# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B - 13 October 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 12 Oct	6:00 pm	Mass	Margaret Hughes RIP Good Estate of Sylvie Hosking
Sunday 13 Oct	10.00 am	Mass	Fr Kevin Delaney RIP & People of the Parish
Monday 14 Oct	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
		TWENTY-NINT	H SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday 19 Oct	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
-	10.30 am	Mass	UCM
Sunday 20 Oct	10.00 am	Mass	Patrick Clohessy RIP
Monday 21 Oct	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@sacredhearthook.org for more information.

# **CONFESSIONS AND SACARAMENT OF THE SICK**

Father John will be available after Mass for Confessions and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.

#### 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.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 29 September and 6 October amounted to £1,614.74 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Second Collection for CAFOD amounted to £318.10

Thank you for your generosity.

## **PARISH FINANCE**

<u>Dona Plates</u> 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

<u>Cheques</u> Payable to 'CDP Hook Sacred Heart'
<u>Gift Aid</u> payers are encouraged to contact in confidence at: office@sacredhearthook.org

#### 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:
Debbie Cavedon, Jacob Weston, Mike Murch,
Fr Don Clement, Fr Paul Leonard, Ken Musgrave,
Patrica Ringrose-Voase, Fr Jean Patrice, David Xavier & John Kidd.



**REST IN PEACE** 

Please keep in your prayers Joan Coleman RIP, who died this week, her funeral will be in The Sacred Heart date to be confirmed



Please keep her families and friends in your prayers

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful

departed, through the mercy of God,

Rest in Peace. Amen

#### 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. 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.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

12 October Extra Ordinary Ministers Meeting

#### MASS COUNT

Over the next four weekends, starting on Sunday 22nd September, Parishes across all of the Dioceses of England and Wales will be undertaking their annual Mass count for the numbers of people in attendance at Sunday Masses. Thank you in advance to all our Priests, Welcomers and parishioners who will be facilitating this important endeavour.

#### **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**



## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 7: 7 – 11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 12 - 13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of Heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 10: 2 - 16

#### **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

October is traditionally a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Bishop Philip writes 'The Rosary is a wonderful prayer for us to say, praying to Our Lord for protection from all danger, sickness and evil.' For a simple explanation of the Rosary https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/the-holy-rosary-2024

# **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 18th October 11 am until 2 pm All Welcome Any donations of cakes will be gratefully received



#### **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.

### **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 November 10:30am
in the tea room

#### **ADORATION FOR PEACE**

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

#### Suggestion Update—13.10.24

Even though we had a deficit of £15,129.41 income over expenditure, this doesn't mean our account is in the red. Currently our bank balance is £70,138.16.

Who is responsible for general maintenance and who do people report to if they find a Health & Safety issue?

There is a Health and Safety and Maintenance team already working in the Parish. Any Heath and safety or maintenance issues must be reported to the office asap.

The PPC, UCM and the secretary should work all together for the welfare of the church.

There are two members of the UCM on the PC and Finance Committee. The Parish Administrator is present at all meetings and works with the PC and Finance Committee for the good of the Parish.

There should be two independent people to count the cash after Mass on a rota system.

Thank you to the those who have volunteered to count the offertory on a Sunday. We have two teams who count every fortnight.

In the newsletter, where new parishioners are welcomed, there should also be welcomed to join the readers group, sacristy, cleaning, Eucharistic groups etc. Alter servers, linen washing, gardening, flower arranging. Also invite parishioners and new ones to state their talents and may be offer them to run the church rotas.

It is our sincere hope that the initiative generated by this pilot scheme will result in many people volunteering to carry out essential tasks/ roles for the benefit of our Parish

For it to work it is essential that the workload does not fall on the few. The greater the number of volunteers the more effective we will be.

#### **OCTOBER - BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Black History Month is an annual observance dedicated to recognising and celebrating the contributions, history, culture and achievements of people of African decent.



Kizito was born around 1872 in the small village of Waluleta, central Uganda to a non-Christian family. Due to his friendly, witty and hard-working attributes, he was selected to work as a royal page in the apartment of King Mwanga II. Despite the King's demands for all Christians to renounce their faith or face death, Kizito became a passionate student of the faith and took every opportunity to beg the local priests to baptise him. Fearing Kizito might be killed on duty, he was persistently refused baptism on the grounds that he was simply too young and lacking instruction. However, when the persecution of Christians began in Uganda, he was finally baptised on 25/26 May 1886 by Charles Lwanga, the leader of Uganda's Christian community at the time, and took the name, John the Baptist.

However, a day after, despite Lwanga's advice to all palace children to run and hide from Christian prosecutors, Kizito refused to go. He was burnt alive alongside Lwanga on 3 June 1886 in Namugongo. His last words were "Goodbye friends, we are on our way." At the age of fourteen, Kizito became the youngest of the 22 Ugandian martyrs killed by the King. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XV in 1920 and canonised by Pope Paul VI on 18 October 1964. He is the patron saint of children and primary schools.

#### **Pope Francis October Prayer Intention**

During October, Pope Francis asks us to pray for a shared mission and calls on all faithful, in whatever vocation they may have, to do their best to contribute to a sense of co-responsibility in the Church.



#### 27th Sunday of the Year - Year B - 2024

"It was because you were so unteachable..."

I was in my early teens when a Physics teacher said these words to me. He handed me a Ladybird book, Janet and John, and made me sit in the front of the class to read it. Never been the same since! J Are you unteachable? This was the general concern raised by Jesus in the Gospel today. The Lord noticed unteachability in many. He noticed hard hearts. Hard hearts block Grace, the means to life and learning. The Lord recognised this hard heartedness in how the people understood marriage.

In God's mind marriage has always been the unique outward sign of God's love and faithfulness that is found in <u>His</u> joining of a man and a woman together. Thus, marriage has always presented a sacred character in God's sight. Yet those challenging Jesus today saw marriage differently, reducing the sacred to the civil, a piece of paper, a contract, where lawyers, scribes, canon lawyers, solicitors could find fault, and even make a living out of it!

So, Jesus takes us back to the beginning as recorded in Genesis. When <u>God</u> joins a man and woman together, a new being is created, a new way of 'being' for the couple; no longer two but one. Children may result but, first, the new creation is the couple themselves. To those of you who are married, wherever the marriage took place, you have been given the capacity to image Jesus, how God's love operates, first to your spouse, second to everyone else you meet.

To those who have been through the heartbreak that is divorce, and have found love again in a second marriage, what a Grace you have been given! You have been given another opportunity to live by Grace, to image Jesus in how you love. Sometimes, marriages are not made in heaven. Sometimes it's not God who does the joining.

Today Jesus reminds us that marriage is sacred, a Sacrament. By Grace we are given the opportunity to image who God is. There is no Grace in contract law! Marriages that are full of Grace will be readily recognised by how the couple love at all costs, just like our Lord and Master did.

Mark 10: 2-16 Fr John C

#### THE NEW LECTIONARY

The Diocese are offering two sessions about the new lectionary which comes into use in Advent. Each session will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy, and will be identical - so you need only attend one. The session will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us. It is also an opportunity for Questions and Answers. If you wish to pose a question, please submit it in advance in writing to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The sessions are on Tues 5th Nov & Tues 19th Nov and last one hour, from 7 to 8 pm. Please register in advance for either session. Thank you.

#### **READERS TRAINING DAY**

A Diocesan training day for Readers led by Fr Anthony Fyk will be held on Saturday 19th October from 10.30am until 2pm here 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.

#### PRAYING THE ROSARY

We have now entered the month of October, traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is a wonderful prayer for us to say, praying to Our Lord for protection from all danger, sickness and evil. Bishop Philip encourages us to say the Rosary each day this month.

## CARITAS Networking Lunch- Anti-Slavery Week

The next Caritas On-Line networking lunch at 12.30pm—1pm on 15th October during Anti-Slavery Week. We have Stevie Waight coming to speak about what modern slavery is, how to spot the signs and also about the Move On project she runs for victims. Please register at <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/Dr14A21AXG">Https://forms.office.com/e/Dr14A21AXG</a>. Any questions, please contact Jenny at <a href="mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>



#### **CAP Money Management courses**

October A series of Money Management sessions will be run by CAP (Christians Against Poverty) at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke on the following dates in October: 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st. These sessions are FREE & each one starts with a FREE meal. Please see the posters displayed in both our churches. More details: https://capuk.org/get-help/money-coaching To book a place call: 07883 059529