



SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 12 November 2023 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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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)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 11 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	Holy Souls	In the Convent
Saturday 11 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish	
Sunday 12 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	James Michael RIP	Live Streamed
Monday 13 Nov	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 15 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	If Fr John is able to attend there will be Mass in the Convent	

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	Holy Souls	In the Convent
Saturday 18 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	Emma Jeavons Fellows RIP	
Sunday 19 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	People of the Parish	Live Streamed
Monday 20 Nov	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 22 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	If Fr 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 info.

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.

SUNDAY MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Welcome to Fr John Lee who will be celebrating our Sunday Masses this weekend. Fr John Chadwick will be in St Bede's Basingstoke.

REPOSITORY

Please check out our repository in the porch.

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

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

During the month of November, a box for the request of prayers for the souls of loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. If you would like prayers for a deceased loved one, please write their name on one of the slips of paper and place it in the box

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

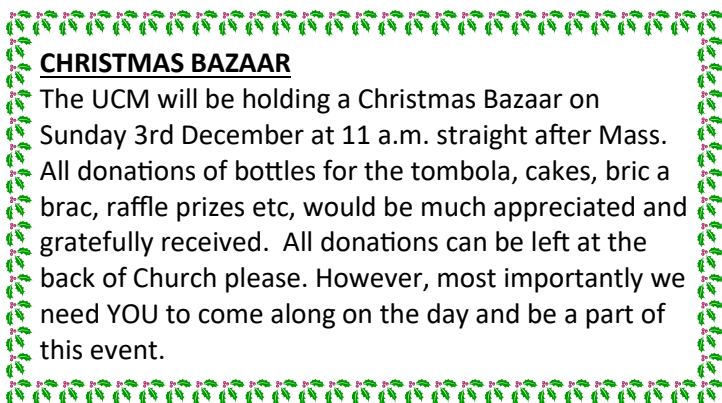
Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember: Joan Coleman, Debbie Cavedon, Jacob Weston, John Bone, Terry Wright, Mike Murch, Charlie Carruthers Fr Kevin Delaney & Fr Don Clement

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

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.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
The UCM will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 3rd December at 11 a.m. straight after Mass. All donations of bottles for the tombola, cakes, bric a brac, raffle prizes etc, would be much appreciated and gratefully received. All donations can be left at the back of Church please. However, most importantly we need YOU to come along on the day and be a part of this event.

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)

MARYFIELD CONVENT FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month.
Next meeting—Tuesday 5th December 2023 10:30am in the tea room

CAFOD EMERGENCY ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

The terrible situation in Israel and occupied Palestinian territory is tearing lives apart. Your donations will allow CAFOD to provide urgent, practical help to the families who need it, as soon as it's safe to do so. Donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/form=israelipalestiniancrisis

FORMATION DAY FOR READERS: ST BEDE'S CHURCH

With the new translation of the Lectionary coming into effect in Advent 2024, this day will consist of reflecting on the theology of the Liturgy of the Word, the actual Lectionary itself, and practicalities of celebrating the Liturgy of the Word. We will welcome Fr Anthony Fyk, the Director of Liturgical Formation for the Diocese to give these reflections. Make the most of this opportunity. If you wish to attend please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's on 01256 465214 OR email: office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Malachi 1: 14 - 2: 2, 8 - 10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 7 - 9, 13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 23: 1 - 12

BASINGSTOKE CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

“The Community Furniture Project will be hosting the Basingstoke Christmas Toy Appeal this year. We are collecting new and unwrapped gifts for children of all ages, and young people up to the age of 19, from business and individuals throughout Basingstoke. Did you know that 1 in 10 children live below the breadline? During the festive period, thousands of families struggle as they are forced to choose between buying presents or paying bills. As a result, many children in our area receive no gifts. We hope you can assist us to bring the community together to support this project and help us help local families in need this Christmas”. Sacred Heart Church will have a box in the Foyer where toys can be left—thank you.



KEEP THE DATE
Children's Advent Workshop - Sun 17th December

Jenny LeLean, Head of Charity, Caritas Portsmouth asks "Are you a Coop member..?"

If you are, you can help the work of Caritas Portsmouth to support people struggling with social isolation by choosing us as your local Coop cause, through their Local Community Fund. This means that each time you shop at Coop, purchase their branded products, and use your membership card, we receive a donation at no cost to you. Donations will be used to purchase items needed to run social groups, anything from gardening to book clubs, that will create a safe and welcoming spaces for our neighbours and help us become the Church Beyond Walls. Visit our profile page and please spread the word to family, friends and in parishes. If you're not a Coop member yet – that's not a problem! You can join for £1. Thank you so much for your support.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD CAMPAIGNS

Thank you to everyone who signed 'Salina's letter' this summer. Salina is the small-scale farmer from Bangladesh who is calling on the World Bank to protect the rights of farmers over their own seeds. 70,000 parishioners in England and Wales signed the letter, and a third of all parishes took part. Salina said, "I am very happy to know about 70,000 signatures along with mine." This helped CAFOD to secure initial meetings with World Bank staff, who heard the message that seeds are for all. This is a long struggle but it's a very good start. Thank you for adding your voice.



Closer to Christ Campaign Announcement Letter Sacred Heart, Hook

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

I am sure you will agree when I say this last year has continued to be challenging. Yet although many aspects of our lives have been impacted, our Catholic faith has remained the one constant. I also wish to thank wholeheartedly those clergy who continue to work so tirelessly to sustain and support the communities under their care. It is this steadfast commitment that has progressed the Church across the Diocese of Portsmouth since the late 19th century.

As a faith community, we have been through some challenging times in the past yet by God's grace, we have always shown resilience, compassion and generosity. Over fifteen years ago, the Living Our Faith campaign had a tremendous and wide-reaching effect, and I am grateful for all it enabled. I am confident now with the intercession of the parish of Sacred Heart and our patron, St. Edmund of Abingdon, that we have the strength to continue our great mission of 'Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church'.

Further to much prayer, consideration and consultation with clergy and laity, we have embarked on a new fundraising initiative entitled the **Closer to Christ** Campaign. This will build upon the mission of our church, enabling us to continue our journey to become ever more outward facing and evangelistic, while meeting the immediate financial priorities of parishes, who are the backbone of our Church.

Central to the success of our mission, is the continued support of our clergy at all stages of ministry, those individuals who give their lives to serve our parish communities. **Closer to Christ** will fund our seminarians and priests in active ministry and rejuvenate our parishes, ensuring they have the necessary resources to provide a place for prayer, worship and community interaction, meeting a broad range of faith needs and giving them a platform to thrive. We must also care for our priests in their retirement, recognising the important work they have achieved in delivering our mission and the contribution they continue to make in so many ways following a life of service and dedication to local parish life. At a time when the average weekly donation per parishioner is just over two pounds, we need everyone in every parish to help us by supporting our priests and our parishes.

The **Closer to Christ** Campaign is a 'call to action' which invites all parishioners to become more fully and sacrificially involved in the life of the Church – to collectively build God's Kingdom and live the Gospel, especially in providing for others. Simultaneously, the **Closer to Christ** Campaign reflects a commitment to enhanced communications and stewardship of donors' generosity. By the end of this year, every parish will have participated in this endeavour. Since the Campaign started, over 60 parishes have taken part and I am delighted that Sacred Heart will be part of the next group of parishes leading the way.

In the coming months, Father John Lee will be sharing with you in more detail the objectives of this initiative – through individual conversations, small group gatherings and announcements at Mass. I appreciate your willingness to learn more, ask questions, consider the role you could play and importantly pray for our success.

Towards the end of his Letter to the Philippians, St. Paul says: "There is no need to worry, but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving" (Phil 4: 6). I look forward to us all accomplishing together the Lord's work, moving from maintenance to mission.

In Corde Iesu
+Philip
Bishop of Portsmouth