



# SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 246871

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Year B**

**2 May 2021**

**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**

Today, in the Gospel reading about the vine, Jesus teaches us a new way to live in relationship with God. He uses the well-known image of the vine. In an agricultural society, people will understand how to get the best out of a vine. If the grapes are to develop so that they can be turned into good wine, they need careful management. The vine cannot be left to do its own thing, or it will simply produce lots of leaves and poor-quality grapes. There is an obvious connection between root and branch, leaf, and fruit - they share the one life. Cut off from that life, they shrivel and die. This same interdependence Jesus describes for us as the relationship which gives us eternal life. We are one with Him and with each other, sharing the one life, His life, and in this way, we can live with Him and like Him and produce the fruits of His love. But Jesus warns us, the vine cannot be left to its own devices; it needs a vinedresser to manage its growth and encourage its fruitfulness, and God is such a vinedresser. God knows us and knows what part of us needs to be cut away and what needs encouragement. We are in partnership with God to produce the best version of ourselves, the best fruit, the best wine.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

## **SACRED HEART CHURCH OPENING TIMES**

**Every Wednesday from the 5th May Father Paul will celebrate Mass at 10am**  
**After Mass you will have an opportunity to Pray the Rosary**

**Due to the limited space in our church, booking is required for all Masses, including the Wednesday Mass.**

Attendance needs to be book and this can be done by email via [hello@sacredhearhook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearhook.org)  
or by phone call to Jan on 07719012955

Mass is also available on Saturdays at 6:00pm and Sundays at 10:00am  
which also need to be booked

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)

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.

### **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

### **POPE FRANCIS MAY PRAYER INTENTION**

The World of Finance - Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

### **New Quarterly Diocesan Newsletter**

This Easter edition will incorporate a selection of news from around the Diocese, with a round-up of Easter traditions in some of the various ethnic communities that are a rich part of our diocesan family – including Easter in Malta (pictured). There will be much to read about what our Catholic schools have been doing during the lockdown, an article from Canon Paul Townsend on his month-long stay in Jerusalem “in the footsteps of Jesus”, the story of Enya, a new convert to the faith who was evangelised by a two-year old child, farewell to Sr. Valentina and an update on the Caritas Insight Project - make sure you pick up a copy from the back of the in church!

### **RESUMING PUBLIC MASS**

It is with great joy that Mass with a congregation present will resume at Sacred Heart Church from this weekend. Both Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass will need to be booked

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 or by phone call to Jan on 07719012955

In order that we can all come back to Mass safely we will be limiting the number of parishioners and following strict social distancing rules.

A guide on what to expect can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. Don't forget that the Sunday Mass will still be live streamed via Facebook and our website.

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **Liturgy of the Word**



**First Reading:** Acts 9: 26 - 31 .

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 21:

*You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly*

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3: 18 - 24

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 15: 1 - 8

### **MAY - A MONTH OF PRAYER**

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic.

The initiative involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world and takes place under the theme “The whole Church was fervently praying to God,” which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1st May with a Rosary broadcast on Vatican News. Thereafter the Rosary will be broadcast daily at 6 pm Rome time (5 pm UK time). “Give me an army saying the rosary and I will conquer the world.”

- Pope Blessed Pius IX



### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Please join Gill and special guests for a live streaming of this weekend's



Children's Liturgy on Sunday at 11:30am. Available live on Facebook and our website

## ATTENDING PUBLIC MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

We need to observe the following guidelines when attending Mass:



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 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.