

# SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 246871



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('GAUDETE')**

**11 December 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.**

## WELCOME

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

### MASS TIMES

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>Saturday 10 December</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Kieran and James Maloney RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 11 December</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Monday 12 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Tuesday 13 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Wednesday 14 December	10:00 am	Mass	In the Church, Followed by the Rosary
Thursday 15 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Friday 16 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Saturday 17 December	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>Saturday 17 December</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Neil Manning RIP and all deceased members of the Manning, McMinn &amp; Noah Families</b>
<b>Sunday 18 December</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

*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



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE'**

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, which is when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. 'Gaudete' means rejoice and today rose coloured vestments can be worn emphasise our joy that Christmas is near.



**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

**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



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading** Isaiah 35: 1 - 6, 10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 145

**Come, Lord, and save us.**

**Second Reading:** James 5: 7 - 10

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 11: 2 - 11



**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.



**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. At the steward's stations in the church you will find some gold and silver stars, please write the name of your loved ones on one of them and place the star in the box provided. If you are unable to attend church, but would still like to have a star placed on the tree, please email the office with your loved one's name and we will complete the star on your behalf. On Christmas Eve they will be placed on the tree.



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**TRAVELLING NATIVITY OR POSADA**

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This year's First Holy Communion families will be hosting Mary, Joseph and the donkey for the next couple of weeks.



**SALT AND GRIT BIN**

Just a reminder that there is a salt and grit bin by the side of the disabled parking bays, for use when the car park area is icy.

### **ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL**

ADoRE will be holding its Online Christmas Worship on Saturday 17th December 11.00am-12 Noon: "O come, let us ADoRE Him." In a one-hour programme of seasonal Scripture readings, prayers, and carols, we remind ourselves that GOD IS WITH US to support us in every aspect of our lives. (NB No Mass this month) No need to register, just log in to Zoom by going to [bit.ly/ADOREDEC2022](https://bit.ly/ADOREDEC2022) and using the passcode 171602

### **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



### **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.



### **MARYFIELD CONVENT**

*FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING*

*First Tuesday of the month*

*Next meeting—Tuesday 3rd January 2023*

*10:30am in the tea room*

### **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.



### **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

### **HELP NEEDED**

On Wednesday 21st December at 11 am we will be cleaning the Church for Christmas. If you are able to spare a couple of hours on Wednesday, your help would greatly appreciated.

Please let Jan in the office know.

Thank you



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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

### **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

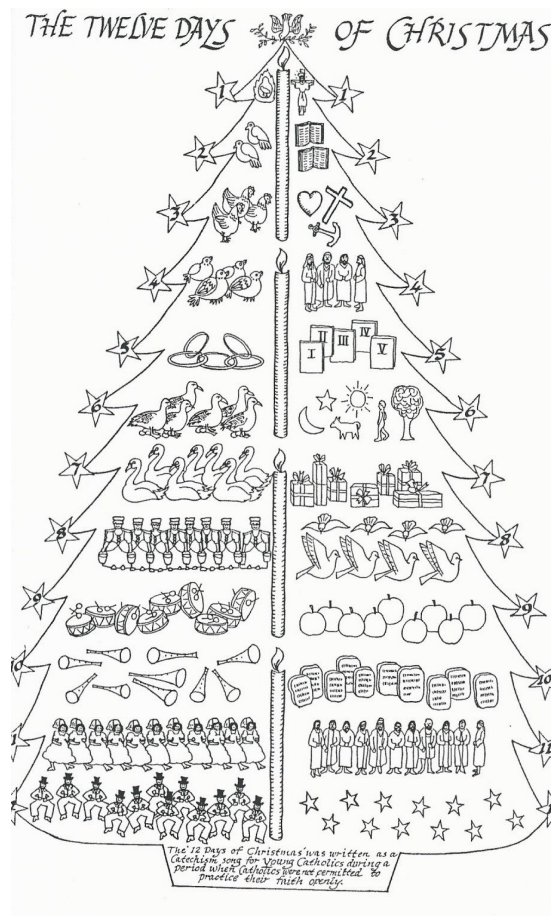
The Diocese website:

<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](mailto:communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

The 12 days of Christmas was written as a Catechism song for Young Catholics during a period when Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly.



- 1: Partridge in a Pear Tree
- 2: Turtle Doves
- 3: French Hens
- 4: Coley Birds
- 5: Gold Rings
- 6: Geese A-Laying
- 7: Swans A-Swimming
- 8: Maids a Milking
- 9: Drummers Drumming
- 10: Pipers Piping
- 11: Ladies Dancing
- 12: Lords A Leaping

- 1: Jesus
- 2: Old & New Testaments
- 3: Faith, Hope & Charity
- 4: Mathew, Mark, Luke & John
- 5: 1st 5 books of the Old Testament
- 6: Days of Creation
- 7: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8: Beatitudes
- 9: Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10: Ten Commandments
- 11: Faithful Apostles
- 12: Points of the Apostles Creed

## ADVENT CANDLES

### Week 1 Purple - Hope

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and lost heaven but God promised to send a redeemer. We Hope and believe Jesus will come in Glory.

### Week 2 Purple - Peace

God chose Mary to be the mother of His son. The angel Gabriel wanted Mary to feel God's Peace and he said to her 'Do not be afraid'.

### Week 3 Pink - Joy

Joseph and Mary were filled with Joy as they travelled to Bethlehem. We are joyful as His birth draws near.

### Week 4 Purple - Love

When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem there was no room at the inn. In this final week of Advent we ask God to help us prepare for this coming by listening to His words 'Love one another as I have loved you'.

### Christmas White - Jesus

Jesus Christ Light of the World came to shine in the darkness. He is the Way, the Truth and the Light.

**Please remember the Church is God's House, where people come to pray.**

**Please respect His House: turn off mobiles, no food, drink or noisy toys. Thank you.**

