

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C - 23 March 2025

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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)

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday 22 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 23 Mar	10.00 am	Mass	
Monday 24 Mar	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday 29 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 30 Mar	10.00 am	Mass	
Monday 31 Mar	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

CONFESSIONS & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Jan in the Parish Office on 01256 577007.

PARISH FINANCE

Dona Plates Contactless giving made easy (with Gift Aid optional) - See the machine at the back of the church

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 the office at: 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. Parish Registration forms are available from the welcomers table.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekends of the 2nd & 9th March amounted to £1,837.54 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Thank you to all who attended the **World Day of Prayer**, the collection amounted to £269.85

Thank you for your generosity.

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, Ken Musgrave, Sylvia Hosking, Patrica Ringrose-Voase, Fr Jean Patrice, David Xavier, John Kidd, Julie Wood, Anne Mitchell & Peter Ward

ILL AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL

If you are ill and are unable to attend Mass, please let Sister Mary-Doris know, we can then 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 and Sister Mary-Doris on 07899 653413

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN LUNCH

During Lent the UCM will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 12 noon on Friday's followed by soup and bread in the Church Hall. Voluntary donations will be given to CAFOD. Everyone is invited, so please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.
Fridays 28th March, 4th April & 11th April

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sun 23 Mar FHC meeting 9am in the hall
Thur 27 Mar Charles De Foucauld 2:30pm
Thur 27 Mar Leaning into Lent at The Hogget at 7pm
Fri 4th April Penitential Service St Bede's Church
Sat 3rd May UCM - Curry Night

LISTENING TO GOD

Father John C has very kindly donated some booklets containing the Gospel of Luke, you will find them on the table at the front of church, please do take one when you come up for Communion.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who bought or provided cakes or who made a donation. The chocolate hamper raffle will be drawn before Easter and tickets are still on sale, The cake sale/raffle has raised over £380 so far.

UCM TUESDAY KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP

Please do join us on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Convent after the 10 am Eucharistic Service. We are hoping to make hats/blankets, etc to go to hospitals and care homes or anyone in need, so do please come along. All welcome. If anyone has some spare wool, they would like to donate to the group it will be gratefully received.

LENT 2025

During Lent we are called to fast, to pray and to give alms. Have you begun to think about the way in which you will respond to God's Lenten call this year? Here are some of the things the parish will be offering to help you



Confessions: After Saturday & Sunday Mass
Stations of the Cross Friday at 12 noon in the church followed by a soup lunch
The Way of the Cross Sunday 4pm in the Convent
Leaning into Lent Thursday evening at the Hogget
Penitential Service Fri 4th April at St Bede's Church

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.

At 10:30am

in the tea room

TUESDAY UCM KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP

2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of the month

At 10:30 in the tea room

ADORATION FOR PEACE

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

LITURGY OF THE WORD

3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading Exodus 3: 1 - 8, 13 - 15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102

The Lord is compassion and love



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 6, 10 - 12

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord,

For the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel Luke 13: 1 - 9

CAR PARK ATTENDANTS

On Sunday 6th April after Mass there will be opportunity to have some car park attendants training. If you are able to help with the car park either on a Sunday or Saturday please do come along for the training.

LEANING INTO LENT 2025

Following the success of 'Leaning into Lent 2024', we are being offered another opportunity to lean into the Lenten season with the assistance of the Hogget Public House, Hook. Many thanks to Jake and Jan for accommodating us once again. The sessions will take place on the: **13th, 20th and 27th March 2025 from 7pm - 9pm.**

13th March - What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

20th March - Eucharist - the Summit and Source of life.

27th March - Travelling Through the Triduum - Holy Week explained.

As with last year, the sessions will begin with a short time of prayer and reflection on the Gospel of last week. The Fr John M will then share something of the above, which will be interactive in style. The final third will be a chat with a mystery guest, led by Fr John C, which proved to be a big hit last year. Some finger food will be offered each week. No charge for attending, but you will have to pay for any drinks at the bar. See you there. JC

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the Thursday 27th March at 2.30pm in the Convent.

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

CARITAS ANNUAL EASTER EGG APPEAL 2025

Caritas Appeal for Easter Eggs We will be collecting Easter Eggs again this year so that Caritas can share these out amongst families who would otherwise go without.
Thank you.

PASTORAL AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATION



Lenten Reconciliation for the Pastoral Area will be on Friday 4th April at 7.30 pm in St. Bede's Church.
All are most welcome.

EASTER 2025

Thursday 17th April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - **7:30 pm**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 18th April

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - **3:00 pm**

Saturday 19th April

HOLY SATURDAY – **8:00 pm**

Sunday 20th April

EASTER SUNDAY - **10:00 am**

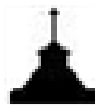
CATECHISTS LENT DAYS OF PRAYER,

FORMATION AND NETWORKING

The Vicariate for Evangelisation will be hosting three online events during Lent for Catechists across the diocese. These events offer a chance to connect with other catechists, share experiences, and find inspiration to hand on the faith in our parishes. Each event will begin at 7:30 PM and last for one hour.

Thursday 3rd April (Confirmation and RCIA)

To sign up for this event, please go to
<https://forms.office.com/e/VkCdj1SWzA>



Douai Abbey - Lent Day of Prayer, Saturday 22nd March

Times: 10.30am to 4pm,
with arrivals and coffee from 10am.

The day will be led by Fr Alex Austin OSB. St Benedict mentions joy in his Rule only to describe Lent! 'Preparing for the favourable time' calls for eager engagement, so that we do not stumble through Lent, but embrace its invitation to journey towards Easter.

A contribution of £30 (to include lunch, coffee and tea) or £15 (bring your own lunch) payable on the day. All booking and enquiries to the Programme Director.
Further information is available on the Abbey website.

VOCATION SEEKER SATURDAYS

New for 2025, Seeker Saturdays offer an opportunity for Fellowship, Formation and Food whilst Discerning God's Will. God calls us all, but how will you respond? Seeker Saturdays will be taking place on **22nd March, 3rd May and 28th June**, 11am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church Fareham PO16 0NQ. Advance booking is required and for more information please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

SALT AND GRIT BIN

Just a reminder that there is a salt and grit bin by the side of the disabled parking bays, for use when the car park area is icy.



Second Sunday of Lent – Year C – 2013

Faces. I was having a chat with a woman who told me that it took two hours to 'put her face on'. Her face mattered that much. During my most recent consultation with the docs regarding my surgery, I was told part of my face would be 'peeled back' to remove the lump. I too have decided that my face matters! It just might be the end of my modelling career though!!

Our faces do matter. They contain our eyes, windows into the soul. They contain our mouths through which we communicate what is in our hearts, revealing what really concerns us deep down.

"As He – Jesus - was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning."

The face of Jesus changed when He prayed. When we spend time with God, our faces will change because our hearts, where our desires live, will have changed first. Others will notice us becoming more like Jesus. They will recognise God living in us, which is what defines Grace.

There's a lot of talk about evangelisation, sharing the Good News that God so loved the world that He sent us His son. Too much talk! Evangelisation happens when God does the work, in and through our hearts, in and through our minds, in and through our bodies. It will be written all over our faces! God's work will be seen in us.

In a sense, Lent is about '**putting our faces on**' J. When we pray, we allow God access into our hearts. Spending time with God is indispensable, but it's not about quantity. It's about quality, however short a time. Saying hello to God at the beginning of the day, thanking Him at the end of it, in the car, wherever it may be. Above all, prayer is a time to hear God speak.

"A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.""

Brothers and Sisters, **Prayer principally concerns listening**, especially to God's Word. Next week, you will receive a copy of Luke's Gospel for you to take away so you can listen to Him.

Luke 9:28-36

Fr. John C

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 themselves 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.

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 C

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 21st June at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact **YOUR PARISH SECRETARY** or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note the email address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet you can drop a copy with completed form into the parish office, in an envelope Significant Wedding Mass.

POPE FRANCIS MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

During March Pope Francis asks us to pray for families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each others gifts even in their differences.