom Hiney, newly ordained, becomes the assistant priest at the Cathedral;
- Fr. Edward Hauschild moves to the Venerable English College, Rome to begin licentiate studies in Canon Law;
- Fr. Innaiah Maddineni is on sabbatical leave this coming year, assisting in the Diocese of Cork and Ross, Ireland. He has stepped down from being our diocesan link-person for Missio;
- Fr. Jude Mbonu (Onitsha) leaves St. Joseph's Tilehurst to take up a full-time teaching role in the University of London;
- Fr. Henry Nkop msp moves to St. Joseph's Tilehurst as priest in charge;
- Fr. Paul Nwune moves to Holy Ghost and St. Bede's Basingstoke as assistant priest;
- Canon Simon Treloar (Wrexham) moves to St. Theresa's Totton with Our Lady's Lyndhurst as priest-in -charge;

New Deacons

- Rev. Ryan Browne will serve at the Cathedral and within the Portsmouth Pastoral Area;
- Rev. Zacharias Parambi will serve as deacon at the Cathedral and within the Portsmouth Pastoral Area;
- Rev. Stephen Patterson will serve as deacon at St. Edward's Windsor and within the Windsor Pastoral Area.

Welcome We welcome to the Diocese,

Fr. Pietro Pausco FSCB, a member of the Fraternity of St Charles Borromeo who will serve in St. Swithun Wells parish.
New Coordinating Pastor Fr. Robert Stewart becomes Coordinating Pastor of Northeast Hampshire Pastoral Area.

New Framework and Diocesan Roles

- Fr. Kevin Bidgood takes over as the Bishop's Chaplain to Heads and Principals;
- Fr. Chris Heaps takes over as Vocations Director;
- Deacon Stephen Patterson takes over as the Leader of our Christian Unity Team.

Retirements

We give many thanks to God for the dedicated ministry of the following priests who are retiring this autumn:

Fr. Bruce Barnes, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Apostles Bishop's Waltham and assistant priest of St. Swithun Wells parish.
Fr. Bruce also steps down from his role as Episcopal Vicar for Religious.

Environmental Conference - Saturday 14th September, 10am-1pm

As part of the Season of Creation we are holding an environmental conference, 'To Hope and Act with Creation' at St Peter's and Winchester Martyrs parish on Saturday September 14th, 10am-1pm. We have John Paul de Quay from the Ecological Conversion Group Charity speaking on 'Fellowship of believers, how faith should motivate us in caring for our common home?'. There will be updates from COP28 and preparation for COP29 and practical actions for parishes. Everyone is welcome so please advertise in your parish newsletters and social media pages and pass on to any Eco or Live Simply groups. Thank you. Any questions, please contact us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or on 07825513195



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.

THE CHURCH

Also a number of people have commented on the noise level from Parishioners greeting each other and chatting in Church. Whilst the Sacred Heart has a fantastic sense of community, there is ample opportunity to catch up after Mass enabling those who want to pray in Church to do so in peace. thank you.

Pope Francis September Prayer Intention

During September, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the cry of the Earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1 September 2024

Conference Pears. I went to a local store during the week and bought four bigguns. They looked fabulous on the outside. Felt firm. All good I thought. Brought them home. Sat down and took a bite. It was like biting into paper. It was dry, tasteless, lifeless. I felt hugely disappointed, let down, defrauded even. It just wasn't the pear it looked like on the outside. Jesus used the well-rehearsed words of the Prophet Isaiah to describe some of the Pharisees, the leading religious men of the day.

"These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

On the outside they resembled Conference Pears, Godly souls. They kept all the rules and regs that governed external Judaism, but once bitten into, on the inside, it was another story. Their hearts were far from God.

"They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.' You have let go of the commands of God ...holding on to human traditions."

Brothers and Sisters, it is possible to be externally compliant with all sorts of religious regulations and yet be spiritually dead. We have heard Jesus many times these past weeks, calling us to life, not existence. He expects us to allow His life, His Grace, into ours, for our hearts to be close to His.

How can it be that Catholic Church leaders across the world take up five collections throughout the year for the Vatican without hesitation, when they know there is substantial reason to believe there is serious criminality going on? How can basic morality have been replaced by corporate loyalty? The commands of God let go. Hearts evidently far from God.

How can it be that a woman faithfully serving God's people for decades in parish work, going the extra ten miles with her faith, compassion, love and service, could be told not to go to Holy Communion because of a divorce a lifetime ago? Her heart is close to God, evidently, but where is the heart of the 'church'?

Where is your heart? We can only follow Jesus with our hearts, the core of our being, where our deepest desires are known. Don't move the goalpost. Love God. Love neighbour. Love and respect yourself. Mark 7:1-23

Make your FREE Will

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth have partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether parishioners would like to write their Will in-person, online or over the 'phone, they will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. They are under no obligation to leave the Parish a gift in their Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church, and we hope many will choose to do so.

More information can be found at: [Make your FREE Will - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](http://Make your FREE Will - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, (portsmouthdiocese.org.uk))



Diocesan Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament

A reminder that Bishop Philip has asked all parishes of the diocese to have Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 15th September from 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

This is part of a national engagement with the National Eucharistic Conference which takes place at St Mary's Seminary, Oscott, on the weekend of 14th/15th September, to prepare for the Jubilee Year of the Church, starting at the end of 2024. Our participation as a parish will be from 4.30pm – 5.30pm on Sunday 15th September.

Please make a note in your diaries to take part in this time of prayer.

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.

OTHER LOCAL CHURCH, SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Joseph's, Basingstoke

Rev Paul Leonard

Masses at 6pm Sat/ 9am & 11am Sun

St Bede's, Basingstoke

Revs John Lee & Jean Patrice Coulon

Masses at 9am, 11am & 6pm Sun

St Michael's, Tadley

Rev Patrick Tansey

Masses 6pm Sat / 9am Sun

St Oswald's, Burghfield

11am Sundays

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.

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/