

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 17 September 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)

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 9 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	Private Intention
Sunday 10 Sept	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Wednesday 13 Sept	10.00 am	Mass	If Father John is able to attend there will be Mass in the Convent

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 16 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	Private Intention
Sunday 17 Sept	10.00 am	Mass	Damian Maranzano RIP
Wednesday 20 Sept	10.00 am	Mass	If Father John is able to attend there will be Mass in the Convent

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.

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.

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.

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.

REPOSITORY

Please check out our repository in the porch.

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

POPE FRANCIS AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

During September, Pope Francis asks us to pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

PARISH MASS COUNT

Bishop Philip writes "Over the next four weekends, starting on Sunday 17th September, Parishes across all the Dioceses of England and Wales will be undertaking their annual Mass count, for the numbers of people in attendance at Sunday Masses." Thank you in advance to all our priests, stewards and parishioners who will be facilitating this important endeavour.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus teaches us that God the Father is like the king. He is rich in mercy and forgiveness; He forgives our trespasses and the debt of sin. When we plead for mercy, He is generous, full of compassion and loving. The psalmist sings, "How precious is your mercy, O God!" The embrace of God welcomes us and is offered to all who seek God's refuge. God welcomes home the sinner and embraces a son or daughter who was lost. Sometimes we can find ourselves like the servant, who is small-minded and exacting of others. Whenever we pray the Our Father, Jesus' prayer for us, we ask God the Father to forgive us as we forgive those who trespass against us. We are invited to open our hearts and be ready to forgive others. When we cannot forgive another person, the hurt eats away at us; we are trapped; it affects all our relationships. From forgiveness comes freedom. To be free we have to learn to forgive others as we have been forgiven by God. If we are unable to forgive another person, we can ask for the gift to want to forgive.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

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 & Charlie Carruthers



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The UCM is organizing a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 29th September at 10:30 in the parish hall.

All are welcome.



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

NEW GIFT AID FORMS

The Diocese have requested that all Gift Aiders sign a new form that displays the new charity name and number. Any UK taxpayer can sign a simple declaration which enables the Parish to claim from the tax office a further 25% on your donations. Any offerings you make by numbered envelopes or via your bank are then treated as gift aided. I have attached a copy of the Gift Aid Form to the electronic copy of this newsletter and there are hard copies on the table at the back of church. If you have any queries, please contact Jan.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 - 28: 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102

**The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7 - 9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
You have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18: 21 - 35

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our next FHC programme will be starting in October and the FHC Mass will be on Saturday 1st June 2024.

To join the programme your child should be: 7yrs old or over, a Baptised Catholic, resident in Sacred Heart Parish and attending Mass weekly at Sacred Heart.

For enquiries please email: hello@sacredhearthook.org.

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 A/C number 00880117: Sort Code: 30 93 04

Name: CDP Sacred Heart Hook

(Please also use this for cheque payments)

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

MARYFIELD CONVENT FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting—Tuesday 3rd October 2023 10:30am
in the tea room

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.



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 themselves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.

ENGAGING THE DISENGAGED EVENT

The Diocese in partnership with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is hosting an online seminar on Tuesday 21st November, at 6 pm for Catholics wishing to bring people closer to Christ led by Evangelist Sherry Weddell. Tickets are £10 per person from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons-tickets-646139539757>

CARITAS

On September 24th Jenny Lelean, Head of Caritas will be walking 25.5 miles of the Test Way in Hampshire to raise funds to support our own Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth! Donations will go to support some of the most vulnerable people who live in our communities across the diocese, including people struggling with the rising costs of living, poverty, homelessness, social isolation, and refugees. You can donate by visiting their JustGiving page. Thank you

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.

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

Further to Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter, last weekend, in which he urged all parishioners to download and read the final Ten-Year Mission Plan **You Will Be My Witnesses**, www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/you-will-be-my-witnesses/ **You Will Be My Witnesses** has resulted from two years of research and consultation across the Diocese and beyond. The Plan identifies three main objectives for the Diocese for the next decade which include: to be a Christ-centred Church; to be a missionary community; to be prudent stewards of Christ's Church.

You Will Be My Witnesses is a blueprint for the whole Diocese and details the collective effort required to create a Diocese in better shape, internally healed and renewed, with new faces, young families, more vocations and a harvest from ecclesial movements.

FROM JAN HUGHES

Thank you for all your prayers and messages, I have finally been cleared to return to work. The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings 9am to 1pm Please keep Nikki Pink (Parish Administrator from St Joseph's Basingstoke) in your prayers as she continues her stay in hospital.

WINTER SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Winter shelter for the homeless is starting again on 1st December for 13 weeks. From 1900 to 0730 every night, the shelter will provide a warm and safe place and a nourishing evening meal and a bed to sleep for people who are sleeping rough on the streets in Basingstoke. There are many opportunities to be involved, whether it be directly in the shelter or on the side lines supporting the service with laundry, cooking meals at home or helping move beds & bedding from/to different venues. Information sessions are being held at Sarum Hill Centre (RG21 8SR) at 19.30 on Thurs 28th Sept or Tues 17th Oct or Christ Church (RG24 8LT) 10.00 Sat 14th Oct. Volunteers find it very rewarding! You will find more information on Facebook by searching "Night Light Winter Shelter".

Cultivate a Rich and Lasting Prayer Life - New Pastoral course starting Monday 25th September

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your perceived weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. If you find insights like this helpful in growing in your personal prayer life with the Lord, you'll love our next course.

We welcome back our dear Geoff who will be leading this course with Gerry – you will be in for a treat!! This 7 week short course is starting on Monday 25th September at 7.30pm and finishing at 9.00pm. We hope you can join us and journey together in growing our prayer life. [Find out more and watch a trailer](#) by clicking the below link: <https://youtu.be/33cNoCsUAd4>

If you would like to sign up, please reply to this email jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk - or email my tran_joan@yahoo.co.uk email which you all should be familiar with and please let me know which parish you are from and if outside of the pastoral area and I will add you to the sessions.

ADORE

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 23rd September 10.00-3.30 live at Church of St Joan of Arc, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8DJ "THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOUR – God is on our side." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer and inspiring guest speaker Geoff Poulter. Praise and Talk also live-streamed on Zoom. Full details and registration for either at bit.ly/ADORESEP2023

THE SECOND COLLECTION

On Sunday 17th September 2023 the second collection is for Home Mission. The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel.

FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Repairs and Maintenance

2022-2023

The figure of £8,211.40 includes

Annual Maintenance such as Fire Extinguishers, PAT testing, monthly grounds maintenance, window cleaning and Gas Safe certificates.

The 5 year Electrical testing was carried out.

Work on the Presbytery fencing, gates, building of a wardrobe and removal of furniture in presbytery.

The church ceiling needed repairing and painting and we had some tree work carried out.

SACRED HEART PARISH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2022/2023, 2021/2022, 2020/2021

	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
INCOME			
Offertory Collection / Standing Orders / DD	37,259.51	40,903.95	37,910.69
Income tax reclaimed	7,796.00	7,465.31	3,138.38
Repository books and papers	1,874.13	480.00	
Hall Income	1,158.00	1,008.00	1,028.50
Other ordinary items / Interest	584.36	91.19	621.34
Legacies	6,000.00	-	2,000.00
Furlough Scheme	-	1,272.00	9,848.77
Total Income	54,672.00	51,220.45	54,547.68
EXPENDITURE			
Clergy stipend/Housekeeping/Moving Costs	10,033.78	3,996.00	4,070.00
Supply priests	4,360.80		479.00
Parish Staff Wages & National Insurance	12,987.67	14,359.02	18,321.40
Altar and liturgical	468.65	1,306.78	743.91
Light, Heat and Water	4,345.13	4,288.23	5,314.58
Repairs and maintenance	8,211.40	1,955.30	2,136.50
Equipment	343.98	2,387.95	3,702.10
Presbytery - Clearing and Cleaning	953.93		
Council tax/Insurance	2,506.92	2,076.34	2,010.73
Telephone/Computer/Postage/Photocopying	3,246.07	3,362.57	2,451.76
Diocesan levy	8,492.00	10,266.36	10,266.34
Books / Courses / Events	1,111.00	1,867.71	856.16
Professional Fees/Music Licenses	469.48	2,214.88	600.53
Total Expenditure	57,530.81	48,081.14	50,953.01
Income less Expenditure	(2,858.81)	3,139.31	3,594.67