



SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 246871

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

9 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

“Love one another, as I have loved you.”

The laying down of life for love is the theme of today’s Gospel. In these final weeks of Eastertide, we listen once again to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus offers Himself as the model of love, willing to go so far as to suffer danger and death to express love. The second reading today explains this more fully. John is writing to the early Christian community and tells them, “My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God.” And in the first reading we learn that God loves everybody. Peter has been hesitant to go into the home of Cornelius, because he is a Roman soldier, outside the Jewish faith community. But when he does, then suddenly the Holy Spirit is poured forth upon that home. The people receive the Spirit just as the first disciples did after Jesus rose from the dead. Peter says, “they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have”. Loving as Jesus loved will require sacrifice. Love is not just a sentimental, warm, fuzzy feeling: it’s a conscious decision to share ourselves with others, to give of ourselves for the sake of another.

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
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 for any last minute changes

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St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) now have a confidential mobile phone line to assist & help.07434 773219.

URGENT APPEAL FOR IHAVOA ORPHANAGE

Sr. Rosaleen and Holly Holman from the Portsmouth Diocese, have alerted us to an urgent and heart wrenching cause that we've been called to support in regards to our friends in Burma / Myanmar and the children there in an orphanage in Kachin state in the far north.

Lhavoia orphanage was founded by Haw Loon when he retired from being the leader of Myintyina city council. No one seemed to be helping the many orphans in Kachin state, a war-torn state in the north of Myanmar, with fighting between the Burmese and Kachin Independence Armies. This led to the state being largely cut off from the rest of Myanmar, with little infrastructure and no aid agencies helping the many displaced people due to the war.

Lhavoia orphanage has 60 children. They grow some of their own vegetables and fruit and have some dairy cows. Haw Loon is committed to preparing the children for life beyond the orphanage and seeks to pay for their education including university tuition so that they can have a future.

They were completely sponsored by local Kachin people but through a series of events their support has stopped. Flooding, the fighting, the pandemic and the Army takeover have led to their support totally drying up and they have started to run out of food. They desperately need our help!

Please do visit our website for more information and advice on how you can help.

www.sacredhearthook.org/urgent-appeal-for-lhavoia-orphanage

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

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

A guide on what to expect and how to book places can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

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Liturgy of the Word



First Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 .

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 97:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 13th, Places will need to be booked and we will also be live streaming the Mass.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

In our Diocese of Portsmouth, we will begin a Year of the Eucharist starting on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 6th June 2021. This will be a unique opportunity for the Diocese as a whole, for parishes and schools, clergy and faithful, families and individuals to rekindle our love for Jesus Christ really and truly present and active in the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Father has made the year 2021 a Year of St. Joseph and so as we begin a Year of the Eucharist, Bishop Philip recommends prayerful reflection on the passages in the Gospels that speak of St. Joseph and which can draw us closer to the Child he loved and cared for.

REPOSITORY

Cecile has placed some cards and rosaries in the porch that are available to purchase. If there is anything else you would like, please see Jan in the office or Cecile after Mass

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. 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.