

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) - Year C - 15 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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 14 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 15 Dec	10:00 am	Mass	Brian Strong 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
Friday 20 Dec	11:30 am	Requiem	John Drake Lee RIP in St Andrew's

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 21 Dec	12:00 noon	Baptism	Kathleen Wall
	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 22 Dec	10.00 am	Mass	Damian Maranzano RIP & The Sister's of Maryfield Convent
Monday 23 Dec	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

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 24 Nov & 1 Dec 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, Sylvia Atkinson,
Patrica Ringrose-Voase, Fr Jean Patrice, David Xavier
John Kidd, Julie Wood & John Drake-Lee.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading Zephaniah 3: 14 – 18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 12

Sing and shout for joy

for great in your midst is the Holy one of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3: 10 - 18



ADVENT WREATH HYMN

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

Light the Advent candle three

Think of Heavenly Harmony

Angels singing peace on earth

At the Blessed Saviours birth

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 Mass will be on Tuesday 17th December at 10:45am at Sacred Heart. Also **John Drake Lee RIP** who died on Tuesday morning, his Requiem will be on Friday 20th December at 11:30am in St Andrew's South Warnborough RG29 1RS.

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



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 table at the back of church 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.



What does Gaudete mean?

Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. *Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday?* The Catholic Church uses the colour rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

LITURGICAL COLORS

AND WHAT THEY MEAN

PURPLE	RED	ROSE/PINK	GREEN	WHITE/GOLD
Penance Preparation	Sacrifice	Anticipation	Hope, Life & Growth	Joy & Purity
Used during Advent and Lent	Used during Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and the feast of the Apostles and martyrs	Used on the third Sunday in Advent and the fourth Sunday during Lent	Used throughout Ordinary Time	Used during Easter and Christmas seasons and feasts of the Blessed Mother, angels and saints who weren't martyred

CATHOLIC EXTENSION

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Advent Confessions

After Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses

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.

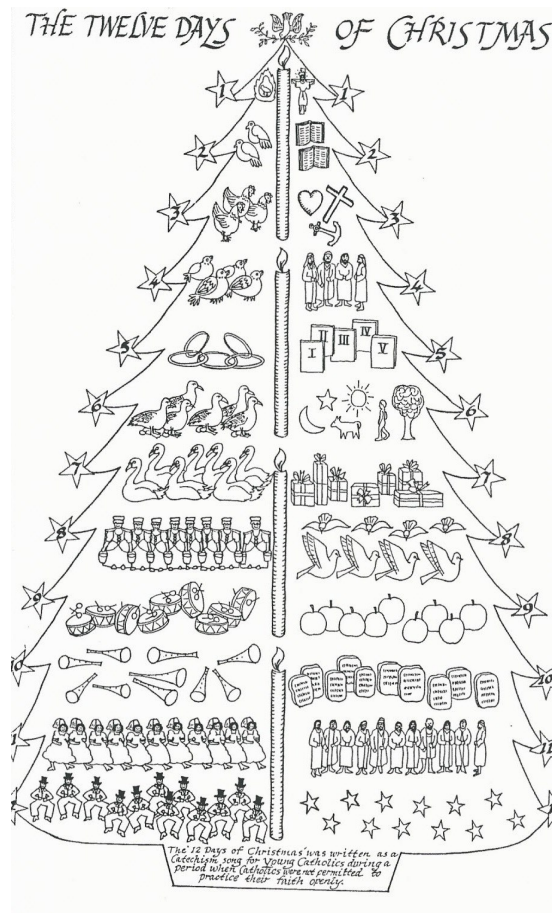
Next meeting—Tuesday 5th December 10:30am
in the tea room

ADORATION FOR PEACE

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

The 12 days of Christmas was written as a Catechism song for Young Catholics during a period when Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly.

- 1: Partridge in a Pear Tree
- 2: Turtle Doves
- 3: French Hens
- 4: Coley Birds
- 5: Gold Rings
- 6: Geese A-Laying
- 7: Swans A-Swimming
- 8: Maids a Milking
- 9: Drummers Drumming
- 10: Pipers Piping
- 11: Ladies Dancing
- 12: Lords A Leaping



- 1: Jesus
- 2: Old & New Testaments
- 3: Faith, Hope & Charity
- 4: Mathew, Mark, Luke & John
- 5: 1st 5 books of the Old Testament
- 6: Days of Creation
- 7: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8: Beatitudes
- 9: Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10: Ten Commandments
- 11: Faithful Apostles
- 12: Points of the Apostles Creed

CHRISTMAS FETE RAFFLE PRIZES

The following Raffle Prizes are still waiting to be collected. The names on the tickets are: Kevin Rafferty, David Brown, Ruth, Walkers and Trish Elgar.

CARPARK ATTENDANTS

We need a team of three for each of the weekend Masses, to help with the parking of cars in the carpark. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office.



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

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 hails 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.



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

Second Sunday of Advent – 2024 – Hook

Prepare a straight path for the Lord. I've just come back from the New Forest. Enroute the road was blocked by a fallen tree. We just sat there, in our cars, wondering what would happen next. A few minutes later, having realised the obvious, we started to turn around, to change direction and find another way. It happened again on my journey. I was confronted with a blockage. Again, I changed direction.

This is Advent, Brothers and Sisters, the season when we face the obstructions we collect in our lives and, with God's Grace, turn around. It's a time when we overcome the temptation to continue as we have always done, to change direction, to make a straight pathway for the Lord to touch our hearts and minds, to move us once again in the way Jesus sets before us.

The Way Jesus sets before us will include making straight paths for others. We will go out of our way to lighten loads, to remove obstacles from the path of people who are struggling in life. When we make a straight path for a brother or sister, we reveal the face of Christ to a brother or sister.

Two prayer requests this week. First, can we pray for all those who exercise authority in our diocese. A proposal has been made concerning how and when our youngsters should receive the Sacrament Confirmation. As it stands, the proposal will make it harder for our young people to receive the Sacrament and may block the way for some to receiving it at all. Church processes don't make straight paths for people sometimes, which is why we do things a little differently here. We go out of our way to release God's Grace keeping blockages to a minimum.

Second request, let's pray also for ourselves. This week, as a sign of our desire to prepare a straight path for the Lord, to change direction, let us go out of our way to **make a straight path for others.**

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, 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 in need this Christmas". Sacred Heart Church will have a box in the porch where toys can be left—thank you.

