



# SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 246871

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year A**

**6 September 2020**

**Welcome to all our Parishioners and all who are joining us via the website or Facebook**  
**Mass this weekend is at 10am on Sunday**  
**Website: <https://www.sacredhearhook.org/live>**

## **Thought for the Week**

**“If he listens to you, you have won back your brother”**

On 17 March 1912, Captain Lawrence Oates left the tent he shared with other on Captain Robert Falcon Scott's ill-fated expedition to the Antarctic. Oates had developed gangrene in his foot, and on his thirty-second birthday, he announced in the tent that he was “just going out for a bit”, adding, “I may be some time.” He never came back. He chose to sacrifice himself to give others a better chance of succeeding. History is full of examples of heroic sacrifices people have made for the sake of others, and to ensure their safety. In our own time, in the face of acts of terrorism, people have risked their lives to save others. In recent years there have been stories on TV and in the press of atrocities committed by people which have caused terrible suffering for others. At the same time, we often hear of heroic efforts by those who put their own lives at risk – or even sacrifice their own lives – when trying to save others. We may consider their actions the highest expression of what it means to be human. These actions certainly resonate with Jesus' statement that no one can have a greater love than to lay down his or her life for another.

- Heroic actions by one person for the good of others are found throughout human history.
- In the early Church some Christians were expelled from the synagogue because of their allegiance to Jesus, who sacrificed himself for humanity. Matthew's Gospel was composed to strengthen their resolve..
- Matthew gathered together sayings of Jesus in his Gospel to strengthen the resolve of those ostracised by the rabbis.

Taken from The Living Word a Redemptorist publication

## **SACRED HEART CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

From September 7th private prayer sessions will be as follows

The church is open for private prayer at the following times:

**Tuesday 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday 10:00 am until 12:00 noon**

In order to keep everyone safe when coming to church, Face Coverings must be worn at all times.

Obviously, there is no obligation for anyone to attend church during this time and no-one should feel guilty about not coming back to church until they feel that it is totally safe to do so.

Please visit the Coronavirus page: [www.sacredhearhook.org/coronavirus](http://www.sacredhearhook.org/coronavirus) for any last minute changes

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**Parish Administrator:** Mrs Jan Hughes

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**Website:** [www.sacredhearhook.org](http://www.sacredhearhook.org)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/sacredhearhook](https://www.facebook.com/sacredhearhook)

**Safeguarding Minister:** Mrs Maggie Wood

**email:** [safeguarding@sacredhearhook.org](mailto:safeguarding@sacredhearhook.org)

### **PARISH DONATIONS**

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish, or set up a Standing Order, our bank account details are:

Lloyds Bank

**Sort Code:** 30 93 04

**Account number** 00880117

**Name:** PRCDTR Sacred Heart Hook

(Please also use this for cheque payments)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

God bless. Fr. Paul

### **PRAYING THROUGH THE STORM**

We hope you can join us on **Thursday 24 September at 7.30pm** where we will be live streaming a talk from Fr Liam and Fr Yamai from the Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill in Oxford.

These are difficult times and people are searching for solutions. Our trainings and sophisticated systems and our faith all seem inadequate in the light of the present crisis. In the face of our helplessness, we ask the same question as did the disciples: to whom shall we go? Who do we turn to? Where shall we find help in this day of trouble? Where shall we find rest for our wearied souls? In this presentation, Fr Liam will explore these questions, drawing insights from Carmelite spirituality especially the guidance of Saint Teresa of Jesus, who also faced challenging times and left us a wealth of teaching in her writings on how one can pray through the storms of life.

Please register your interest by contacting the Parish Office on [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org) or Joan Kent on [tran\\_joan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tran_joan@yahoo.co.uk).

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021**

If your child will be in Year 3 in September 2020, they are now of an age when traditionally children begin their preparation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. As parents, you have the main role in preparing your child to receive the Sacraments, but you will not be alone. You will be supported by the parish and by a team of dedicated catechists and will receive all the help that you need. We hold the children's meetings in the church once a month on a Saturday morning. In the first instant please contact the parish office, for more information and an application form, before the Sunday 18th October.

### **PARISH SURVEY**

Fr Paul and our Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) want to hear from you because it's your voice that really matters so we'd be grateful if you'd complete our survey. You have the option to complete this survey anonymously, although we'd love to hear from each of you directly too. Please help us to serve you better by completing this survey. For us, your feedback is important in helping us to support Father Paul to develop the church's role in our lives. We hope you will want to make a real and meaningful contribution to this process. Typically, up to 10 minutes may be needed to complete the questionnaire. If you wish to remain anonymous, please leave your contact details blank.

The questionnaire can be accessed via the website at ([www.sacredhearthook.org/survey](http://www.sacredhearthook.org/survey))

If you would prefer a hard copy of the survey to fill in please contact the parish office either by phone 01256 577007 or by email [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org) and we can arrange to send one out to you.

### **CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal**

#### **- Fundraising Marathon Hike**

After a few month's training, I am ready to tackle a 26-mile route around the South Downs, starting and finishing at Queen Elizabeth Country Park near Petersfield on 03 October. My fundraising cause is the CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal, as described on the following link about the devastating effect of coronavirus on the most vulnerable communities <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>,

If you would like to support me then please

visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ian-liddell1> Thanks, Ian Liddell

### **READERS WORKSHOPS**

Have you ever considered being a church reader or are you already reading at Mass, but missed out on the Diocesan training.

This autumn, our Readers Training Team will be offering online the two Readers Workshops:

- **Workshop 1** (the Liturgy of the Word / Practical skills) on
  - **Saturday 17th October, at 10:00am**
  - **Saturday 14th November, at 10:00 am.**
- **Workshop 2** (the Bible / Preparing a text) on
  - **Saturday 24th October, at 10 am.**
  - **Saturday 21st November, at 10 am.**

You can register to the workshops according to your availability, knowing that you need to have attended workshop 1 and workshop 2 to obtain a diocesan *recognitio*.

Please follow this link to the registration page

<https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers>

Further dates will be planned in 2021

### **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading** Ezekiel 33: 7 - 9

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Psalm 94:** 1-2, 6-9, response v8

***O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.***

**Second Reading:** Romans 13: 8 - 10

**Gospel** Matthew 18: 15 - 20

## ATTENDING PUBLIC MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

We need to observe the following guidelines when attending Mass:

**Our intention is to celebrate Mass reverently and safely as a community of Christ's disciples.**



The dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect. Please don't register for Mass or enter the church if you or someone in your household has a temperature, a cough, flu-like symptoms or loss of taste or smell.  
Stay at home and participate in the Mass via our live stream



Please bring your own **face covering**.  
You must wear it at all times, except when receiving Holy Communion



Arrive at the front main doors of the church no later than **15 minutes before Mass** and if possible a bit before that.  
This will allow each person to sanitise their hands while maintaining social distancing



Apply **hand sanitiser** when entering and leaving the church.  
Either bring your own or use the dispenser provided inside the entrance to the church



**Follow the instructions of the ushers.** They will direct you to where to sit. -  
Couples, or families of 3 or more from the same household, may sit together.  
Please do not kneel, sit in the marked places as directed by the stewards and please observe social distancing at all times.  
Please keep young children with you at all times



Queuing to receive **Holy Communion** will be single file and it will be under one kind.  
Follow the instructions given regarding when to come forward and receive Holy Communion so that social distancing is maintained



Sorry but the toilets and the hall remain **closed**.

These measures are to make sure everyone feels safe when attending church. Let us all work together, follow the guidelines and be considerate of each other as we celebrate together in thanksgiving to God for the gift of the Eucharist.

## HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS

- Due to the limited space in our church, booking is required for each of the Sunday Masses.
- Booking for weekend Mass is organized by Jan our parish administrator.
- Booking closes on the Thursday at 1.30pm for Mass the following weekend. Places are limited so it will be first come first served, however those applying when bookings are full or closed can be booked immediately onto the following week.
- Booking is by email at [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org). Please title the email "Mass booking" and give the name, address and contact details of all who will be attending including of all those in a family group.
- Don't forget to indicate which Mass you will be attending. Mass is at 6pm on Saturday evening and at 10.00 am on Sunday morning.
- You will receive an email during Friday morning with confirmation and more instructions.
- The names and contact details of everyone attending Mass will be recorded for NHS Track and Trace. These will be kept securely for 21 days and then destroyed.
- If you are unable to email the office, please contact Jan in the Parish Office on 07719012955 before 1.30pm on Thursday.
- Please make sure you are registered with the parish. If you think that you aren't (last census was 6 years ago) please fill in the attached registration form and return it to the parish office.



# Sacred Heart Parish

## PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

(1 form per household)

Sacred Heart Church

The Priest House

London Road, Hook

Hampshire, RG27 9LA

TeL No: 01256 577007

Email: [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org)

[www.sacredhearthook.org](http://www.sacredhearthook.org)

\*marks the minimum information requested

1. FIRST ADULT

Male

Female

|                  |                                   |                        |  |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| *CHRISTIAN NAME: |                                   | *SURNAME               |  |
| Date of Birth:   |                                   | Date Joined<br>Parish: |  |
| Marital Status:  |                                   | Date of<br>Marriage:   |  |
| *Address:        |                                   |                        | *Postcode  |
| Home Telephone:  |                                   |                        | Mobile:  |
| Email:           |                                   |                        |  |
| Religion         | Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> | Other? (specify):      |  |
| Nationality      | British <input type="checkbox"/>  | Other? (specify):      |  |
| Occupation:      |                                   |                        | Would you like the Newsletter by email? <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. SECOND ADULT

Male

Female

|                  |                                   |                        |  |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| *CHRISTIAN NAME: |                                   | *SURNAME               |  |
| Date of Birth:   |                                   | Date Joined<br>Parish: |  |
| Marital Status:  |                                   | Date of Marriage:      |  |
| *Address:        |                                   |                        | *Postcode  |
| Home Telephone:  |                                   |                        | Mobile:  |
| Email:           |                                   |                        |  |
| Religion         | Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> | Other? (specify):      |  |
| Nationality      | British <input type="checkbox"/>  | Other? (specify):      |  |
| Occupation:      |                                   |                        | Would you like the Newsletter by email? <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

| Christian Name | Surname | Male / Female | Date of Birth | Date Baptised | Date FHC | Date Confirmed | School or College |
|----------------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|
| *              | *       | *             | *             |               |          |                |                   |
| *              | *       | *             | *             |               |          |                |                   |

4. Other family members living with you (e.g. young adult or elderly relative)

| Christian Name | Surname | Relationship to you | Mass attended |
|----------------|---------|---------------------|---------------|
| *              | *       | *                   |               |
| *              | *       | *                   |               |

As a family, which Mass do you MOST REGULARLY attend:                      Saturday                       Sunday

**Do you have any elderly (Catholic) relatives in a care home or nursing home in Hook or the surrounding areas who are not able to attend Mass. If so, please give details.**

5a. Are you already helping in the parish – if yes, how?

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| 1st Adult: | 2nd Adult: |
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5b. Do you wish to volunteer to help in the parish – if yes, how?

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| 1st Adult: | 2nd Adult: |
|------------|------------|

6. Would you be interested in PLANNED GIVING to help the Parish (including GIFT AID)?

|           |                      |                          |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st Adult | Yes / No /Already do | Any others in household? |
| 2nd Adult | Yes / No /Already do |                          |

7. How can the parish help you and your family? Is there any other information you feel we need to know?

Information provided on this form, together with all other personal data held by the Parish and the Diocese of Portsmouth, is processed in accordance with the Diocese's Privacy Notice, which can be obtained from [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr) or from the Sacred Heart Parish Office. By completing this form, you agree that the above information can be entered in the Parish records. It will be used only to help with personal and pastoral care, and the appropriate administration of the Parish and Diocese.