

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

19 March 2023

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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.

MASS TIMES

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 18 March	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 March	10.00 am	Mass	Pat Hinghert RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 25 March	6:00 pm	Mass	Private Intention
Sunday 26 March	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH

Saturday evening 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

LENTEN RECONCILIATION LITURGY WITH CONFESSIONS

This is an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Forgiveness next Thursday evening, 23rd March at St Bede's Church, starting at 7.00 pm. A number of priests will be present to assist with the hearing of confessions. This is a wonderful opportunity to receive the healing love and mercy of Jesus Our Saviour.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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First Reading 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5 : 8 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel John 9 : 1 - 41

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

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.

The
Season
of
Lent



- **Lent is a time to reflect, to repent and to restore**
- **Lent is a time to pray, to fast and to give**
- **Lent is a time when we remember His sacrifice**
- **Pope Francis says Lent is a time for renewing faith, hope & Love**

WELCOME

Welcome to Father Peter Codd who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

LENT 2023

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

EASTER EGGS

This Easter we will be collecting Easter Eggs for Brita's Caritas families. If you are able to help us please bring your donations of Easter Eggs to the church and leave in front of the Altar.



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@sacredhearhook.org for more information.

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive our newsletter by email please register at www.sacredhearhook.org and scroll down to the bottom of the page to subscribe.

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, Jacob Weston
John Bone, Terry Wright, Mike Murch,
Fr Kevin Delaney, Fr Don Clement & Fr Phillip Harris



FATHER PHILLIP HARRIS

Please keep Father Phillip in your prayers.

If you would like to visit Father Phillip, please contact Jan in the office who can tell you which ward he is on.

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 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.

MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month

Next meeting—Tuesday 4th April 2023

10:30am in the tea room

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women so that their example of faith and love may shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



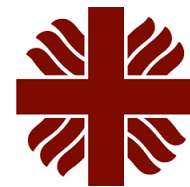
OPEN THE BOOK

Volunteers are needed for Open the Book at Hook Infant School. Volunteers are needed to join our friendly team. Open the Book is a way of presenting Bible stories to primary school children in a very simple way. You do not need to have any great acting skills! The Hook team goes into Hook Infants every Monday afternoon in term time. If you are interested please speak to Maggie or Emrys

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK & SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Homes for Ukraine: SJOG and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are part of the Community Sponsorship movement in the UK offering a matching, training and support service to sponsors and guests under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. Together we are working to enable the many generous people willing to open up their homes as sponsors and match them with people displaced by the war in Ukraine. We aim to support people on their journey and provide opportunities to integrate into our community in the UK. If you would like to be considered as a sponsor, or be sponsored, please use the link below to register your interest. We will work as quickly as possible to contact every applicant and to start the matching process or pick up a leaflet at the back of the church.

<https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>



FOODBANK CONTRIBUTION BOX

Please consider buying extra of the following items when you are next shopping and bring to the Church Porch, where we have re-introduced the Foodbank box.

- Tins & Jars & Dried Goods: Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Jam, Sponge Puddings
- Packages & Dried Goods: Long Life Juice, Custard
- Household: Men's Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner

There are a lot of people struggling, even more so with the current economics in the UK.

PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

St Bede, Basingstoke—Sun 9 am, 11 am, 6.00 pm

Fr. John Lee

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 am

Fr. Patrick Tansey

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

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

ADoRE Mini Retreat

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning **25 March** 10.00-1.00 "I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES" - Going deeper with Jesus. Guest speaker is Jenny Baker, National Lead of Celebrate Trust. . Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/ADOREMAR2023)

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CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND This weekend our Second Collection is for the Clergy Assistance Fund, which resources the invaluable work of the Department for Clergy Team. The team looks after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, from ordination all the way through to retirement. They rely on your commitment and generosity to do this.



Clocks Change next weekend.

Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed on Saturday 25th March

Knights of St Columba 'Lucky Me' winner for March is Wendy Burns from Bramley - well done, Wendy.

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

Fr Paul Leonard is running in the London Marathon for CAFOD



While we are experiencing some very cold & wet conditions in the UK right now, [CAFOD](#) are working hard to bring relief to communities which are badly affected by drought. Why not take a look at CAFOD's ideas for things we can do to help reduce climate change? If you're able to, please make a contribution to Paul's fundraising page to help CAFOD to work even harder - and give Paul some much appreciated encouragement!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paul-leonard30>

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN "DON BOSCO" BOYS CAMP - 23 to 29 July 2023

We are delighted that camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available on application).

We are holding a Bosco Experience/Reunion on Sunday 5 March 2023 from 2 to 4pm at St. Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8RY. This is for boys currently in year 6 up to year 11. A chance for new boys who want to find out more and have a 'taste' of the Bosco Experience and for those who have been on camp to meet with old friends. Fun activities and a chance for parents to find out more and sign up for camp. Booking is essential.

To find out more or to reserve a place, please email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.or.uk.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

This year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 17-21 July under the leadership of Bishop Philip Egan. Included in the price (£799 for adults and £699 for youth) is:

- Direct flight from Bournemouth Airport to Lourdes and return
- Private coach transfer on arrival to your hotel and return
- 4 nights accommodation at Hotel La Solitude • Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served each day
- Airport taxes & charges, UK government levy and Lourdes city tax
- Full religious programme facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours in conjunction with the Spiritual Director, Canon PJ Smith
- One standard piece of check-in luggage subject to the airline's conditions
- Lourdes city tax is included

For more information or to book please contact lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.