SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 1199568

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C - 8 December 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 & Sat)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 7 Dec	2:00 pm	FHC/Confirmation	Ward and Light Families
Conden O Dee	6:00 pm	Mass	Mishael DID
Sunday 8 Dec	10:00 am	Mass	Michael RIP
Monday 9 Dec	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Saturday 14 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 15 Dec	10:00 am	Mass Brian Str	rong RIP, Piers Godfrey RIP & Terry Wright RIP
Monday 16 Dec	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
Tuesday 17 Dec	9:30 am	Crematorium	Sheila Brent RIP
	10:45 am	Mass	Sheila Brent RIP

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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 24 Nov & 1 Dec amounted to £1,830.06 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

<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

Cheques Payable to 'CDP Hook Sacred Heart'

Gift Aid payers are encouraged to contact in

confidence at: office@sacredhearthook.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, John Drake-Lee.
Patrica Ringrose-Voase, Fr Jean Patrice, David Xavier John Kidd & Julie Wood



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading Baruch 5: 1 – 9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 4 - 6, 8 - 11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
Make his paths straight,
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3: 1 - 6

ADVENT WREATH HYMN

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

Light the Advent candle two Think of humble shepherds who Filled with wonder at the sight Of the Child on Christmas night

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 thanks giving Mass 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 coordinate the welcomers, please contact the office if you are able to fulfill this role.

NOTICE BOARDS

Please check out the PC and Finance Board by the side of the organ to see who represents you on this committee.

Also in the porch there is a board of committee membership and coordinators for volunteer roles.

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

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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

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 10th July, 2024.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

'Joy as the Doorway to Hope' Sacred Heart Parish, Hook Saturday 14th 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

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Please join the Basingstoke Knights of St Columba for their annual 'social' with a bring and share supper here at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 10th December at 7pm.

Some carols in Church, the December 'Lucky Me' Raffle will be drawn Please do feel free to come along.

CHRISTMAS TREE

This Christmas as we remember all our dearly departed Family and Friends, you are invited to help us dress this year's Christmas tree with the names of your loved ones. On the welcomers table and also to the side of the Nativity Scene you will find some silver



and gold stars, please write the name of your loved ones on one of them and place the star in the basket provided. On Christmas Eve they will be placed on the tree. Please contact the office if you are unable to come to church but would still like a star filled in.

WALSINGHAM ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE 2025

Dates from 18th-21st August.

There are few places still available and if you are interested in going, please let the parish office know.

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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas
Fayre last Saturday evening and Sunday morning.
We were due to draw the raffle on the Sunday but as
there were only a few volunteers left at the end. We're
going to draw it this Sunday (8th) after 10am Mass.
Se please join us in the hall for coffee/tea/ mince pie
and even a chance to win again on the bottle stall.
We look forward to seeing you there.

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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. Also please indicate if your child has any allergies in terms of the pizzas - thank you

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.** Unless there is an emergency, of course

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THE CHURCH—BEFORE MASS

Many have asked me that we try and keep our voices down before Mass so that we can all offer our prayers to God in relative peace before Mass begins. We are a beautiful family of faith at Sacred Heart, therefore very important we chat and catch up. But if we can try and leave this until after Mass it would be much appreciated.

Many thanks. Fr J

1st Sunday of Advent – 2024 – Hook

Stand up! Are you standing up, head held high, in the presence of the Lord? If not, pray for the Grace to be able to stand up, confidently, proudly, before the Son of Man. This is pretty much the message of Advent the Lord sets before us today. During the week I was presented with an opportunity to stand up. I went to visit a colleague of mine, about my age, who has been struck down with a rare condition. He had been in ICU for 101 days having been completely paralysed. Sid now stays in a rehab unit having made some real progress since I last saw him. It was about 5pm and his evening meal had been delivered to his bedside. "Will you feed me?" he asked. No qualms whatsoever. I must have looked a bit anxious, thus he immediately queried "Are you alight with that?" I have never fed anyone before, let alone a grown man. It was an extremely humbling experience. Sid went on to explain, without any qualms, that he believed God had given him a second chance, that he would take a different approach to life once he recovered, please God.

Despite his current condition, Sid was standing up, without fear or pretence, in God's presence. No doubt he has been through

'....anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.'

this beyond massive trial, yet he chose to embrace it, miraculously, as a Grace, an opportunity to live differently. In so doing, he also presented the same opportunity to me. He challenged me to see the truth, to see beyond the walls of pretence we instinctively build for ourselves, to see what really matters in life. The fact is we all need feeding in all kinds of ways. Yet, when we choose to feed others with our love and service, we receive food ourselves; food that lasts, the food that is God's Grace, God's life.

This coming week, **Stand up!** Hold your head high in the presence of the Son of Man? If, like me, you find it hard to stand up, to stand out for God and neighbour, pray for the Grace to do it, especially when we get an opportunity to feed someone.

Luke 21:25-38

Fr John C

ADVENT CANDLES

Week 1 Purple - Hope

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and lost heaven but God promised to send a redeemer.

We Hope and believe Jesus will come in Glory.

Week 2 Purple - Peace

God chose Mary to be the mother of His son. The angel Gabriel wanted Mary to feel God's Peace and he said to her 'Do not be afraid'.

Week 3 Pink - Joy

Joseph and Mary were filled with Joy as they travelled to Bethlehem. We are joyful as His birth draws near.

Week 4 Purple - Love

When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem there was no room at the inn. In this final week of Advent we ask God to help us prepare for this coming by listening to His words 'Love one another as I have loved you'.

Christmas White - Jesus

Jesus Christ Light of the World came to shine in the darkness. He is the Way, the Truth and the Light.

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, form 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

