

SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 246871



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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23 January 2022

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How do we react to Jesus' message today? What Jesus is doing, as His opening, is not just setting out His own agenda, but proclaiming the Word of God. He goes back to the prophets to proclaim that this is part of God's plan from ages past, part of what's called Salvation History. At the heart of this plan is the Word of God, revealed in the Scriptures. Today's first reading takes us back to the time when the people of Israel had returned to their homeland after years of exile in Babylon. Their return was marked by a public reading to the whole people of the "Book of the Law", the words of the Lord their God, which had been revealed to them, the very heart of their religion. In his apostolic letter instituting this Sunday as the Sunday of the Word of God, Pope Francis commented: "These words contain a great teaching ... The Bible is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The Word of God unites believers and makes them one people."

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

MASS TIMES

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	

This Wednesday the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows will be prayed, please bring your copies with you

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 29 January	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 30 January	10.00 am	Mass	Live Streamed
Wednesday 2 February	10:00 am	Mass	The Presentation of the Lord

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
With 'Veganuary', many people are looking at the carbon footprint of animals in our food chain, such as cows and sheep, and their impact in terms of greenhouse gases, and wondering whether we can consider a life with considerably less beef and dairy, for example. Cows in particular produce considerable quantities of methane gas, a particularly long-living greenhouse gas in our atmosphere and contribute something in the region of 15% of all greenhouse gases, mainly because of the intensive farming associated with dairy.

Some people will eat meat every day, at one or two of their daily meals and it is something that they have done for most of their life. Others are trying to be more vegetarian or vegan in their diet.

Perhaps there is a mid path - scientists recommend that if we reduced our meat and dairy consumption, to possibly a maximum of twice a week - over time, that would have a significant impact on the greenhouse gas levels.

It's life changing - Pope Francis in Laudato Si reminds us that we must all, as individuals, do what we can to protect this beautiful planet that we have been entrusted with.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

I would encourage you to read his letter, it is quite beautiful.

Perhaps give it a go - try plant based meals for two/three times a week and see how you get on. Good Luck!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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First Reading Nehemiah 8: 2 - 6, 8 - 10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 30

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Lord has sent me to bring
the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1: 1 - 4, 4: 14 - 21

HOOK CHURCHES TOGETHER

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please Join Gill and Granny for a live streaming of Children's Liturgy at 11:30am this Sunday Morning via our website and YouTube.



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.



HOW TO BOOK FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASS

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.

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 and YouTube.

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.

We request that you please continue to wear face coverings in all Church Buildings.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, READING SEEKS NEW CATHOLIC GOVERNORS

St Joseph's College, the only Catholic independent school in the Reading area is seeking to recruit new governors, particularly people with skills in any of the following areas: Finance, Safeguarding, IT, Health, HR or Estates. The full governing body meets six times a year and all governors sit on one its committees which meet between three and six times a year. For more information or to express an interest please do not hesitate to contact David Hallé, Chair of Governors on chair@sjcr.org.uk or on 07484 318174. For more information about the College, do visit the College web site at <https://sjcr.org.uk>

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Thursday 27 January Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. We promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) – the international day on 27 January to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution of other groups and in genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022

Our Diocese of Portsmouth Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place next year from 18th to 22nd July 2022. Bishop Philip is now very pleased to be able to invite you once again to join him and many others from across the Diocese on this pilgrimage. We will be leaving from Bournemouth airport. Once in Lourdes we will stay at the Hotel La Solitude, celebrate Mass daily, and take part in all that Lourdes has to offer. If you would like to know more about joining him either as a pilgrim or as a youth pilgrim, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE 'KNOCK' PILGRIMAGE

"Knock Pilgrimages" is organising a four night Pilgrimage especially for parishioners of the Portsmouth Diocese. The pilgrimage to Knock will begin on Monday 14th March 2022. Please contact Patricia Ronane for more information at knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Canon John Cooke will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 6th - 17th March 2022 travelling with McCabe Pilgrimages

A postponed 2021 Pilgrimage is now set to travel this Spring, albeit with some of the 'normal' COVID travel restrictions. Due to the postponement, and for various reasons, some pilgrims are now unable to join the group so there are a few last minute spaces available. It will be a 12 Day, 3 centred experience through the Holy Land; residing in the Negev (kibbutz), Jerusalem (by the Old City Walls) & finishing by the Sea of Galilee (with a sea view) It is a fully guided trip (with individual headsets), and all your entrance fees, transfers, meals & tips are included.

If you'd like a brochure or more information please contact Canon John: jcooke@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

A Pre-Pilgrimage Social & Information Session will take place on Saturday 15th January at 11am in the Sacred Heart Hall, Fareham, PO16 0NF.

JOB VACANCY

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

CAMPAIGN/GIFT AID OFFICER

£20,000 - £25,000 per annum (fte) dependant on experience, plus contributory pension.

Full time 35 hours per week / part time hours will also be considered

Reporting to the Senior Accounts Technician

Overall job purpose

To undertake the bulk of the day to day responsibility for claiming Gift Aid for the Diocese.

Responsible for collections/donations/direct debits for all campaign fundraising.

The administration of the cash collection and accounting for the 5 year campaign (Closer to Christ).

About you

- Good communication skills, with the ability to provide instruction, guidance and advice to other staff and volunteers
- Numeracy and attention to detail
- Ability to self-motivate and undertake a wide variety of tasks
- Able to meet deadlines and identify and resolve problems
- Collaborative approach to working, willingness to support other Finance team members
- Basic accounting experience preferred

For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

If you would like a confidential discussion about the role, please contact:

Clare Shore

E-mail: cshore@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Tel: 02394 216457

Closing Date: Friday 4th February 2022 at 12 noon

THANK YOU

A huge "Thank You" for your donations to the Coats4Calais Appeal. Despite these unusual times, it was a great success this year. Just before Christmas a transit van of clothing went to one of the C4C's hubs in Crawley where they were sorted and boxed. From there some go to Calais where they are distributed to the refugees. The rest go to local refugees who have arrived from various countries. They will be very much appreciated during the cold weather. Many thanks, Joe Shevlin

CARITAS

Bishop Philip and the Diocesan Trustees approved the Environment Strategy for the Diocese just before Christmas. Caritas work will now focus on developing a plan with other teams across the diocese, to put into action the work needed to achieve our diocesan environmental targets, which include net carbon zero by 2030, a really significant target. Other Caritas work will be looking at biodiversity throughout the diocesan estate and assisting parishes and parishioners to play their part in our work for the care of Creation. We all have a part to play in this very important work, so we are asking you all to consider making a personal pledge to help the environment. If you visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LL9YKNF> you will be able to access a pledge questionnaire which will help you identify what you can do as an individual to help in this work.

CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER FOR LENT

This Lent CAFOD are asking you to help to stamp out hunger by joining their new Lent challenge, Walk Against Hunger. You can take on the individual challenge of walking 200km – 5km each day for the 40 days of Lent or walk as a group to reach 200km. There will also be a community Walk against Hunger on Saturday 26th March. To find out more about the new Lent challenge go to [Walk Against Hunger | CAFOD](#).