

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 19 November 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, Thurs & Fri)**

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|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--|----------------------|
| Saturday 18 Nov        | 10:00 am        | Mass        | Holy Souls   | In the Convent       |
| <b>Saturday 18 Nov</b> | <b>6:00 pm</b>  | <b>Mass</b> | <b>Emma Jeavons Fellows RIP</b>                                |                      |
| <b>Sunday 19 Nov</b>   | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Mass</b> | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                    | <b>Live Streamed</b> |
| 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 |                      |

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

|                        |                 |             |  |                |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--|----------------|
| Saturday 25 Nov        | 10:00 am        | Mass        | Holy Souls   | In the Convent |
| <b>Saturday 25 Nov</b> | <b>6:00 pm</b>  | <b>Mass</b> | <b>Int of Tess Wadhams</b>   |                |
| <b>Sunday 26 Nov</b>   | <b>10.00 am</b> | <b>Mass</b> | <b>People of the Parish</b>  |                |
| Monday 20 Nov          | 9:30 am         | Mass        |  | In the Convent |
| 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.

### REPOSITORY

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

### 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.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Today's Gospel parable falls into two quite definite parts. Most people find the first part encouraging - we like the idea of the master giving talents to his servants and seeing what they can do with what they are given. The second part of the parable is far more problematic. Who has never had a feeling of lack of confidence in themselves? We may remember with a shudder when we had to try something out for the first time or step up to a demand that was made of us. It's always worse if we have an audience, for that increases our fear of failure. Imposter syndrome is the name given to the fear many people have of others finding out that, for all their apparent calm and competence, they actually haven't a clue what they are doing. Jesus makes clear that failure is not the problem, and nor is lack of talent. But the worst we can do is to mistrust God at work in ourselves. Ours may be a "quiet" talent - the gift of being a good listener, or the gift of always being ready with an appreciative or encouraging word. Confidence grows confidence, but mistrust grows mistrust. That is the meaning of the devastating punchline of Jesus' parable, and it is meant to shock us. 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,  
Charlie Carruthers Fr Kevin Delaney & Fr Don Clement



## **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](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## **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.



## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**First Reading** Proverbs 31: 10 - 13, 19 - 20, 30 - 31

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 127

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord**

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 6

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Even if you have to die, says the Lord,  
keep faithful, and I will give you  
the crown of life.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Matthew 25: 14 - 30

## **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

## **DONATIONS TO THE PARISH**

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is Online at: [www.sacredhearthook.org/donations](http://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

## **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.

## **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>

## **SACRED HEART'S PARISH CENSUS 2023**

We conducted a Parish Census at all Masses on 11/12th Nov. Please complete & return the form as soon as possible. Thank you. For those of you who missed the Census, please complete a form (from the Welcomers) & return

## **CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL**

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your generosity & prayers.

## **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.

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.

## **WINTER SHELTER PROJECT - UPDATE**

Due to lack of time to master some unresolved issues, the team behind the winter shelter have reluctantly come to the decision to cancel this year's programme. This is a real shame for the rough sleepers who appreciate the help, support and friendship given to them, and the members of our community who so readily give their time to volunteer.

## **ADVENT RETREAT**

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." (Is.9:2) - 1st - 3rd Dec. and 4 Day Retreat at the End of the Year - 28th Dec. - 1st Jan. Organised by the Verbum Dei community. Venue: Verbum Dei Retreat Centre on the Isle of Wight. For more information and to register, contact: [verbum@dei.iow@gmail.com](mailto:verbum@dei.iow@gmail.com) and [www.uk.verbumdei.org](http://www.uk.verbumdei.org)

## **POPE FRANCIS NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**

During November we pray for the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## **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. There are hard copies on the table at the back of church. If you have any queries, please contact Jan.



Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 3 March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on 3 days. All entertainment, excursions & transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com



### 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.



### CHILDRENS ADVENT WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2022 11-12.30pm We will be running a Childrens Advent Workshop after Mass, in the church and all children are warmly welcome! We will be exploring the Nativity story, making our own Angels. We are also delighted to provide pizzas, care of a very generous benefactor! Please sign up on the sheet in the entrance of the church, or alternatively please let Jan know on hello@sacredhearthook.org. Also please indicate if your child has any allergies in terms of the pizzas - thank you



#### **We Welcome**

People of All Faiths and Cultures  
 Divorced or Separated Persons  
 Families with Children  
 Those in Loving Relationships  
 Those in Difficulty  
 Married Couples  
 Single Persons  
 Those in Recovery  
 Travellers from Far and Near  
 Widows and Widowers  
 Visitors



#### **We Celebrate**

Diversity  
 A spirit of humanity  
 The unity that God wills  
 Enlightening those who seek God  
 Forming small faith communities  
 Reaching out to alienated Catholics  
 Reverencing the dignity of each person  
 Caring for the needs of the less fortunate  
 Empowering Christians to realise their call  
 Provide a Spiritual Oasis  
 Honouring and understanding among all faiths  
 Nurturing our gifts and sharing them

#### **We Seek**

To Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
 To Gather the Community and Tell the Story  
 To Sing and Make Music to the Lord  
 To Break the Bread and Share the Cup

