

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B - 10 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)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Saturday 9 Dec | 6:00 pm | Mass | Thomas & Anna Hyland RIP |
| Sunday 10 Dec | 10.00 am | Mass | People of the Parish Live Streamed |
| 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 |

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Saturday 16 Dec | 6:00 pm | Mass | Intentions of Beverley Pendlington |
| Sunday 17 Dec | 10.00 am | Mass | Intentions of Monica Harvey Live Streamed |
| Monday 18 Dec | 9:30 am | Mass | In the Convent |
| Wednesday 20 Dec | 10.00 am | Mass | If Father John is able to attend there will be Mass in the Convent |
| Thursday 21 Dec | 10.00 am | Mass | Domonic Canon RIP 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

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 meditate 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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Olivia and Royston who were married in the Sacred Heart Church on Friday

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)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Advent

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First Reading Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84

**Let us see, O Lord your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare a way for the Lord,
Make his paths straight,**

**And all mankind shall see the salvation of God
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 1: 1 - 8

ADVENT WREATH HYMN

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

Light the Advent candle two

**Think of humble shepherds who
Filled with wonder at the sight
Of the Child on Christmas night**

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

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 TREE

This Christmas as we remember all our dearly departed Family and Friends, you are invited to help us dress this year's Christmas tree with the names of your loved ones. On the welcomers table and also to the side of the Nativity



Scene you will find some silver and gold stars, please write the name of your loved ones on one of them and place the star in the basket provided. On Christmas Eve they will be placed on the tree. Please contact the office if you are unable to come to church but would still like a star filled in.

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.



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

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.



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](#)

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.

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

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.

'LUCKY ME' DRAW FORMS

The forms for the draws from December 2023 to November 2024 are available on the welcomers table. These Draws support various charities throughout that time, and also the work of the Knights of Saint Columba (Council 169, Basingstoke).