

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - Year A - 26 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 25 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	Holy Souls	In the Convent
Saturday 25 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	Int of Tess Wadhams	
Sunday 26 Nov	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish	Live Streamed
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	

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 2 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish	
Sunday 3 Dec	10.00 am	Mass	Richard Patrick Coleman RIP	Live Streamed
Monday 4 Dec	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 6 Dec	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

During Advent Father John will be available after all Masses to celebrate Confessions or the Sacrament of the Sick.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

On Sunday 10th December Father John is available to bless local graves (Hook cemetery, Rotherwick or Mattingley). Please email office@sacredhearhook.org if you would like Fr John to bless a grave.

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.

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, Terry Wright, Mike Murch, Charlie Carruthers, Fr Kevin Delaney & Fr Don Clement



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of John Bone RIP husband of Mary who died on Monday. His funeral is at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 8th December at 3:15pm



Please pray for Yvonne Beaumont RIP who died last week. Her funeral service is at 2pm on 4 December at Basingstoke Crematorium.

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

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 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)

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.



MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



First Reading Ezekiel 34: 11 - 12, 15 - 17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22

**The Lord is my Shepherd:
there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 26, 28

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25: 31 - 46

LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR

This Sunday, 26th November, is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, which is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; commonly known as Christ the King. This week, our Diocesan Liturgy Project website features Mgr Canon Paul Townsend's Commentary on this Solemnity. Click the link to read the commentary: [The Liturgy Project](#)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The account of the last judgement given towards the end of Matthew's Gospel is interesting in both its contemporary use of example and its offering of a clear moral imperative for the future. The separating of sheep from goats would have been a frequent task for the shepherds of Christ's day; the animals were herded together and separated when it came time for market or stocktaking. Matthew uses an everyday image to convey an easy to understand principle to his hearers. We too shall face judgement; it is a certainty of our faith. It is a simple judgement, not complicated by questionnaires or examinations; the Lord—to whom all hearts are open—will point us one way or the other. Matthew reminds us in the story that when that separation of the "sheep" from the "goats" takes place, it will be too late to do anything about it. There is no opportunity to put our side of the story, no bargaining or appeals process, no jury of our peers. If we want to influence the decision, we had better do it now, while we still have the chance. St Benedict puts it eloquently in his Rule: "Run while you still have the light of Christ!" The celebration of Christ the King is far from cosy and comfortable; it is a renewed challenge for us to act now, through our lives of service, for the building of God's kingdom, a kingdom of truth, love and peace.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN

As you will have heard recently, our parish is currently undertaking the **Closer to Christ** Campaign which aims to support our priests from formation through to retirement and rejuvenate our parishes. We will be hosting a number of small gatherings at the church to explain this initiative and hope you are able to make one of the following dates:

Wednesday, 6th December at 6.00pm in the Church
Monday, 11th December at 6.00pm in the Church

To rsvp, please email office@sacredhearthook.org or call the parish office on 01256 577007. I appreciate you considering my invitation and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. John Lee



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. **Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.**



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



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



PACKING OF CHRISTMAS HAMPERS IN FESTIVAL PLACE

Opposite the Apple shop in Festival Place again from 1st December to 23rd December Mondays to Saturdays - please email hampers@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk for information, or look at the link: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/hampers/> You'll need to choose a morning or afternoon 4 hour slot (free parking in Festival Place for volunteers) Do invite a friend or family or work colleague to join you. "Thank you"

FROM CARITAS PORTSMOUTH

COP28 is rapidly approaching (30 Nov – 12 Dec). In [Laudate Deum](#), Pope Francis describes how some of the big changes we need to happen to slow the rate of climate change must come from the actions of governments. Let us pray for those leaders, that they can listen to those already affected by climate change and have courage to act.

Join other Christians groups in prayer and fasting on the 1st of each month <https://prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/>

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

Use the prayer and intercessions from [CAFOD](#) including links to share the Pope's message with your MP. And sign up to the daily reflections during COP28 at [Prayer for COP28 – Green Christian](#)

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 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 and 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.

