

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 23 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 23 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	Private Intention
Sunday 24 Sept	10.00 am	Mass	Damian Maranzano RIP
Wednesday 27 Sept	10.00 am	Mass	If Father John is able to attend there will be Mass in the Convent

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 30 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	Wendy Mansfield RIP
Sunday 1 Oct	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Wednesday 4 Oct	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

Today's Gospel shows us a unique form of justice. Workers should be paid for their work. They need and deserve a decent standard of living for themselves and for their dependants. There are also people whose urgent needs require special sensitivity and generosity. The owner of the vineyard showed compassion at a moment when it was needed but not expected. Had he made allowances for his unexpected generosity or did he not mind that he would be out of pocket that day? Was this a one-off act of kindness or just one in a series of acts of practical goodness? We don't know, but his is an example that has stood the test of time. It is difficult to tell others when we're desperate. We all have our pride. Frequently, those in most need are also silent in their suffering. It's easy to say that they should have asked for help, but sometimes that is more easily said than done. Can we be as open to others as was the landowner? Could we let Jesus use our lives and our actions to demonstrate kindness and justice? Can we be sensitive to people's unspoken desperation and respond with compassion, even at a cost to ourselves?

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 11:00 in the parish hall.

Any donations of cake would be greatly appreciated. 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 20 - 24, 27

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,

in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20: 1 - 16

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERINGS

One or two members of our community have asked me about the above. One of the glories of the Catholic Tradition is how we remember both living and deceased brothers and sisters at Mass; the greatest prayer of all. Thus, contrary to popular belief, there is no restriction on how many people for whom we pray during Mass. Particular dates often matter to people, so by all means contact the office with any intentions you have for any Mass throughout the year. If I am celebrating the Mass, the names/intentions will be read aloud, if at all possible.

There is an ancient custom (dating back to the Middle Ages) where those asking for intentions to be prayed for during Mass make a financial offering to the priest. This was, typically, the cost of his meal for the day. Many priests still accept offerings (Mass Stipends) as part of their income. Thus, there **IS** a restriction imposed on a priest to accept only one Mass stipend per Mass, if part of his income, to prevent corrupt practices. My personal practice is not to take any stipends as personal income. If offerings are made to me, you will be supporting a youth and family project in Dorset.

We do sometimes hear of charges being stipulated for Masses celebrated elsewhere. This is expressly forbidden. Such a practice is regarded as the sin of simony, the selling of Sacraments, which seriously offends God. Therefore, it is perfectly acceptable not to make any financial contribution when requesting prayers for someone at Mass. Similarly, there can be no charge for the celebration of any Sacraments. Mass, the Sacraments, are given to us free, as with all of God's Grace.

All that said, the Church is totally reliant on the generosity and commitment of its members, which certainly includes matters fiscal. Yes, there is a responsibility upon all of us, including me, to financially support the life and mission of our family in faith. Equally, there is duty upon those responsible for receiving the funds to ensure accountability when it comes to how our sacrificial giving is used. You will notice this as a recurring theme, for as long as I am with you.

By all means suggest ways to me, preferably via email, to improve confidence in this area. That said, you will receive further information about Sacred Heart finances over the coming weeks, months, and beyond.

God bless
Fr John

FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Clergy Costs
2022-2023

This year our costs for Clergy have been higher than normal.

At the beginning of the Church year, we were able to have the support from Basingstoke, with Fr John Lavers at no extra cost.

From March onwards we needed to use Supply Clergy from out of our Pastoral Area which carried a cost. The Diocese sets the fee which currently is £80 per Mass plus mileage at 45 pence per mile.

The Diocese also sets the Clergy Stipend and Housekeeping at £408 per month and £433.33 per month.

During the year we continued to pay Fr Philip his Clergy Stipend and until March his Housekeeping.

When a Priest moves to a new parish it is the responsibility of the new parish to pay the moving costs, when Fr Phillip moved in were £2,104.80.

In previous years we were very fortunate with our Priests, Fr Paul and Fr Peter very rarely went away and neither of them asked for Housekeeping or had any moving costs.

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

	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
Clergy stipend/Housekeeping/Moving Costs	10,033.78	3,996.00	4,070.00
Supply priests	4,360.80		479.00
Presbytery - Clearing and Cleaning	953.93		

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

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is being planned for September 2024. The dates are Monday 9th September through to the following Monday, 16th September. We will be travelling with Pilgrimage People. There is a packed itinerary for each day. Cost: £1880. Single room supplement £400. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who has never visited the Holy Land before. If you are interested, can you please contact Fr John directly by email or telephone 01256 465214.

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".

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.

The cost of the Called and Gifted discernment process is £40 per person.

If you wish to book and pay £40 online please email the Called and Gifted team with your full name and contact details and make a bank transfer using the following account.

Lloyds Bank

CDP North West Hampshire Pastoral Area (NWHPA)

Account no. 01859480

Sort Code. 309304

Reference. Your name and Parish.

You can also pay by cheque, please make the cheque payable to CDP North West Hampshire Pastoral and return it along with the booking form to the Parish Office

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.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL

This year's CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal is on 6th October. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at: CAFOD - Catholic international development charity