

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B - 3 December 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)**

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>Saturday 2 Dec</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Richard Patrick Coleman RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 3 Dec</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Live Streamed</b>
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
Friday 8 Dec	1.00 pm	Wedding	Olivia and Royston
	3:15 pm	Funeral	John Bone RIP

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>Saturday 9 Dec</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 10 Dec</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Thomas &amp; Anna Hyland RIP</b> <b>Live Streamed</b>
Monday 11 Dec	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
Wednesday 13 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@sacredhearTHOOK.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 after Mass (Hook, Rotherwick or Mattingley cemetery. Please email office@sacredhearTHOOK.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.

# ADVENT STARTS TODAY

The season of Advent is a time of preparation before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *Adventus* which means coming. Here are some thoughts to help us to prepare for Christmas.



Consider ...

- ◆ A place to go to get away from all the adverts
- ◆ A day of silence to just be with the Mystery of the Incarnation
- ◆ A chance to be of service to the poor
- ◆ A little more time to be with Family and Friends
- ◆ Some time to mediate on the fact that Jesus was born

## 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 keep his family and friends in your prayers  
*May his soul 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

## 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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD



### First Sunday of Advent

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**First Reading** Isaiah 63: 16 - 17; 64: 1, 3 - 8

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 79

**God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
And give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mark 13: 33 - 37

### ADVENT WREATH HYMN

During the lighting of the advent candle this weekend, we will be singing the first verse of the Advent Wreath Hymn.

**Light the Advent Candle one  
Now the waiting has begun  
We have started on our way  
Time to think of Christmas Day**

***Candle, candle burning bright  
Shinning in the cold winter night  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light***

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Reconciliation Service for our Pastoral Area**

At St Joseph's Church, Sunday 17 Dec 2.30 pm

**Christmas Eve (Sunday)**

4:00pm Children's Christmas Service

8:00pm Carol Service

8:30pm Christmas Eve Mass



**Christmas Day (Monday)**

10:00am Mass During the Day

### CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on Thursday 7th December at 2.30pm in the convent. We start with Exposition of the blessed sacrament and Fr Peter Codd will lead us to share the Gospel message of the upcoming Sunday. We end the session with fellowship and saying the 'Abandonment Prayer'. Everyone is welcome.

**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, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm in the Church

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm in the Church

To rsvp, please email [office@sacredhearhook.org](mailto:office@sacredhearhook.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@sacredhearhook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearhook.org). Also please indicate if your child has any allergies in terms of the pizzas - thank you



**TOILET ROLLS**

Please may I make a plea for packs of toilet rolls to be dropped off to the back of church! I truly appreciate the ones I receive, and do receive a continual supply at St Joseph’s for the South Ham, Brighton Hill families, but do need more for Popley and Hook families. Please don’t make yourselves short of course, but spread the word amongst families and friends, a continual drip feed is perfect. It truly makes a huge difference in these lives, for various reasons. Thank you, Brita x

**DONATIONS TO THE PARISH**

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

**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/>

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](#)

**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.

### **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.



### **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](mailto: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"

### **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)

### **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.

### **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

Stuck for an idea for Christmas Presents? Why not take one of CAFOD's World Gifts catalogues (in the Foyer) - full of different ideas and you would be helping someone in a Third World country at the same time. Or visit their website: [www.worldgifts.cafod.co.uk](http://www.worldgifts.cafod.co.uk)