

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE) - Year C - 30 March 2025

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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)

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday 29 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	Agnes Kenny RIP
Sunday 30 Mar	10.00 am	Mass	Angela Cummins RIP & John De Largy RIP
Monday 31 Mar	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
Wednesday 2 Apr		<b>There is no service in the Convent Today.</b>	

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday 5 Apr	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 6 Apr	10.00 am	Mass	
Monday 7 April	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 newcomers table.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekends of the 2nd & 9th March amounted to £1,777.13 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.  
Thank you to all who donated to CAFOD, the collection amounted to £339.15

**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



**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



**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

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the soul of Angela Cummins RIP, who died on Tuesday evening. Please keep her family 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**

Wed 2nd April There is no service in the convent  
Fri 4th April Penitential Service St Bede's Church  
Sun 27th April UCM Cake & Plant Sale  
Sat 3rd May UCM - Curry Night

**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.

**MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women so that their example of faith and love may shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**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.

**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**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading** Joshua 5: 9 - 12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 33

**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 21

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

**I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

**Gospel** Luke 15: 1 - 3 , 11 - 32



**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.

### **ADMITTANCE TO HOSPITAL?**

When a loved one is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Christian and would appreciate the Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

### **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.

### **BRITISH SUMMER TIME**

Remember to move your clocks forward one hour this weekend as British Summer Time begins!



### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Confirmation and RCIA)**

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

### **UCM MEETING**

The next UCM meeting is on Saturday 12th April 10:30am in the Convent.

### **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**

### **READERS AT MASS**

**If you are a reader at Mass and are struggling to climb the steps to the Sanctuary, please let us know as we can arrange for the microphone to be brought to your seat.**

### **EMAIL SCAM WARNING**

The Diocese has had reports of people including priests, receiving an email from the email address philipegan.portsmouthdiocese@gmail.com. This is a fake email address (all Diocese email addresses end in @portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

Our IT partners have already blocked it from getting through our security wall but please be aware of this. Never open an email you receive from a suspicious or unusual address (not just from the Diocese but any source) and forward to communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk so that we can take any necessary steps to protect our systems. Once forwarded, please delete the email immediately without opening it, as it may contain a virus or malware.

### **CROOKHAM & FLEET PARISH MISSION**

#### **—PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

Fr Johnpromise and the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham warmly invite you to take part in the Parish Mission entitled 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The mission will help you to deepen your relationship with God, yourself and others and discover more what it truly means to hope. This mission will help you to deepen your relationship with God, yourself and others and discover more what it truly means to hope. Space for discussion, questions and practical tools for sharing the faith will be provided along with resources for you to take away and reflect upon.

There is a packed week of Adoration, Mass and talk and sharing sessions.

Please find more information on the Welcomers table.

### **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 4th April & 11th April

### **VERBUM DEI**

"Love Hopes all things..." (1Cor13:7) is the title for the Easter Triduum Retreat at the Verbum Dei centre, on the Isle of Wight, 17- 20 April. An opportunity to live the Easter Triduum in prayer, experiencing Christ's love and hope for us in his death and resurrection. For more information, please contact us: [verbumdei.iow@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com) and [www.uk.verbumdei.org](http://www.uk.verbumdei.org).

### Third Sunday in Lent – Year C - 2025 – Hook

**Wood for the Trees.** Years ago, I attended Slough Magistrates Court with a client who had attracted the notice of the media. The public gallery was packed. Other lawyers piled in to see what I would say on behalf of defendant, who was facing numerous allegations of a vile nature. His instructions were that I should apply for bail before the matter was dealt with in the Crown Court. It was a hopeless case, but instructions are instructions. I opened by encouraging the Magistrates to “see the wood for the trees”. Now, the sole purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr X should be released on bail, not to make decisions about his guilt or innocence. The Bench retired for almost an hour for the Chair to calmly announce bail should be given. The Prosecutor, who had done no work believing a remand into custody was in the bag, scorned me. As I left everyone looked at me with disgust, “you should be ashamed of yourself!”

Understandably, people get streamed up about certain issues. People ‘love’ to lay the law down, to judge, to scape-goat even. It has been ever thus. Two thousand years ago people readily believed in the ‘sins of the fathers’ idea, that calamity befell those who had badly sinned, or their relatives had. Both the massacre in the Temple and the 18 who were crushed under the tower in Siloam, were cited to Jesus as examples of precisely that. They must have done something terrible for that to happen! What did the Lord say?

*“...do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! **But unless you repent, you too will all perish.**”*

Jesus entirely dismissed this thinking as FALSE. Our minds must refocus, He exhorted, on what is true. We are not to look at others, their sins, however heinous. Instead, we must look at ourselves. We presume, unwisely, that we will have all the time in the world to get our ducks in a row, to get our hearts on track, to rediscover the honest, humble way that is the Way of Jesus, the way of repentance. Or we can choose to perish.

Repentance means I listen to the Lord’s voice, massively, as if my life depended on it. It does! Repentance means I develop an instinct to look out for others before I look out for myself. Or I can choose to perish. Repentance means when I perceive a need in others, I have received a call to respond with outrageous generosity, **to see the wood for the trees.**

**Luke 13:1-9**

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 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.

#### **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 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.