

SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 246871



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27 November 2022

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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.

From Bishop Philip Egan... Advent This Sunday, 27th November, is the First Sunday of Advent, when the Church enters into a short but magical season that prepares us for the Coming of Christ. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us in Bethlehem is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of hope, of devout and joyful expectation. The liturgical colour is violet, and not the purple of Lent and penance. At Sunday Mass, the Gospel readings each have a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday). The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from the Isaiah. On week days, there are two series of readings: one to be used from the beginning of Advent until 16th December, the other from 17th to 24th December. Sundays.

(Taken from the Bishop's e-news)

MASS TIMES

FRIST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 26 November	6:00 pm	Mass	Richard Coleman RIP
Sunday 27 November	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 28 November	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Tuesday 29 November	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Wednesday 30 November	10:00 am	Mass	In the Church, Followed by the Rosary
Thursday 1 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Friday 2 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Saturday 3 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent

Sunday Masses at 10:00am will be live streamed via our Website and YouTube.

PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

St Bede, Basingstoke 01256 465214

Fr. John Lee & Fr Jean Patrise Coulon

Sun 9 am, 11 am, 6.00 pm

St. Joseph, Basingstoke 01256 323595

Fr. Paul Leonard & Fr. Benoy Kurian

Sat 6 pm / Sun 9 am, 11 am

St Michael, Tadley 0118 9814572

Fr. Patrick Tansey

Sat 6 pm / Sun 9.30 am

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us, whether in our Church or via the live-stream. If you are new to the area, please register as a member of our Parish using the form on our website

CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH

Saturday evening 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm



ADVENT STARTS TODAY

The season of Advent is a time of preparation before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *Adventus* which means coming. Here are some thoughts to help us to prepare for Christmas. Consider ...



- ◆ A place to go to get away from all the adverts
- ◆ A day of silence to just be with the Mystery of the Incarnation
- ◆ A chance to be of service to the poor
- ◆ A little more time to be with Family and Friends
- ◆ Some time to mediate on the fact that Jesus was born

Forty Years A Priest...

We send both our thanks and many congratulations to Father Patrick Tansey (at St Michael's in Tadley) who will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary of his Ordination next weekend, Sunday 4th December.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Joan Coleman, Debbie Cavedon, John Bone, Terry Wright, Dom Canon, Fr Don Clement & Jacob Weston

The future of the Diocese from Bishop Philip Egan 'You will be my Witnesses'



Each and every one of us is needed for the renewal of our Church, so that we can realise the vision of Jesus Himself. 'You Will Be My Witnesses' is an invitation to every person and every parish across the Diocese to come together on this journey. Thank you in advance for your participation!

There are copies of the questions available at the back of the church.

MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month

Next meeting—Tuesday 6th December 2022

10:30am in the tea room

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Sunday of Advent

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First Reading Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 121

**I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'**

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
And give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 24: 37 - 44

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Reconciliation Service for our Pastoral Area

At St Joseph's Church, Sunday 18 Dec 2.30 pm

Christmas Eve (Saturday)

4:00pm Children's Christmas Service

6:00pm Carol Service

6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day (Sunday)

10:00am Mass During the Day



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

During the month of November, a box for the request of prayers for the souls of loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. If you would like prayers for a deceased loved one, please write their name on one of the slips of paper and place it in the box. May they Rest In Peace.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Divine Mercy chaplet followed by the Holy Rosary will take place in the Convent Chapel at 3pm on Fridays. Everyone is welcome

Have you moved or changed telephone/ mobile number recently? Please do let us know...

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Special St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Knights of St Columba 'Lucky Me'

The November winner of the 'Lucky Me' drawer is: Sarah-Jane Burns of Bramley

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Are you considering being a priest? Contact Canon John Cooke at portsmouthvocations.org or call 01329 318 86

CHILDRENS ADVENT WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2022 11-12.30pm

We will be running a Childrens Advent Workshop on 4th December, after Mass, in the church and all children are warmly welcome!

We will be exploring the Nativity story, making our own Nativity set, and , in particular, learning about Angels and Stars.

We are also delighted to provide pizzas , care of a very generous benefactor!

Please sign up on the sheet in the entrance of the church, or alternatively please let Jan know on

hello@sacredhearhook.org. Also please indicate if your child has any allergies in terms of the pizzas - thank you.

FOR CHILDREN WHO SUFFER

During November 2022, we join the Holy Father in praying for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection...

CAR PARKING

With our numbers increasing on a Sunday morning, parking is becoming difficult. The owners of Maryfield Care home have been very kind and allowed their car park to be used as an overflow. Please be respectful and remember that the care home guests and staff also use this car park. Please make sure that you are not blocking in any cars and there is always access for emergency vehicles. Thank you



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REPOSITORY

Cecile has available in the porch and in the hall Christmas cards, advent calendars, 2023 diaries. If there is any specific you would like please talk to Cecile or Jan in the Office.

SIX HOLY HABITS

Bishop Philip is inviting each one of us to develop six holy habits for this time of change and deep personal renewal:

- to keep Sunday special, a family day, by attending Mass;
- to spend 5 minutes a day in prayer using the Scriptures;
- to do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy;
- every fortnight to make a Holy Half Hour before the Blessed Sacrament;
- to go to Confession once a month;
- to join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE NEWS

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow us on:

Facebook: @PortsmouthRC

LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Twitter: @PortsmouthRC

The Diocese website:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

If you have news that you would like to share with the rest of the Diocese, please contact

communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the 1st Dec at 2.30pm in the convent. We start with Exposition of the blessed sacrament and Fr Peter Codd will lead us to share the Gospel message of the upcoming Sunday. We end the session with fellowship and saying the 'Abandonment Prayer'. Everyone is welcome.

SHARE- ARTICLES AND RESOURCES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

At present COP27 are getting together to agree their final statement and there are some significant issues with the level of commitment by many countries to seriously tackle the increasing levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere, which are rising at alarming rates.

Burning of Fossil fuels is the single largest contributor to CO₂ emissions in the atmosphere, through energy, agriculture, manufacturing and transportation. So everything and anything we can do to reduce our consumption of fossil fuel related items, such as reducing our use of gas, changing to electric cars and reducing our use of plastics where possible - these will all have an impact.

This is probably one of the hardest changes for us to make; we need to do the best we can.

One of my obsessions is single use plastics - plastics that will end up in landfill across the world. Certainly we are finding plastic bottles and bags in our seas and oceans, and in the stomachs of whales and other marine animals. That bottle of water used once and then thrown away, that plastic bag used to bring fruit or vegetables back from the shops, then thrown away - if we could reduce that by bringing paper bags or our own reusable bags, that will make a difference and reduce the demand for plastics.

Thank you

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges



THE FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are raising funds towards the cost of replacing the sanctuary floodlighting in Westminster Cathedral. The present floodlighting is very old and replacement parts are not available, also it uses a great deal of power generating a huge output of heat. A new system would be easily maintained and save electricity. There is a unique opportunity to do this through The Big Give where donations made online after 12:00 noon, Tuesday 29 November 2022 to 12:00 noon, Tuesday 6 December 2022 are matched by generous matched funders. A donation of £100 would contribute £200 or £225 for taxpayers agreeing to gift aid their donation. Please use the link below to give online. <https://tinyurl.com/FriendsBG22>

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

The Bishops' Conference urges all Catholics to refresh their weekly observance of Friday abstinence by refraining from eating meat on that day. In this way we dedicate to God the pressing need for us all to live more simply. A recent study at Cambridge University published research suggesting that this penitential act has a considerable impact on lessening carbon emissions by 55,000 tonnes each year. This is equivalent to 82,000 people taking return flights to New York from London.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Jan in the Parish Office on 01256 577007 or email: office@sacredhearthook.org for more information.

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.



PRAISE, WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

Canon John Cooke invites you to join Sacred Heart Parish, Fareham and Portchester for Praise and Worship Evenings at 7.30pm on the third Friday of each month...

BASINGSTOKE CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

"The Community Furniture Project will be hosting the Basingstoke Christmas Toy Appeal this year. We are collecting new and unwrapped gifts for children of all ages, and young people up to the age of 19, from business and individuals throughout Basingstoke. Did you know that 1 in 10 children live below the breadline? During the festive period, thousands of families struggle as they are forced to choose between buying presents or paying bills. As a result, many children in our area receive no gifts. We hope you can assist us to bring the community together to support this project and help us help local families in need this Christmas". Sacred Heart Church will have a box in the Foyer where toys can be left—thank you.

