

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 16 July 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

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

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 15 July	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 July	10.00 am	Mass	Jay De Alwis RIP
Monday 17 July	9.30 am	Mass	In the Convent

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22 July	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 23 July	10.00 am	Mass	Conor Austin RIP Cristina Aliniab RIP
Monday 24 July	9.30 am	Mass	In the Convent

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.

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.



CONFESSIONS AND SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Father John is available after Mass to celebrate Confessions or the Sacrament of the Sick. Please see Father after Mass if you require either of these sacraments.

WELCOME

To Father Paul who will be celebrating Mass on Saturday evening with us and to Fr Jean-Patrice who will be celebrating Mass on Sunday morning.

PHOTOGRAPHS

You may be aware that photos are taken at some of the church/parish events. For this purpose we need to know if there are any objections to these being put on the website or parish Facebook.

If you do not want to appear in the above please make your objection known.

Many thanks.

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



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Tom Leonard RIP (Father Paul's dad) who died last week. His requiem will take place at 12 noon on Thursday 20th July at the English Martyrs Church in Reading, RG30 2EB. Fr Paul has asked that there be no flowers but donations to CAFOD instead please May his souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God. Rest in Peace, Amen.



LIVE-STREAMED FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

A number of people have asked about Fr Paul's dad's funeral next Thursday. It is going to be live-streamed by the English Martyrs Church and here is the link:

The link to our website <https://englishmartyrsrdg.com/>

There is an icon at the bottom of the page called Livestream. Just click on this to access livestreaming

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us. If you are new to the area, please contact the Parish office to register as a member of our Parish

ALTAR SERVERS

Has your daughter/son celebrated their FHC, would they like to be an altar server. Please see Emrys or contact the office for more information.

PARISH BARBECUE

Sunday 23rd July, 11:30 for 12:00

All are welcome

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the company of your fellow parishioners

Bring your own drinks, and some puddings to share

It would help if you could sign up on the list at the back of church



**DO YOU HAVE A BARBECUE THAT THE
PARISH COULD BORROW,
PLEASE LET ANNE OR JILL KNOW
THANK YOU**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 55: 10 - 11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 64

Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 18 - 23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13: 1 - 23

MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month

Next meeting—Tuesday 1st August 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 Account number 00880117: Sort Code: 30 93 04 Name: CDP Sacred Heart Hook (Please also use this for cheque payments)

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.

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

WELCOMERS NEEDED

Our parish welcoming Ministry is going really well—and now we need a few more people to join us. If you would like to help out every few weeks, please let the Parish Office know

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.

REPOSITORY

Please check out our repository in the porch. If there is anything you would like please ask Cecile or the Parish Office.



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. Please visit our website (<https://caritas.org.uk/act/>) or email us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

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.

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.

CALLED AND GIFTED IN PERSON TEACHING DAY

Called and gifted is being rolled out in the NWH pastoral area. If you wish to discern what charisms / gifts you have been bestowed with then please sign up for the live teaching of Called and Gifted on Saturday 21 October 2023 at St Bedes Church. If you want to find out more about the Called and Gifted programme, please take a look at the below link. We hope you will sign up to undergo Called and Gifted on Saturday 21 October – please pencil this in your diary! This event is open to all, even if you are not in the NWH pastoral area. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the team

at: calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk website: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>. If you wish to sign up then please contact Jan or Shanti.

COME AND FIND OUT ABOUT CAFOD'S WORK

CAFOD Portsmouth is hosting two meetings in September so that volunteers & supporters can find out more about our work. The first meeting is on Sat 9th Sept at St Bedes Church hall, Popley Way, RG24 9DX from 10:30 am - 12:30pm where Philippe Mougine CAFOD's Emergency Response Leader will talk about our work in Pakistan after last years floods. The second meeting is on Sat 16th Sept at St Michael & All Angels Church hall, Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park PO9 5BD from 10:30am to 1:30pm (lunch is provided) where Sara Moreno from CAFOD's Partner SIEMBRA from Colombia will speak about her work with human and environmental rights defenders.

Everyone is welcome but please book so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing

Jo Lewry at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

HART FOOD BANK

Latest Requests for this Week

- TINS/CANS: Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Soup, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Tinned Fish, Tinned Rice Pudding.
- JARS: Jam, Pasta Sauces
- DRIED GOODS: Tea, Coffee, Dry Rice, Pasta, Cereal, Biscuits, Sponge Puddings, Pulses, Custard.
- LIQUIDS: Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life Milk
HOUSEHOLD: Men & Women's Toiletries, Household Cleaning Products

<http://www.hart.foodbank.org.uk/> leaders would be pleased for new helpers in the team

READING AT SACRED HEART

We are looking for more people to join our reading group, to read at Mass, especially the Saturday evening. An important and enjoyable role, the readers carry out their ministry about every three or four weeks, and meet together for an hour a few times a year, to share ideas and practise. If you would like to join the group, please could you contact the parish office.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

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: 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 JULY PRAYER INTENTION

During July, Pope Francis asks us to pray for a Eucharistic life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE)

The importance of healing in sharing the Good News

So many people today declare that they are not interested in religion, but they are far more open to talking about faith if they can see that it produces tangible results, for example through healing. This was the approach that Jesus frequently took – and it's a mission that He passed on to us, His followers. As Pope Francis said in *The Joy of the Gospel*: "In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples.... Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization."

On July 22nd there is an opportunity to participate in a free mini-retreat morning on Zoom that will show us how healing is a powerful element in helping us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This meeting is hosted by "ADoRE" one of the longest-running charismatic days of renewal in the country. The session includes Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship and inspired Teaching on practical ways to evangelise.

Guest speaker is **Marcin Stetner** of the Cor et Lumen Christi Charismatic Community.. Marcin is a gifted preacher and God uses him powerfully in healing. He has led evangelistic events and discipleship conferences for many years and thousands of people, mostly young adults, have given their lives to Jesus, been filled with the Spirit and discipled as a fruit of his ministry in the community.

This is the latest part of ADoRE's Zoom course to inspire Parish Evangelisation: "**Proclaim the Good News - we are called to be Missionary Disciples**" which is running until November, usually on the fourth Saturday of each month. We hope you can let your parishioners know about this opportunity for spiritual renewal and formation and encourage their participation in the monthly zoom meetings.

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 22nd July 10.00-1.00 "SIGHT FOR THE BLIND - The Charisms of healing and miracles in Evangelisation." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise and inspiring guest speaker **Marcin Stetner** of Cor et Lumen Christi community.

Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL202

CAFOD

Jo Lewry shares CAFOD resources for children's liturgy for CAFOD's seeds campaign.

Seeds for all: Show the children some seeds. Do they know what they are? And what will they become? Explain: Seeds are very important. They are life. They are a gift from God. And they make growing food possible. But new laws are forcing farmers around the world to buy seeds from big companies who make lots of money, rather than being able to choose which seeds they want to use. These laws make it even harder for small farmers and their families to grow enough food. Salina is a farmer in Bangladesh, and she told CAFOD: "To keep seeds in our own hands is the main thing. Without seeds, being a farmer is not possible." So, Salina is writing a letter to the World Bank. They are a group of people who could help Salina and farmers like her if they wanted to. Do: Give each child a sticky label and ask them to either write their first name, draw a picture of themselves or draw a picture of a seed/ flower. With the parents' permission, these stickers could be added to your parish's giant letter (available to order from cafod.org.uk/shop) or you could make your own poster as a children's liturgy group to display in your parish. More information about the Fix the Food System is available at cafod.org.uk/food

ENGAGING THE DISENGAGED

How to accompany the non-religious person in daily life The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth in partnership with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is delighted to release details of an online seminar on Tuesday 21st November exploring strategies for all Catholics to fulfil their mission to bring people closer to Christ. The keynote address will be given by internationally acclaimed and bestselling author Sherry Anne Weddell from the Catherine of Siena Institute. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world and trained and helps lead an international team who have worked directly with over 130,000 lay, religious, and ordained Catholics in hundreds of parishes in 150 (arch)dioceses on 5 continents. Her book *Forming Intentional Disciples* has sold in excess of 150,000 copies.

Demand for the event is expected to be high and early booking is advised to reserve a place. Tickets are priced at £10 per person and can be purchased by scanning the QR with your Smart Phone or by clicking on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons-tickets-646139539757>