

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



6th Sunday of Easter

Year A

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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

Mass in the Convent on Monday mornings at 9:30am

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

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Saturday 13 May	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 14 May	10.00 am	Mass	1st Holy Communion Candidates

7th Sunday of Easter

Saturday 20 May	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 May	10.00 am	Mass	1st Holy Communion Candidates

CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH

Please contact the office for more information

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.

WELCOME

Welcome to Father John Chadwick who will be celebrating both Masses with us this weekend.

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 contact the Parish office to register as a member of our Parish

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.

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

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, Pat Olohan, Fr Kevin Delaney,
Fr Don Clement & Fr Phillip Harris



PARISH DATABASE

Whilst people remember to notify Doctors, Dentists, Schools and the like when they move house or change their email address or mobile number, not everyone remembers to notify their parish. Please do let us know if there have been contact changes for you so that we can amend our database accordingly. Thank you.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

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First Reading Acts 8: 5—8, 14 - 17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
And my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!**

Gospel John 14: 15 - 21

Weekend Retreat for Engaged or Married Couples 9-11th June Verbum Dei Community on the Isle of Wight.
For more details or to register via verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

What a wonderful celebration for our FHC children this Saturday. Thank you to Father John who lead the Mass and to Maggie and Emrys who coordinated the programme. We also thank all those who helped out on the day, the flower arrangers, cleaners, welcomers and those in charge of the refreshments.

Welcome George, Aurelia, Otilie, Millie, Olivia and Abigail.

Thank you



BAPTISM

Welcome to the family of God, Ada Wells and Althea Humphreys, baptised here in Sacred Heart during May

Congratulations!

MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month

Next meeting—Tuesday 6th June 2023

10:30am in the tea room

MARY'S MONTH OF MAY

We have now begun the month of May, which traditionally among Catholics is known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are many different factors that have contributed to this association. In ancient Greece and Rome, the month of May was dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime. This, combined with other European rituals commemorating the new season of Spring, led many Western cultures to view May as a month of life and motherhood. In some parts of the early Church, there was a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th May, but it was not until the eighteenth century that the month of May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. According to the Catholic Encyclopaedia, "The May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Fr. Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite." Various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread during the month of May. In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month when he established the feast of the Queenship of Mary on 31st May. After Vatican II, this feast was moved to 22nd August, but 31st May became instead the feast of the Visitation of Mary. This May, then, let's frequently call on the help of Mary's prayers, especially by attending Mass and by reciting the Rosary.



CARITAS PORTSMOUTH

Wanting to volunteer?

Caritas Portsmouth supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities.

Our volunteer team help make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the parish/community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. There are three key roles to consider

Caritas Parish Representatives: to be our link in your parish and keeping everyone up to date with our work, events and campaigns

Caritas School Volunteers: to support our Project Officers with the school activities. We have some exciting initiatives to introduce and would be grateful for your help to reach our young people

Caritas Events Volunteers: we plan to run a rolling programme of events to learn about specific topics and explore solutions. We need both administrative and practical support to ensure the events run smoothly and safely

Please visit our website (<https://caritas.org.uk/act/>) for further information and how to apply or get in touch with us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Thank you.

Jenny LeLean, Caritas Portsmouth



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

VACANCY – CEMETERY MANAGER

The Administrators of the Secular Clergy Common Fund are looking to appoint a Cemetery Manager to assist them in the operational management of its two cemeteries, St Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU and St Patrick's Cemetery E11 4HL. The job is full-time, permanent. Salary: £45,000 - £50,000 depending on experience. For an informal discussion contact Angela Rowe sesecretary@secularclergy.org.uk or call 07968 310 643. To apply please send your CV and personal statement via email to secretary@secularclergy.org.uk. As some parishioners may know, Fr Pat Tansy is the Portsmouth Administrator of this Fund, which assists sick and retired priests of the Dioceses of Arundel and Brighton, Brentwood, Portsmouth, Southwark and Westminster. Should any parishioner be interested in the vacancy, Fr Patrick is more than happy for them to speak with him on 01189 814572. The Fund is independent of the dioceses it covers and its roots date back to the 18th century, when priests had to support themselves.

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

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

NEWSLETTER

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

REPOSITORY

Please check out our repository in the porch, we have Rosaries for sale.

If there is anything you would like please ask Cecile or the Parish Office.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, is also the annual Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. This prayer is also supported by a charity called Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE). FACE draws on 170 years' experience of helping Eastern Christians to remain in their homelands – the biblical lands – where Christianity was born and first spread. They seek to enable people of all faiths and none in the Middle East, India, North Africa and the Horn of Africa to free themselves from a life of poverty, inequality and injustice. Together with the local Christian communities, they bring lasting change to those regions through education, healthcare, pastoral support and community projects, whilst seeking to preserve the heritage of the Eastern Churches so that Eastern Christians remain a living testament to the roots, legitimacy and beneficence of the Christian presence in Arabic society, and continue to be mediators of peace and goodwill in their multi-faith communities. FACE supports the work of the patriarchs, bishops, priests and religious of the Eastern Churches by offering grant aid to their local projects in education, health care and pastoral support – to the benefit of all in their multi-faith communities, regardless of race and creed.

Portsmouth Diocesan 'Don Bosco' Boys Camp: 23-29 July 2023

We are delighted that camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age at St. Casian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions & fun & 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 & morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available on application). For more info email: dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan Mission Event "Then You Will Be My Witnesses"

Fri 12th , 7:30-9:30pm & Saturday 13th May, 10am-4:30pm In this Year of the Holy Spirit, Fr Mark Hogan, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation, would like to invite you to a Mission Event at St. Peter's Church on the evening of Fri 12 May & the daytime of Sat 13 May. It will be an opportunity to come together, to receive input from Allegra Mutanda, who has spoken at several international & national events, such as the New Dawn Conference; to worship God & to be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit. The theme we have chosen is "Then You Will Be My Witnesses", which links closely with our Diocesan 10-year Mission Plan & reminds us that the disciples had to wait in Jerusalem to receive the Holy Spirit before stepping out & allowing God to change the world through their witness. Please click on this link by 5th May to book <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>

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