

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C - 1 December 2024

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Sacred Heart Church, The Priests House, London Road, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9LA  
**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 & Sat)

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>Saturday 30 Nov</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Richard Cleleman RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 1 Dec</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Nick Drummond 93rd Happy Birthday</b>
Monday 2 Dec	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>Saturday 7 Dec</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 8 Dec</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Frank Mahon RIP</b>
Monday 9 Dec	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.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 10 & 17 Nov. amounted to £1,797.35 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### 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 Registration forms are available from the welcomers table.

### REPOSITORY

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

### 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

**Gift Aid and Parish Registration Forms are available from the Welcomers Table 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:  
Debbie Cavedon, Jacob Weston, Mike Murch,  
Fr Paul Leonard, Ken Musgrave,  
Patrica Ringrose-Voase, Fr Jean Patrice, David Xavier  
John Kidd, Julie Wood & John Drake-Lee.



### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**



**First Reading** Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 24

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3: 12 - 4: 2

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Luke 21: 25 - 28; 34- 36

### **ADVENT WREATH HYMN**

During the lighting of the advent candle this weekend, we will be singing the first verse of the Advent Wreath Hymn.

**Light the Advent Candle one  
Now the waiting has begun  
We have started on our way  
Time to think of Christmas Day**

***Candle, candle burning bright  
Shinning in the cold winter night  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light***

### **REST IN PEACE**

Please keep in your prayers **Sheila Brent RIP**, who died on the 19th November, her Requiem will be on Tuesday 17th December at 10:45am at Sacred Heart.

Also **Fr Don Clement RIP** who died last week.

Please keep their families and friends in your prayers

***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God,  
Rest in Peace. Amen***



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Sun 1 Dec	Christmas Bazaar 11 am
Sun 8 Dec	Children's Advent Workshop 11am
Thurs 12 Dec	Charles de Foucauld Fraternity Meeting
Sat 14 Dec	Sacred Heart Advent Day of Recollection led by Rev Ryan Browne

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

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the Thursday 12th Dec at 2.30pm in the Convent.

Everyone is welcome

## **ADVENT STARTS TODAY**

The season of Advent is a time of preparation before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *Adventus* which means coming. Here are some thoughts to help us to prepare for Christmas.



Consider ...

- ◆ A place to go to get away from all the adverts
- ◆ A day of silence to just be with the Mystery of the Incarnation
- ◆ A chance to be of service to the poor
- ◆ A little more time to be with Family and Friends
- ◆ Some time to mediate on the fact that Jesus was born

### **WELCOMERS**

All those who signed up to be a welcomer, could you please sign the rota sheet on the Welcomers table.

To all Welcomers we would like someone to offer to co-ordinate the welcomers, please contact the office if you are able to fulfill this role.

### **NOTICE BOARDS**

Please check out the Pastoral Council/Finance Team Board by the side of the organ to see who currently serve on these. Please also note the board in the Porch where the ministry groups are listed with the contact details of the respective coordinators. Do contact them directly for further information if you wish to volunteer.

### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

#### **Penitential Service for our Pastoral Area**

At St Joseph's Church, Sunday 15 Dec 2.00 pm

#### **Christmas Eve (Tuesday)**

4:00pm Children's Christmas Service

8:00pm Carol Service

8:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

#### **Christmas Day (Wednesday)**

10:00am Mass During the Day

#### **St Stephen's Day (Thursday)**

10:00am 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 5rd December 10:30am  
in the tea room

#### **ADORATION FOR PEACE**

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

### **How Priests are Paid**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I am grateful to two parishioners for raising this question. For some reason the Catholic Church does seem to struggle with transparency, especially when it comes to finance. For many the elephant in the room has been how priests, themselves are funded. So, I thought it would be good to share the below with you.

#### **Priests serving in parishes within Portsmouth Diocese will usually receive:**

- Rent-free Accommodation – In addition they will have utilities, Council Tax, Internet, TV and other building related costs paid for them. This package is considered a 'Benefit in Kind' by HMRC, and therefore taxable as such.
- My own situation is unusual as the Diocese decided a couple of years ago not to offer me a presbytery/flat, or contribute to any related expenses such as rent etc. Thus, I live independently from the church. Thanks to your generosity at Sacred Heart, Hook, the PC/Finance Teams decided to fund my Utilities/Council tax/Building Insurance/Internet in addition to the stipend etc. I am very grateful to you for that.
- Stipend – this is ecclesiastical speak for a salary. At present this is set at £863.83 per month.
- 'Stole Fees' – this is ecclesiastical speak for the donations people often make to the priest who celebrates their baptisms, weddings and funerals. The word 'fee' is misleading as there are no charges – or shouldn't be!! – for the sacraments. This is sometimes forgotten by some parishes/priests.
- Funerals are not, strictly speaking Sacraments, but no less vital to our life and ministry as we all know. Funeral Directors habitually charge 'fees' on behalf of the minister/celebrant to the families as part of their overall invoice. The figure is set by the Church of England. A typical ministers 'fee' would be in the region of £250. I have waived this sum in the past when I know there is a particular financial concern for a family. Conventionally, there are no 'fees' taken for a child's funeral, or when a loved one is believed to have taken their own life.
- Mass Offerings/Stipends – priests usually claim one offering per Mass they celebrate as part of their income. As you know, I prefer to consider these donations as 'Holy Money' and are therefore given to charity.
- Christmas and Easter Collections – are traditionally given to the priest/s in a parish. In common with the rest of his/their income, it will be taxable by HMRC in the normal way.
- Expenses - Priests are re-imbursed for expenses incurred as part of their ministry, such as car mileage @ .45 per mile. The car itself, and related maintenance expenses, are his own responsibility. Vehicles are NOT provided by the church.
- Food/household expenses – are the responsibility of the priest.

Fr John C

### **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](mailto:office@sacredhearthook.org)

### **CHILDRENS ADVENT WORKSHOP**

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 11.00am-12.30pm

We will be running a Children's Advent Workshop after Mass, in the church and all children are warmly welcome! We will be exploring the Nativity story, making our own Angels. We are also delighted to provide pizzas, care of a very generous benefactor! Please sign up on the sheet in the entrance of the church, or alternatively please let Jan know on [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org). Also please indicate if your child has any allergies in terms of the pizzas - thank you

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

The UCM will be holding a Christmas Fete on Sunday 1st December at 11 a.m. straight after Mass and Saturday 30th November after evening Mass. All donations of bottles for the tombola, cakes, bric a brac, raffle prizes etc, would be much appreciated and gratefully received. All donations can be left at the back of Church please. However, most importantly we need YOU to come along on the day and be a part of this event. **Raffle Tickets are available after Mass on Saturday and Sunday for the next two weekends.**

## Christ the King 2024 - Year B - Hook

**The quest for truth.** Have you ever lost your bearings? You didn't quite know where you were? I recall being on the Picadilly Line in London. I was on my way to Heathrow to do some work in the Chaplaincy there. For a few moments I just didn't know where I was. Momentarily I lost the ability to read the wording on the map due to a head injury I had sustained following a road accident. It was very disconcerting, but when I started to regain comprehension, the relief was amazing. I was no longer lost. The truth was again revealed in delightful Hounslow!

*"Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."*

Today the Lord reminds us that He is the source of all truth. A decision to follow Him means we take sides. We take the side that is truth against the side that is falsehood. Those who belong to the side of truth will naturally take great heed of what the Author of all truth has to say. What Jesus says will be taken to heart, to our minds, as well as our bodies. People will notice it. They will be able to plainly see whose side we are on.

Does this mean that those who take the side of truth have a trouble-free existence. Sadly not. It's often the contrary. Sometimes it's a harder path to side with the truth. It can even seem unintelligible at times; a bit like me on the Piccadilly Line. Yet, by God's Grace, in faith, we hang in there. We trust the Lord will reveal the lettering again – God always does - as we continue our journey towards our heavenly home.

So, Brothers and Sisters, which side are you on? If you belong to the side of truth, expect tough times. But in those times, at all times, **keep listening to the Boss** who is The Way, the Truth, and the Life.

John 18:33-40

Fr John C

### ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

'Joy as the Doorway to Hope'  
Sacred Heart Parish, Hook  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.  
Led by Rev. Ryan Browne

10:30 – Mass  
11:00 – Finding Joy in the midst of our human brokenness  
11:30 – Personal Prayer  
12:00 – Midday Prayer  
12:15 – Lunch  
13:15 – Finding Joy through scripture.  
14:00 – Holy Hour (Opportunity for confessions/ talk)  
15:00 – Conclude with Benediction

### REV. RYAN BROWNE

Ryan is a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Portsmouth, currently serving at the Cathedral parish of Saint John the Evangelist in Portsmouth. He is 28 years old and heralds from the sandy beaches of Bournemouth. He studied Philosophy and Theology at the University of Exeter (2014-18). He then entered formation for the priesthood at the age of 23 at the Venerable English College, Rome. Whilst there he studied Philosophy at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), and undertook his STB at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained a deacon 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.



### NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal behind the welcomers table 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.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%.

If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Please note that even if you are registered with the Parish you will need to register with the Digital Collection Plate. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.



### BASINGSTOKE CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

"The Community Furniture Project will be hosting the Basingstoke Christmas Toy Appeal this year. We are collecting new and unwrapped gifts for children of all ages, and young people up to the age of 19, from business and individuals throughout Basingstoke. Did you know that 1 in 10 children live below the breadline? During the festive period, thousands of families struggle as they are forced to choose between buying presents or paying bills. As a result, many children in our area receive no gifts. We hope you can assist us to bring the community together to support this project and help us help local families

