



# SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 246871

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year B

7 March 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

In the Gospel reading, Christ cleanses the Temple in Jerusalem. When He is challenged about His actions, He responds with these words, "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." His victory is guaranteed and the resurrection is the sign of that great victory. Even though the historic Jerusalem Temple will be destroyed, the risen Christ and the Church which is His body will triumph. The destruction of the Temple and the death of Christ are caused by sin, but Christ will triumph over sin and death. In purifying the Temple now, Christ shows that His resurrection is about creating a new life.

This is one reason why the Church continues to sing the Old Testament Psalms. The Psalms speak of victory, often in militaristic terms, and this can seem strange and even offensive to our way of thinking. The key is that the victory is not ours but God's. God will win, and God does not need us to bring about that victory by force. Instead we are called to believe and hope in God's victory, the victory we prepare for by prayer. Much will be destroyed before that victory comes, but what is destroyed, the Lord can raise up again

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

## 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.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Lent please join us for a virtual Stations of the Cross. Thank you to Maggie and Emrys who have recorded the Stations of the Cross for us, you can find the recording on our website and Facebook page. **On Sunday 21st March please join us for a special Zoom Stations of the Cross, for more information please contact Jan on [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org)**



## POPE FRANCIS MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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## Liturgy of the Word

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**First Reading Exodus 20:** 1 –17.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 18: 8 - 11 response 6: 68

***You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.***

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1: 22 – 25

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,  
Whoever believes in me will never die.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**Gospel** John 2: 13 – 25

## MONTH OF MARCH—ST. JOSEPH

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph and we celebrate his feast day on 19th March. The Holy Father Pope Francis has dedicated this year to St. Joseph in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on 8th December, 1870. Let us continue to invoke him in our prayers.

## CAFE series - Let it be - Monday 26th April @ 7.30pm

Sacred Heart Church will be hosting another Cafe series course called Let it be which is about our Lady Mary. The cafe sessions involves watching a video and discussions in smaller groups. Here's the link to find out more - its a 5 weeks course it will end on 27th May. [Let It Be | CaFE - Catholic Faith Exploration](#)

If you are interested please do get in touch with Joan Kent on [jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## LENTEN RESOURCES

The Catholic Academies and Schools Office have prepared a selection of resources to support families in marking and celebrating the Lenten season. The resources include practical activities, Sunday prayers and Stations of the Cross. The resources can be accessed at <http://www.casopportsmouth.org.uk/lent/>

## PRAYER BLANKETS

### **- can you lend us your skill and time?**

Are you a keen knitter? Good at crocheting or sewing? The aim is to have a prayer blanket made by knitting individual squares which will then be pieced together to form a blanket / shawl which will be blessed by Fr Paul and sent to those in the parish who are sick or in need of some comfort. If you are interested to learn more please do reach out to Andrea at [andrea.waldram@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.waldram@gmail.com).

**URGENT request for any spare wool, please contact Andrea if you are able to help with knitting or wool.**

## LENT 2021

Lent is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



Lent is a time of:

**Prayer:** we are encouraged to pray more.

**Fasting:** we give up the food we enjoy as a sacrifice.

**Almsgiving:** we give more to those who are in need.

## CHILDREN LITURGY LENT WORKSHOP.

### **SUNDAY 7th MARCH 21**

Instead of our normal Children's Liturgy on this Sunday, we are planning a Lent workshop to help deepen our understanding of Lent. It will start at 11.15-12.15pm and will be Zoom (similar to the Advent workshop that we held in December ) and if you are able to attend please let Jan Hughes know on [hello@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearthook.org). We will be sending out resources for this, by email, nearer the time.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Maggie, Gill or Jan. we look forward to seeing you there!

## 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

## CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Our next Special Collection is for CAFOD (Lent Fast) on 28th February. If you are able please donate to CAFOD online or by text.

To donate by text :

£5 text LENT5 to 07460

£10 text LENT10 to 07460

£20 text LENT20 to 07460

To opt out of CAFOD info :

Text LENTNOINFO to 074660

Online donations : [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)