

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 1 October 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)

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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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 7 Oct	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 8 Oct	10.00 am	Mass	Rita Hogan RIP
Wednesday 11 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@sacredhearthook.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

How do we prevent ourselves being drawn into a world of false appearances? How do we ensure that we always practice what we preach? It is easy to start out with the best of intentions, but, as we have noted, the nature of our world is so shot through with the idea of selling ourselves that it can be difficult to pursue an alternative path. It is as through Jesus recognises this difficulty by being so uncompromising in His own words and practice. His way of ensuring an integrity of word and deed is to empty Himself of any claim to power or position. Elsewhere He will address the question of fancy titles. The only title He uses for Himself is that of "Son of Man", and the only way of life He follows is that of a wandering preacher, with nowhere to lay His head. If we examine our own positions in life (and if we are honest in that examination) we will acknowledge just how much we are tempted to say one thing and do another, to use our own power or status to achieve our ends. When we empty ourselves of such trappings of power, we have no means of pretence anymore. And, perhaps ironically, we now have a greater freedom to adhere to the truth, for we are no longer bound by the complex world of expectations that come from the world of propaganda. We are free to do what we say we will do.

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



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24

Remember your mercy, Lord

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1 - 11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21: 28 - 32

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@sacredhearhook.org.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is Online at: www.sacredhearhook.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

FRUIT



It's all about fruit! The Church exists in order to bear fruit, Jesus reminds us today. Hard to believe that you and I have been singled out by God to be a part of this fruit bearing activity, constantly harvesting the crop in his vineyard.

A church that remains on point in this mission will see new life constantly appearing in it. This is why parishes exist, to serve and glorify God by bringing the Good News to those about us, not least the next generation, so that the Divine mission can continue past our sell-by date. Conversely, churches that remain the same, or worse, decline, have evidently lost the point. Jesus teaches us that fruitless communities have become self-serving, rather than God serving.

"Therefore, I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

So, dear Brothers and Sisters, it couldn't be clearer. We must bear fruit for God if we are to be faithful. Simple as that. To ensure we remain on point in this vocation we have a Pastoral Council, which should ensure the community never loses sight of its pastoring, or shepherding, mission. The Finance Team similarly ensures our financial giving and spending remains on point, always to be used in God's service, rather than self-service. In fact, all the different groups that bind the beautiful community that is Sacred Heart together, each in their distinct ways, must have this common purpose in mind, to be fruitful for God.

Committee Members

Finance Committee

Maggie Wood
Mike Coleman
Felix Fernando

Health and Safety

Emrys Hughes
Mike Coleman
Robert Head

PPC

David Brown
Gill Byrne
Shanthi Fernando
Vanessa Gooderham
John Cummins

May God bless the part of His Vineyard that is Sacred Heart and make us fruitful. Amen! Have a good week everyone!

Fr. John

FINANCE UPDATE

We have had a couple of expenses this week, we now have hot water in the hall again, with a new boiler installed. Some of you may have noticed that there was water coming through the ceiling after the stormy night we had a couple of weeks ago. It seems we have had a visit from Mr Squirrel who has chewed all the lead from the roof. Shaun from Phoenix roofing has been out and fixed the problem. The next job in the hall is to replace the broken heaters, this will be undertaken over the next few weeks.

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>

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.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON

is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Anthonys RC Church, 5 Garrat Road, Edgware, London HA8 9AN on Saturday 14 October 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.

Please call millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information

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