

# SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 246871



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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16 January 2022

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The image of a wedding is frequently used in the Old Testament to describe the relationship of God and God's people - the Lord is Israel's husband, as Isaiah tells us, though often Israel is an unfaithful bride who breaks her vows, worshipping false gods. Time and again God forgives her, turning her sadness into joy, as in today's first reading. In the time of Jesus, the peoples longing for the coming of the Messiah was often expressed in terms of a wedding: the days of the Messiah would be a time of rejoicing, a wedding feast, with an abundance of wine and celebration. And so John tells us the story of the wedding at Cana at the beginning of his Gospel to indicate to us that God's blessings are being poured out on God's people, because the groom - Jesus- has arrived to marry His bride, Israel. Just as a wedding is a sign of who we are and what we hope for in life - love, security, abundance of good things - so Cana is a sign of what God offers us, God's people. Through the death of Jesus, the Lord offers us more than we would ever dream of - not simply the Gifts of the Spirit Paul mentions, but the fulness of life and love.



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## MASS TIMES

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 15 January	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 16 January	10.00 am	Mass	Live Streamed
Wednesday 19 January	10:00 am	Mass	Praying the Rosary after Mass

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22 January	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 23 January	10.00 am	Mass	Live Streamed
Wednesday 26 January	10:00 am	Mass	Praying the Rosary after Mass

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

**Please note we now have CCTV Cameras around the premises for security purposes.**

## **SHARE** - Activities and Resources on the Environment

Recycling is one important way of helping to reduce waste and maximise the resources that we have, in this beautiful planet of ours and we are fortunate to have Village Magpies purple bin in the church grounds - they are based in Rotherwick and recycle a wide range of plastics including Biscuit packaging, All crisp packets

Taylor of Harrogate coffee and tea packets

Marigold rubber gloves, Pringles packets

Beauty products, Cleaning products

Baylis & Harding soap dispensers, To name but a few.

It is always worth checking on their website <https://www.villagemagpies.co.uk/> as they are expanding their recycling all the time.

Tescos are also collecting any plastic carrier bags, crisp packets, plastic wrappers, any plastic bags and food and pet pouches- there is a big container in the entrance of the Hook store.

If you were fortunate to receive soaps, body lotions and other toiletries that you don't need, these can always be recycled via the Food Bank box in our church porch.

## **A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**

This Sunday, 16th January, is in England a Day of Prayer for Peace. This year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peace-making? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about? In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a much work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media. To find out more go to Peace Sunday 16 January 2022 – Pax Christi England and Wales.

## **POPE FRANCIS JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION**

Pope Francis asks us to pray for true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



## **HOOK CHURCHES TOGETHER**

On **Sunday 16th January** at 11:00 am, please join us at Hartletts Park to help litter pick Hook village.

Our annual Hook and Odiham Church Together service is being held on **Sunday 23 January** at 6 pm in Elizabeth Hall.

## **HOW TO BOOK FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASS**

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.

**Booking closes on Thursday evening.** Don't forget to indicate which Mass you will be attending.

You will receive an email during Friday morning with more instructions.

**We will continue to live stream Sunday morning Mass via our website.**

Wednesday 10am Mass and The Rosary you do not need to be book.

Thank you for your continued support for our church community, and may God Bless you and your families and keep you well and safe.

**Please be aware that the wearing of face coverings is mandatory in all Church Buildings.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**



### **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** Isaiah 62: 1 - 5

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 95

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1: 4 - 11

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words are spirit, Lord  
and they are life**

**you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 2: 1 - 11

## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

18-25 Jan An extract from Bishop Philip Egan (e-news) "We pray together and through our prayers come trust, friendship and the desire to work together. The late Cardinal Hume once said that Christians "should not do apart that which we can do together" – and this, I believe, should be our default approach to so many of the pastoral issues that face all our communities. Yes, we need to recognise our differences, but there is much that unites us & allows us to work and pray together. I want us all to be more open to the spiritual gifts that flow from a greater engagement with our fellow Christians. If we are honest, Christian Unity is something that many Catholics have long viewed as a bit of a "side-issue" - perhaps because it hasn't been given the prominence in our parishes that it demands. Yet we have it from the very highest authority that unity is central to the very nature of the Church. On the night before he died, Jesus prayed for unity amongst his disciples "that they may all be one" – and he linked his prayer to the mission that he had given them, "so that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Vatican II lamented that this unity had fragmented, noting that division among Christian communities "openly contradicts the will of Christ [and] scandalizes the world" and Saint John Paul II in his encyclical Ut unum sint, told us that "the quest for Christian unity is not a matter of choice or expediency, but a duty which springs from the very nature of the Christian community". in his varied ministry, one that could and should be Christian Unity isn't a side-issue ...- make Christian Unity more of a priority in your parish."

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Online at 11:30am on Sunday Morning via our website.