



SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 246871

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

17 January 2021

Welcome to all our Parishioners and all who are joining us via the website or Facebook

Live streaming of the Mass this weekend is at 10am on Sunday

Website: <https://www.sacredhearthook.org/live>

Children's Liturgy will live stream at 11:30am on Sunday mornings

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A mondegreen occurs when someone mishears a word or phrase, giving it a completely new meaning. The lyrics to songs are particularly susceptible to mondegreens. Bob Dylan's "The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind", becomes: "The ants are my friends, they're blowing in the wind." "Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light" becomes: "Jose, can you see by the donzerly light." Many people apparently believe "donzerly" is a real word. And famously on the long-running BBC comedy show the Two Ronnies, a labourer walks into a hardware store and ask for what sounds like four candles, until the frustrated storekeeper eventually realises the man is asking for "fork 'andles – handles for forks". Understandably, children are prone to mishearing, especially when it comes to religious phrases: "Our Father, who art in heaven, Harold by thy name" is a classic. Or in the Hail Mary: "blessed art thou a monk swimming". We are all liable to mishear and misunderstand.

How do we become good listeners to the Lord? How do we allow ourselves to become transformed by God's Word – by Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh? Perhaps primarily, like the two disciples in today's Gospel, we need to spend time with the Lord. That's not a skill it's simply a discipline, a commitment. Communicating with God isn't the same as holding a two-way conversation with a human being, but the essentials are the same. It's about relationship, trust, openness, quality time and listening with the heart to what is really being communicated. When we listen to the Lord, when we encounter the Messiah, our lives are changed. Because the Lord doesn't communicate facts or data – the Lord communicates God's self: God's love, God's life, God's mercy. When we allow ourselves to "hear" those things, be touched by them, they evoke a response in us which goes beyond mere words: they change our lives.

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Intention for Evangelization: – Human Fraternity May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



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First Reading 1 Samuel 3: 3 – 10, 19

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7 – 10, response v 8, 9

*Here I am Lord!
I come to do your will.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 13 – 15, 17 – 20

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 1: 35 – 42

JESUS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

Are you looking to find out more on Jesus and his ministry? This is a Powerful Study on the Life of Jesus Christ. The marvellous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our Saviour, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us already know a lot about him, how well can we say we really know him? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on him as you come to know and love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way. Starting Tuesday 12th January 7.45pm. If you would like to register for this course - please contact Joan at jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

FORMATION ON THE MASS

This coming January, Sr Hyacinthe invites you to join the Formation for Mission Team for a Back to Basics Course on the Mass in 6 sessions to refresh our understanding and deepen our love for the Mass. After lockdown, we may find it difficult to return to the sacramental practice of our faith. Taking time to discover or rediscover what we believe in our faith, how this is celebrated in the Mass, and how we are called to live it may be just what we need at the beginning of the year, to re-ignite our love for the Mass and find the words to encourage others. Each session will end with a time of prayer. They will be led by Sr Hyacinthe and Angela Wood. This course will be especially helpful to catechists, readers and parents of First Holy Communion children, but it is open to everyone. It will be taking place on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, from 11th January to the 15th February. Further details in this week's e-News.

SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC MASS ATTENDANCE

Father Paul with the help of members of the Parish Health and Safety team has made the sad decision to keep our church closed to public attendance. Mass will be live streamed on Sunday mornings at 10am via FaceBook and our Website. Please keep an eye on the website and newsletter for more updates.

ALPHA ON LINE

Starting on Monday 18th January at 7:30pm and running for eleven weeks.

The programme will be hosted on Zoom and is open to all – why not make it your New Year Resolution.

To register your interest and for more information please contact geoffpoulter@hotmail.com



PARISH DONATIONS

Dear Friends

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)

ONLINE OFFERTORY AND DONATIONS

An easy way to give online using your debit card has been set up on our website at

<https://www.sacredhearthook.org/donations>

Just click the button and follow the instructions.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

God bless. Fr. Paul

THE ADVENTURES OF A BIBLICAL TRANSLATOR

On Saturday 23rd January from 11am until 12.30pm Dom Henry Wansbrough will be presenting a live stream talk entitled 'The Adventures of a Biblical Translator'. Dom Henry is the editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and the recently published Revised New Jerusalem Bible. The event will be presented by Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association. The event can be accessed live by going to www.ssppilford.org.uk and will be available to download after at www.whatgoodnews.org. Questions for Fr Henry, and other queries, may be directed to catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL 2021 UPDATE

The Parish Council has been working hard over the last year to listen to your feedback and incorporate this into their plans, priorities and activities within the Church. Do take a look at our updated webpage, 2021 newsletter and survey results that form the basis of our 2021 approach.

<https://www.sacredhearthook.org/parish-council>

God bless Sacred Heart PPC

VILLAGE MAGPIES



RECYCLING PLASTICS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

Did you know that it can take 80 years for a crisp packet to decompose? Or 450 years for a plastic bottle?

It is really important that we all try to reuse plastic items and refuse to accept plastic packaging where possible to cut down on the polluting use of oil to create it and reduce the amount discarded as long-lasting litter.

If you do use plastics you can recycle your bottles in your Hart blue wheelie bin, but there are actually lots of other items which could be recycled. You may have heard of a national scheme set up by a recycling company called TerraCycle who recycle waste products in the UK and then make new products such as outdoor furniture, play and gardening equipment.

The Village Magpies are a small team of volunteers in our area who have joined the scheme to encourage recycling and simultaneously raise money for local charities according to the weight of waste collected.

The Village Magpies have registered with TerraCycle and currently have been accepted onto 11 different 'waste streams'. Have a look at this list and see what products you use. Bring them to a collection point near you and make a difference to the environment and support local charities.

Cheese – flexible plastic packaging from **any brand** of cheese

Lavazza – **Lavazza only** coffee eco caps (please bag separately to avoid drips)

Kinder – **Kinder only** aluminium foil packaging, chocolate wrapper, rigid plastic packaging, flexible plastic packaging

Ferrero Rocher & Ferrero Collection – gold plastic tray, transparent plastic box & outer plastic wrappers, aluminium foil wrappers

Personal Care - **any brand** of make-up e.g. mascara, lipstick, eye shadow; flexible plastic package from facial wipes; flexible tubes for body creams/ointments

Weleda - **Weleda** flexible tubes, e.g. creams, body wash, sunscreen

Kitchen cleaning – flexible packaging from **any brand** of: dishwasher tablets, plastic dishwashing salt bags, home cleaning wipes, cleaning product refill packaging, stain remover powder flexible packaging

Marigold – **Marigold** gloves and plastic packaging

Hasbro – **Hasbro** toys and games (except electronic) e.g. NERF, Play-Doh, Littlest Petshop, Monopoly, My little Pony, Mr Potato Head, Transformers

L.O.L. Surprise! – **L.O.L.** products, accessories and packaging

The Village Magpies cannot accept items which can be put into your blue wheelie bin – such as paper, card, plastic bottles, cans and aerosols even if these are from any of the brands listed.

Please sort your waste into the different 'streams' if at all possible.

Putting the flattened packets of any one type inside one of the larger packets of the same type will save a lot of time and mean the Village Magpies can get more into each box they send away. Or you could use a bread bag for each stream – they can be recycled too.

Look for the Village Magpies purple wheelie bins at:

- **Whitewater School, The Street, Rotherwick, RG27 9BG**
- **The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Hound Green, RG27 8LF**
- **Sacred Heart Church, London Road, Hook, RG27 9LA**

We hope to have even more collection points coming soon. If you can offer to site one for us, please get in touch.

Please email Michele if you notice the bin is getting full or if you have any specific questions.

michele@linehan-hill.co.uk

Thank you for your support.

