

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B - 3 November 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)

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Saturday 2 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 Nov	10.00 am	Mass	Ian Findley RIP
Monday 4 Nov	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 9 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 Nov	10.00 am	Mass	Sheila Fletcher RIP
Monday 11 Nov	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 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 13 and 20 October amounted to £1,823.49 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Second Collection for Caritas amounted to £104.73

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.

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 & John Drake-Lee.



REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Joan Coleman RIP, who died this week, her Requiem will be in The Sacred Heart on Friday 8th November at 12 noon



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues 5 Nov Charles de Foucauld meeting 2:30 pm
Sun 1 Dec Christmas Fete 11 am
Sun 8 Dec Children’s Advent Workshop 11am

CAR PARKING

With our numbers increasing on a Sunday morning, parking is becoming difficult. The owners of Maryfield Care home have been very kind and allowed their car park to be used as an overflow. Please be respectful and remember that the care home guests and staff also use this car park. Please make sure that you are not blocking in any cars and there is always access for emergency vehicles.



The Manager of the Care Home is quite concerned about the parking on Sunday morning as they had trouble getting the ambulance in recently. Thank you

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the Tuesday 5th Nov pt 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

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Blessing of the local graves will take place on Sunday 10th or 17th November, if you would like Father John to bless a grave for you please let the office know. This short service reminds us to honour the graves of our loved ones, and to pray that their souls are now with the Lord sharing His promise of eternal life. May they Rest in Peace.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

During the month of November, a box for the request of prayers for the souls of loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. If you would like prayers for a deceased loved one, please write their name on one of the slips of paper and place it in the box. **May they Rest in Peace.** Please do not put money in the box, thank you.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Deuteronomy 6: 2 – 6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17
I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7: 23 - 28

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12: 28 - 34

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

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE SICK

If you were unable to attend the meeting on Saturday 12th October. Father will be running another session on Saturday 16th November at 12 noon for 1 hour. Please let the office know if you are able or not to attend.

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.

Pope Francis November Prayer Intention

During November Pope Francis asks us to pray for anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



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—02.11.24

The Priest's house renovations have finally started with the first half of the roof now water tight, the other side of the roof will be stripped and made water tight during this week. We are anticipating that the roof will be completed in a couple of weeks and we can then look at having the inside refurbished.

15 & 21 That we have names and photos of each member of the parish council at the back of the church together with the positions they hold.

Please keep an eye on the notice board by the side of the organ, we are currently preparing to put the photos and names of the PC and Finance committee members on there.

21 Copy of the agenda of the meeting on the notice board.

We will also include a copy of the agenda on the notice board and in the Parish Folder along with a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

27 If we are not allowed to host the pre-school in the priest's house we should be renting it out to a refugee family. **The Diocese insist that all properties within the Diocese, that are rented must be rented through a letting agent at market value. Once the Priest's house is near completion we will approach some Letting agents.**

A15 The digital machine at the back of Church (Dona) never seems to be there or working? Who is responsible for ensuring this is up and running.

The Digital Machine (Dona) is now up and running. It can be found at the back of the church behind the Welcomers table.

Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference

We are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. Please use the following link for more information and to be able to contact your local MP.

<https://gloria.tv/post/EhhpHi3Y7XXD1cqGQQXFtUyVn>



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.

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/

SECOND COLLECTION - BAMENDA SUNDAY

Sunday 3rd November Sunday 3rd November is Bamenda Sunday and this year we mark its Golden Jubilee.

Fifty years ago, Bishop Worlock and Bishop Verdzekov, of the then newly established Diocese of Bamenda, initiated the twinning as a practical demonstration of St Pope Paul VI's Vatican II document "Gaudium et Spes". Since 1974, the relationship has grown and strengthened. In the early years, priests from our Diocese worked in Bamenda, teaching the Faith, establishing parishes, schools, youth ministries, etc. Their mission was hugely successfully and saw a fledgling Church grow and develop. Many were inspired by bringing the Gospel message directly to them. Today, we have the great privilege of welcoming priests from Bamenda into our own parishes and their mission to us is one of renewal at a time when our communities become daily more secular. We have much to thank God for from this twinning. A core aspect of the twinning is the practical projects that have been funded through the over £1,000,000 that has been raised by our parishes, largely through the annual Bamenda Sunday collection. This source of funding remains an important and tangible 3 of 4 part of the relationship. Bamenda (Cameroon) is ranked 151st on the UN's Human Development Index covering 193 countries. The UK is ranked 15th. Please give as generously as possible to the Bamenda Sunday collection, every penny will go directly to an approved project aimed at cementing this twinning. Donations can also be made online using our Dona card port in the Foyer.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

All Saints – Year B – 2024 – Hook

Yesterday I was interviewed. Not by the police, I hasten to add! No, it was by a fairly large charitable trust who is exploring the possibility of giving us, the Margaret Clitherow Trust, some money to continue our work. The interviewer was particularly concerned with our ethos, what drives us. He picked on one phrase that was used in our letter of introduction, that we claim to offer 'unconditional hospitality' to our clients. He went on to say that his organisation had funded countless Christian charities over the years, but these Christian outfits tended to offer conditional service to their beneficiaries. There were, nearly always, strings.

Unconditional hospitality is easier said than done. Relationships, the business of living life, nearly always requires conditions and parameters to thrive or even survive. Yet, Christians hold up Jesus to be the pattern, the example, of how to live life, the life of blessedness.

Blessedness begins with God. Our capacity to relate to another, at all, begins with God. God's starting point in reaching out to us is unconditional. He reaches out with his Grace knowing what we are like, knowing our imperfections, knowing how inhospitable we can be at times. Yet he keeps calling us forward from our imperfections, to be blessed, to be unconditional, like His Son.

When we hear God's Word, we come to see the truth. We recognise our poverty. We experience the devastation that is mourning the loss of a loved one. We recognise the need to be humble. We recognise injustice and do something about it. We are instinctively merciful. And in all this all this rough and tumble, we see God.

Matthew 5:1-12

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.

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@sacredhearthook.org



UCM MEETING

Our next UCM meeting is on the **2 November in the Convent at 10.30am**.

Hope to see you all on the 2 November.

PARISH DATABASE

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



CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD -DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter:
www.cafod.org.uk/give

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)