



# SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 246871

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year A**

**20 September 2020**

**Welcome to all our Parishioners, whether in Church or joining us via live streaming**

## Thought for the Week

“You go into my vineyard too.”

At election time political parties make promises, and we know what we expect them to say. Taxation will be reduced; more money will be available for schools, for health care and welfare. A new and ambitious house-building programme is on the cards. Public transport will be a top priority and more will be spent on infrastructure, including road repairs and building new ones. But suppose a political party presented this: “We are going to introduce a revolutionary new wage policy. Instead of an hourly rate of pay, we shall pioneer a daily rate for the worker. By this we mean that whether you spend just one hour a day at work or a full eight hours, you will be paid the same wage. Just to make this crystal clear: we are proposing an enhanced daily minimum wage, which workers will receive whether they work for one hour or eight. It is a progressive new deal. Employers will be compelled to comply”.

Such a suggestion would be met with outrage. It would not be fair; it would not be right or just. Unsurprisingly those who worked for a whole day in the field or factory would be furious and envious of those who had worked for only an hour.

Jesus, however, was not advocating some strange new social teaching when he told the story of an employer who did this. The key to his parable is in the words, “Why be envious because I am generous?” It is a parable about the extraordinary generosity and love of God. It is not about human rights; it is, Jesus said, about what the kingdom of God is like.

- In human terms we should be paid the wages we deserve, no more, no less.
- In God’s terms, through God’s extraordinary generosity, we are given what we could never deserve or merit.
- The church extends this mercy and kindness of God by preaching that Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost.

## **SACRED HEART CHURCH OPENING TIMES**

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

**Tuesday: 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm and Wednesday: 10:00 am until 12:00 noon**

The Church is open for Mass on Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am

Attendance at both Masses needs to be book via [hello@sacredhearhook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearhook.org)

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

**Priest in Charge:** Rev. Paul Leonard

**Parish Administrator:** Mrs Jan Hughes

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**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.

Please register your interest by contacting the Parish Office on [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org)

### 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. **Application forms are now available from the Church or by email to [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org)**

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please do join Maggie and Natalie for a live streaming of this weekend's Children's Liturgy on Sunday at 11:30am. The session is available live on Facebook or on our website

### MASS TIMES FOR 26/27 SEPTEMBER

Father Paul is going away for a few days, this will mean that there will be no Mass on Saturday 26th September. He will be back for Sunday Mass on the 27th at 10:00am and we will be live streaming this Mass.

From Wednesday 30th September there will be Mass celebrated at Sacred Heart at 10:00am. You will also need to book to attend this Mass. Please email [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org) for a seat.

### 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. 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

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

- **Workshop 1** (the Liturgy of the Word / Practical skills) on
- **Workshop 2** (the Bible / Preparing a text) on

Please follow this link to the registration page <https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers>

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading** Isaiah 55: 6-9

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Psalm 144:** 2-3, 8- 9, 17-18 response v18

*The Lord is close to all who call him.*

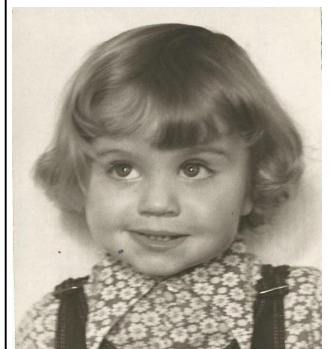
**Second Reading:** Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

**Gospel** Matthew 20: 1 - 16

### MYSTERY BABY

In the past few months the Diocesan e-news has been printing baby pictures of our Priests and Deacons. To expand on our photos on the chairs, we thought we would have a go at guessing the baby.

If you can guess who this is please email your answer to [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org) and also send us a baby picture so that the parish can guess who you are.



## 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.



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

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 and the Wednesday Mass.
- Booking for Mass is organized by Jan our parish administrator.
- Booking closes on the Thursday at 1.30pm for Weekend Mass and on Tuesday for the Wednesday Mass. 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 or 10.00am on Wednesday morning.
- You will receive an email during Friday morning with confirmation and more instructions for the weekend Mass and on Tuesday afternoon for the Wednesday Mass.
- 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 a registration form and return it to the parish office.