

SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 246871



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 December 2022

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

WELCOME

Welcome to Father John Lavers who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

MASS TIMES

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 3 December	6:00 pm	Mass	Deceased Members of the Flanigan Family
Sunday 4 December	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 5 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Tuesday 6 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Wednesday 7 December	10:00 am	Mass	In the Church, Followed by the Rosary
Thursday 8 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Friday 9 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Saturday 10 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 10 December	6:00 pm	Mass	Kieran and James Maloney RIP
Sunday 11 December	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish

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

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 meditate 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.

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

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Advent

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First Reading Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71

**In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.**

Second Reading: Romans 15: 4 - 9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,

Make his paths straight,

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 3: 1 - 12

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



CHRISTMAS TREE

This Christmas as we remember all our dearly departed Family and Friends, you are invited to help us dress this year's Christmas tree with the names of your loved ones. In the porch you will find some silver and gold stars, please write the name of your loved ones on one of them and place the star in the basket provided. On Christmas Eve they will be placed on the tree.



MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month

Next meeting—Tuesday 6th December 2022

10:30am in the tea room

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Please join the Basingstoke Knights of St Columba for their annual 'social' with a bring and share supper here at St Joseph's Church on Monday 12th December at 7pm. Some carols in Church, the December 'Lucky Me' Raffle will be drawn Please do feel free to come along.

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Raffle tickets for sale after both Masses 3rd and 10th December.

Donations also gladly accepted.

Saturday 10th December 11-2 in the Church Hall.

Grand Raffle, Cakes, Refreshments, Lucky Dip, £1 stall – come and grab a bargain. Cake donations would be greatly appreciated – please bring along on the morning before 11am if you can.

If you prefer, donations gladly accepted.

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



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

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

With the dust settling on the outcomes of COP27 earlier this month, one area remains that is the largest contributor to carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions - the fossil fuel industry. A sizeable number of fossil fuel lobbyists, for both countries that are key exporters of fossil fuels as well as large corporations, continue to push their agendas for more fossil fuel extraction and use across the world. One of the arguments used is that, as a world, we are unlikely to hit the target of 1.5degrees C increase in the Earth's mean surface temperature, and can therefore look at a larger period of time to reduce fossil fuel emissions.

Climate change scientists argue that we must hit this target, as to have higher temperature rises in the Earth's surface temperature will have devastating implications for our planet and life as we know it.

And so everything we can do to reduce our consumption of fossil fuels, and thereby reduce the level of CO₂ emissions, is key. Moving to electric vehicles for transport, taking the train or an electric bus as opposed to taking our cars where possible, moving to all electricity within our homes, as opposed to gas - these are just some of the things that will have a positive impact on our beautiful planet.

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 flood lighting in Westminster Cathedral. The present flood-lighting 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.

