

SACRED HEART PARISH

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7th 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.

Thought for the Week

It is no accident that World Communications comes on the Sunday before Pentecost. Our first reading tells us that Mary and the apostles prayed constantly in the upper room, and St Peter in our second reading describes how the Spirit of glory thereafter "rested" upon them. They did not just preach and publish Gospels - through them, other people encountered God for themselves. And that same Spirit of glory rests upon you and me. We, too, have been gifted to communicate something of the truth and beauty of God.

World Communications Day gives us an opportunity to reflect upon what kind of message we are giving. The internet has provided a more effective means of communicating than was available to previous generations, and it is our responsibility to ensure that what we are communicating is glorifying. Social media is more than a platform for self-expression. Just as important is our receptiveness to what other people might be trying to tell us, for communication is a two-way process. IT is a relationship. As St Francis said in his famous prayer, "Grant that I may not so much seek to be understood as to understand." "Preach the Gospel at all times," he also said, "and, if necessary, use words." For the truth of God is best told as Jesus told it, by reaching out in love. We are men and women who come in peace, just as those first lunar explorers did. And we too step very respectfully into other people's worlds.

Taken from the Living World, Redemptorist

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 20 May	6:00 pm	Mass	The Flanagan & Wadhams families RIP
Sunday 21 May	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish

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Saturday 27 May	6:00 pm	Mass	William da Silva RIP
Sunday 28 May	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish

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.

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.



WELCOME

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

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.

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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

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First Reading Acts 1: 12 - 14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26

**I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4: 13 - 16

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord:
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.**

Alleluia!

Gospel John 17: 1 - 11

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

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on Thursday 25th May at 2.30pm in the convent. We start with Exposition of the blessed sacrament and Fr Peter Codd will lead us to share the Gospel message of the upcoming Sunday. We end the session with fellowship and saying the 'Abandonment Prayer'. Everyone is welcome.

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



HART FOOD BANK

Latest Requests for this Week Tinned fish, washing detergent, instant mash potato and dried rice. <http://www.hart.foodbank.org.uk/> leaders would be pleased for new helpers in the team

BRITA'S TOILET ROLL COLLECTION

This is an ongoing collection and more toilet rolls would be appreciated. Thank you to those who are regularly donating.

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.

MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month

Next meeting—Tuesday 6th June 2023

10:30am in the tea room

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

UCM MEETING

The next UCM meeting is on Saturday 20th May at 10:15 in the Convent.



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

SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Each year, the Vatican and many dioceses mark World Communications Day on the Sunday before Pentecost; this year May 21st. The Pope's theme for this year is: "Speak with the heart: Veritatem facientes in caritate" (Speaking the truth in love). Parishioners may give to this collection via the retiring collection or online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/worldcommunications-day-2023>. This collection will close on 30th May

POPE FRANCIS MAY PRAYER INTENTION

During May, Pope Francis asks us to pray for Church movements and groups. We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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

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. Cassian'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

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Are you considering being a priest? Contact Canon John Cooke: portsmouthvocations.org. / 01329 318 86

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

Canon John Cooke invites you to join Sacred Heart Parish, Fareham and Portchester for Praise & Worship Evenings at 7.30pm on the third Friday of each month...

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