

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

26 February 2023

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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.

MASS TIMES

Daily Eucharistic Service at Maryfield Convent at 10:00am (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Saturday 25 February | 6:00 pm | Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 26 February | 10.00 am | Mass | Sheena O'Halloran RIP |

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Saturday 4 March | 6:00 pm | Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 5 March | 10.00 am | Mass | Intentions of Rosemarie Gallagher |

CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH

Saturday evening 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading Genesis 2: 7 - 9, 3: 1 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 50

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Romans 5 : 12 - 19

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel Matthew 4: 1 - 11

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 them selves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.

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

DAY BY DAY

Please find the Lent 2023 Day by Day book in the porch The books cost £1, please put the money in the paper box in the wall of the church.

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 Kevin Delaney, Fr Don Clement & Jacob Weston



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.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

“I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAITH”

Our local service will be held in Rotherwick Village Church on Friday 3rd March at 2 pm with refreshments afterwards All are welcome

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

CAFOD's **Family Fast Day** coming up on **Friday 3 March** *This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.*

DIVINE MERCY

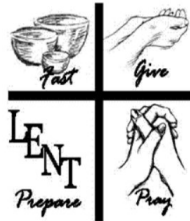
The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat 2023. At ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE, The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY on Saturday 18 March 2022 at 11 am to 4 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.

PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

St Bede, Basingstoke—Sun 9 am, 11 am, 6.00 pm
Fr. John Lee & Fr. Jean Patrise Coulon
St. Joseph, Basingstoke—Sat 6 pm / Sun 9 am, 11 am
Fr. Paul Leonard & Fr. Benoy Kurian
St Michael, Tadley—Sat 6 pm / Sun 9.30 am
Fr. Patrick Tansey

LENT 2023

Lent is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



During Lent we do not sing or say either the Gloria or the Alleluia, flowers do not decorate the Church and Baptisms are held over until Easter.

LENT 2023

“I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much” *‘Mother Teresa’*

Every Wednesday in Lent

7:00 pm The Way of the Cross in Maryfield Convent

Every Friday in Lent

12:00 noon *Stations of the Cross in the church followed by a Simple Lunch*

7:00 pm The Way of the Cross in Maryfield Convent

Every Sunday in Lent

4:00 pm The Way of the Cross in Maryfield Convent

LENTEN LUNCH AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Would you like to start your Lenten Journey with a weekly Lenten Lunch and Stations of the Cross? Please join us on Friday 24th February and Friday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March in the Church at 12 noon for Stations of the Cross and then in the hall for a simple Lunch.

There is an optional lunch donation with proceeds going to CAFOD.

Please come along, bring a friend, everyone is welcome.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is Online at: www.sacredhearthook.org/donations or via our new contactless terminal located by the back of the Church.

To 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)

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

MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month

Next meeting—Tuesday 7th March 2023

10:30am in the tea room

FROM REDEMPTORIST PUBLICATIONS

The Lenten Journey by Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

6 Week Retreat

Following Fr Denis's book **Journeying with Jesus: A Companion's Guide** the Lenten retreat takes you through a journey with Jesus from the wilderness to the cross. The planned journey for the six weeks is as follows:

1) In the wilderness; 2) At the well; 3) On the mountain; 4) Along the road; 5) At table; 6) On the cross

The goal of the Lenten retreat is to promote a conversation between Jesus' story and your own.

Although you don't need the book to follow the retreat, it will prove very useful to have alongside you as a full resource. - Fr Denis

And for Children of Primary School age: Celebrate: RP Kid's Zone

A weekly video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer. Children's Liturgy with the Sisters of St Joseph's. Fun, engaging and practical worksheets/ resources will also be provided to help children continue to practice their faith during this season.

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/celebrate-following-your-faith>

TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKES

Please keep in your prayers all those who have been affected by the recent earthquakes—those who have been killed or injured, those who are still missing and all those who are without a home, warm clothing, food and drink.

Please also keep in your prayers all their friends and relatives living elsewhere who are beside themselves with worry.

FOODBANK CONTRIBUTION BOX

- Tins: Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding
- Packages: Long Life Fruit Juice, Mashed Potatoes, Coffee
- Household: Deodorants, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Hand Soap

THE SIX HOLY HABITS

Just a reminder that Bishop Philip is inviting each one of us to develop and put into practice 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; and
- to join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship. In the coming weeks in e-News, Bishop Philip will explore each habit in more detail

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

POPE FRANCIS - PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

During February, Pope Francis asks us to pray for parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



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.

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance & winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters & brothers affected by the earthquakes & the winter weather. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

ANANIAS AND INTERCESSION TEAM

Liza Nahajski, Leader of our Ananias and Intercession (Pre-Discipleship) Team tells us about a new Zoom series on Monday evenings starting on **Monday 13th March**... Whatever your involvement in the life of the Church or with family or friends who are drifting towards or away from the church, you will almost certainly be having spiritual conversations from time to time. Ananias training helps develop an understanding of the spiritual journey and how generous listening, with greater awareness of another person's unique journey, can open people to growth. We will be offering sessions on Zoom on Monday evenings, 7-9pm, starting on Monday 13th March. If you would like to know more, reserve a place or if you would like to organise sessions for a group in your parish contact lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please visit our webpage <https://www.sacredhearthook.org/journey-together>.

DIOCESAN FORMATION FOR MISSION

1. **Communication Course:** 'Sending word, sharing the Word': 3 online sessions to help you communicate with confidence today and every day.

From parish newsletters to the pulpit, this course will give you the ability to communicate with confidence. Our communications expert will show you tools and techniques that are easy to learn and practical to use.

Here are the details:

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/sending-word-sharing-the-word-2023-03-08-19-30>

2. if you're looking for a **focus for Lent**, the Dominican Sisters are running 6 online sessions explaining the sacrament of Reconciliation to adults through scripture and art, which will also serve as a Lenten retreat, every Tuesday evening during Lent. The details are here:

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/reconciliation-anchoring-you-in-happiness-2023-02-28-19-30>

3. Finally, to mark the **60th anniversary of Vatican II Council**, the Dominican Sisters are launching a new monthly course to introduce the Council documents in a simple way, for everyone:

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/follow-the-compass-vatican-ii-for-everyone-2023-02-24-19-30>

All our courses are free. Donations are welcome!

To find out more about everything we're currently offering click here: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

Wishing you every blessing, Sr Hyacinthe

St Michaels Parish, Tadley incorporating St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

Parish Administrator Part time: 15 hours per week

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Administrator to work for 15 hours per week to be accountable for the smooth organisation of the parish and to provide confidential administrative and secretarial support for the Parish Priest and the parish, providing a sympathetic focal point for enquiries and efficient administrative support.

Hours of work: Part time post 15 hrs per week, days & times to be agreed for a salary of £12.50 per hour

Experience and Qualifications required for role:

- An experienced administrator with excellent secretarial, interpersonal, time management and prioritisation skills.
- Computer literate, skilled in word-processing, spreadsheets and data management as well as excellent internet and all-round office skills. ☑ Excellent communication skills to promote effective interaction between clergy, area administrators and parishioners.
- Management of the parish halls at the present time while consideration is given to this task.
- Knowledge of parish and diocesan organisation structure (desirable).

Personal Attributes:

- Self-motivated with the ability to work without supervision: taking initiative and using judgement; able to work under pressure, cope with change and deal with conflicting demands and differing personalities.
- Diplomatic, discreet with a sympathetic nature and emotional resilience
- Sympathetic to the Ministry and Mission of the Catholic Church.

Closing date for applications: Friday 10th March 2023 (Interview date: TBC)

Application forms and Job Description are available from: [recruitment @portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)