

SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year A

15 January 2023

WHEN SHOULD CHRISTMAS START AND END

It's almost universal knowledge that Christmas is officially celebrated on December 25th, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. While some may be thankful that the hustle and bustle of planning family dinners and purchasing thoughtful gifts are over, the Christmas season is only just beginning on the 25th. While the most popular carol of all suggests just twelve days, it's a topic of hot debate among Catholics. When does Christmas actually end?

It turns out that the answer to when Christmas officially ends is not so simple because there are technically three separate Christmas "seasons": the Christmas octave, the liturgical Christmas season, and the traditional Christmastide season that concludes with Candlemas.

The Christmas Octave

An octave is an eight-day period within the Church in which Easter or Christmas is celebrated that includes the actual feast day. The eighth day is considered the "octave day," and days in between are "within" the octave. Each day of the octave is considered to be an actual day of the feast and is celebrated as such. Therefore, the Octave of Christmas begins Christmas Day on December 25th and extends until the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the January 1st.

The Liturgical Christmas Season

The liturgical Christmas season is situated after the Advent season and before the beginning of Ordinary time. It begins with the Christmas Eve vigil Masses and concludes with Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January

Christmastide

In the older tradition kept in the liturgical year of Extraordinary Form of Mass, the whole "Christmastide" season lasts for forty days (corresponding to the forty days of lent) that concludes with Candlemas on February 2nd, also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Presentation of the Lord.

When someone asks you when Christmas ends, ask them: Do you mean the Christmas octave, the liturgical Christmas season, or Christmastide?

MASS TIMES

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 14 January	6:00 pm	Mass	Int. of Marie Simon (Welfare)
Sunday 15 January	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 16 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Tuesday 17 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Wednesday 18 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Thursday 19 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Friday 20 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Saturday 21 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 21 January	6:00 pm	Mass	Dom Cannon RIP
Sunday 22 January	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH

Saturday evening 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm



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, Mike Murch, Fr Don Clement
& Jacob Weston

MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month

Next meeting—Tuesday 7th February 2023

10:30am in the tea room

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

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.

THE SACRISTY

Is a place of prayer and contemplation and should be an oasis of calm, before and after Mass. The Priest and Servers need time and space in order to prepare themselves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading Isaiah 49: 3, 5 - 6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 39

Here I am Lord!

I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 3

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 3: 13 - 17

REPOSITORY

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

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

Alton Day of Renewal

*You are invited to join Alton Day of Renewal for a spiritual mini-retreat morning on **Saturday 28th January, 10.00am - 1.00pm.***

The theme is "**Called to be Missionary Disciples**" - we are called to share in Jesus' mission.

Guest speaker is Charles Whitehead KSG, speaker, author and internationally acclaimed leader in Catholic Renewal. The day starts with Mass at 10.00 and also includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/>

CaFE

The CaFE (faithcafe.org) are offering the BELONG & BELIEVE course to our parishes. The course is **free and downloadable** and is a way of helping to refresh our communities and renew our mission.

Fr Mark Hogan will be hosting an introductory online session on Zoom, for parish catechists and others in parishes wishing to lead this course on Monday 13 February from 7.30 – 9.00 pm. (The zoom will open at 7.15 pm for introductions etc).

The training will:

- ◆ give an overview of elements of the course
- ◆ provide an opportunity to listen to feedback from those who have seen the material
- ◆ confirm what the CaFE offer is and
- ◆ also help us see how the course can fit alongside the synodal process.

To register, please email Anna Pardoe at evangelisationadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Anna will confirm your registration and send over the Zoom link before the session.

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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.

Diocese of Portsmouth (Charity No: 1199568)

Please note the Diocese changed from a Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1st January 2023, which is a change of legal status. (No longer referred to as 'PRCDTR')

HOOK CHURCHES TOGETHER

On Sunday 22nd January all the churches in Hook are meeting together for a United Service at Elizabeth Hall at 18:00 hrs, followed by a bring and share supper. Please do join us.

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.

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



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

PARISH DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish, or set up a Standing Order, our bank account details are:
Lloyds Bank Sort Code: 30 93 04

Account number 00880117

Name: CDP Sacred Heart Hook

(Please also use this for cheque payments)

ONLINE OFFERTORY AND DONATIONS An easy way to give online using your debit card has been set up on our website at www.sacredhearthook.org/donations

Just click the button and follow the instructions.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

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.



GIFT AID - INCREASE YOUR GIFT

You can increase your weekly/monthly giving to the church by 25% without any additional cost to you (if you are a taxpayer). This is a very simple process and takes only minutes to complete. If you would like to join our gift aid scheme, contact Jan on 01256 577007

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

MARRIAGE CARE

As Marriage Care returns to presenting our Preparing Together marriage preparation course in person, (as well as continuing to provide an online version and FOCCUS), we are looking to recruit more volunteers to facilitate courses in our area. Could you please include the following in your newsletter for a couple of weeks: Volunteers needed! Marriage Care is looking to recruit volunteers to help present their Marriage Preparation courses in the local area (a couple of Saturdays in the year). Full training and support are given.

To find out more visit our website www.marriagecare.org.uk or contact Sue Cooper on 07939495774 or at sue.cooper@marriagecare.org

Jo Lewry introduces CAFOD's Lenten fundraiser The BIG Lent Walk!

Lent begins this year on 22nd February and attention is turning to Lenten plans, across the country, schools, parishes, groups, and individuals are lacing up their walking shoes to walk in faith and solidarity, with CAFOD's BIG Lent Walk.

"Excitement is building with dozens of groups and schools already signing up," says Monica Conmee, CAFOD's Head of Education. "We've seen a lot of energy building over the last couple of years for walking challenges, and the children and young people in many of the schools we speak to are just raring to go. It's exciting to see!" During lockdowns in England and Wales, CAFOD launched the Walk for Water in Lent 2020 which raised £750,000 for vital water projects in some of the most drought-stricken regions of the world. Walk Against Hunger followed last Lent.

"But the BIG Lent Walk feels different," says Maria Liddy, Deputy Head at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Roehampton. "There's a great energy and I think our students are going to love walking to be part of global change. It's putting their faith into action and involving the whole community in supporting them. I'm glad we can be part of it this term."

You can take on the BIG Lent Walk this year as a family, school, parish, group of friends or churches. Walk 5km when and where you choose every day for the 40 days of Lent, alone or with friends, have fun or take time to pray and reflect. As a Lent commitment it's an inspiring way bring our faith physically into every day of Lent, and support people as they overcome poverty. Find out more and sign up online at: The Big Lent Walk – Cafod



FOODBANK CONTRIBUTION BOX

Please consider buying an extra tinned or dried or longlife food item(s) when you are next shopping and bringing it to the Church foyer, where we have re-introduced the Foodbank box. There are a lot of people struggling, even more so with the current economics in the UK .

Hart Food Bank Latest Requests for this Week Tinned Potatoes, Instand Mash, UHT Milk, Long Life Juice and Cleaning Products.

HELP MARRIAGES

Would you like to improve communication in your marriage? Holidays, children and work can put stresses on relationships.

Retrouvaille is a course that shows you new ways of dealing with them.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk www.retrouvaille.ie

A Lifeline for Marriage! Has Covid put you under more stress as a couple? Has your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold? Do you argue more? Do you want to improve your communication?

Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking about it? Do you want to try again?

The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need!

The next programme commences with a face to face weekend in Welwyn Garden City Centre
24 - 26 February 2023

The following programme commences with a virtual weekend 6 - 9 July 2023

For more information phone or text: 07887 296983

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Website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk (Complete confidentiality assured)