

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



'Gaudete' Third Sunday of Advent - Year B - 17 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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 23 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	Damian Maranzano RIP	
Sunday 24 Dec	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish	Live Streamed

CHRISTMAS

Sunday 24 Dec	4.00 pm	Childrens Christmas Mass		
	8.00 pm	Carol Service		
	8.30 pm	Mass During the Night		Live Streamed
Monday 25 Dec	10.00 am	Mass During the Day		Live Streamed
Tuesday 26 Dec	10.00 am	Mass		



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.

REPOSITORY

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

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that enhance their active participation.

What does Gaudete mean?

Gaudete means “rejoice” in Latin. *Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday?* The Catholic Church uses the colour rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday’s counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

LITURGICAL COLORS
AND WHAT THEY MEAN

PURPLE Penance Preparation Used during Advent and Lent	RED Sacrifice Used during Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and the feast of the Apostles and martyrs	ROSE/PINK Anticipation Used on the third Sunday in Advent and the fourth Sunday during Lent	GREEN Hope, Life & Growth Used throughout Ordinary Time	WHITE/GOLD Joy & Purity Used during Easter and Christmas seasons and feasts of the Blessed Mother, angels and saints who weren't martyred
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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



THANK YOU

Dear Friends
Heather, Andrew, Chris and I would like to thank you all for your sympathy, support and understanding at this sad time for us. Your beautiful cards will be treasured by us. We are indeed fortunate to have such caring wonderful friends. We will never forget your kindness **THANK YOU, THANK YOU**
God bless and a happy and holy Christmas to you all.
Mary B

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Tradition holds that the Christmas and Easter Offerings are, if you wish, your opportunity for a personal gift to Father John and it is the main source of annual income for him. Many thanks.

The link if you wish to donate on line is:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hook-sacred-heart-catholic-church-christmas-collection-2023>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 61: 1 - 2, 10 - 11

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1

My soul rejoices in my God

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Th spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor
Alleluia!

Gospel John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28

ADVENT WREATH HYMN

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

Light the Advent candle three
Think of Heavenly Harmony
Angels singing peace on earth
At the Blessed Saviours birth

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



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 welcoming 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.





SALT AND GRIT BIN

Just a reminder that there is a salt and grit bin by the side of the disabled parking bays, for use when the car park area is icy.

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 ★ **CHILDRENS ADVENT WORKSHOP - THIS SUNDAY 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
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THE SACRISTY

Advent - a word that means 'coming'		
Advent Confessions	After Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses	
Advent Services of Reconciliation	Sun 17th Dec 3pm at St Joseph's Church Basingstoke.	
Christmas Masses		
Christmas Eve Sunday 24 Dec		
4:00 pm	Children's Nativity Mass -	
<i>why not bring your child dressed as an angel or a shepherd? Some costumes are available in the church.</i>		
8:00pm	Carol Service	
8:30pm	Christmas Eve Mass	
Christmas Day Monday 25 Dec		
10:00 am	Mass During the Day	
St Stephen's (Boxing Day) Tuesday 26 Dec		
10am	Mass (Altar Servers Mass)	

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.

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)

MARYFIELD CONVENT
 FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING
First Tuesday of the month
 Next meeting—Tuesday 2nd January 2023
10:30am in the tea room

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

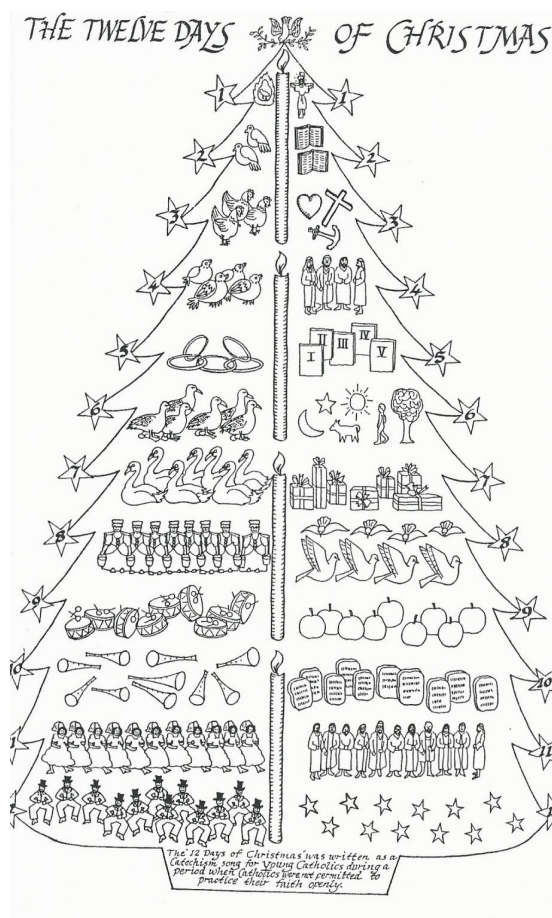
CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Give a gift of hope this Christmas
 In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges



The 12 days of Christmas was written as a Catechism song for Young Catholics during a period when Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly.

- 1: Partridge in a Pear Tree
- 2: Turtle Doves
- 3: French Hens
- 4: Coley Birds
- 5: Gold Rings
- 6: Geese A-Laying
- 7: Swans A-Swimming
- 8: Maids a Milking
- 9: Drummers Drumming
- 10: Pipers Piping
- 11: Ladies Dancing
- 12: Lords A Leaping



- 1: Jesus
- 2: Old & New Testaments
- 3: Faith, Hope & Charity
- 4: Mathew, Mark, Luke & John
- 5: 1st 5 books of the Old Testament
- 6: Days of Creation
- 7: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8: Beatitudes
- 9: Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10: Ten Commandments
- 11: Faithful Apostles
- 12: Points of the Apostles Creed

ADVENT CANDLES

Week 1 Purple - Hope

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and lost heaven but God promised to send a redeemer. We Hope and believe Jesus will come in Glory.

Week 2 Purple - Peace

God chose Mary to be the mother of His son. The angel Gabriel wanted Mary to feel God's Peace and he said to her 'Do not be afraid'.

Week 3 Pink - Joy

Joseph and Mary were filled with Joy as they travelled to Bethlehem. We are joyful as His birth draws near.

Week 4 Purple - Love

When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem there was no room at the inn. In this final week of Advent we ask God to help us prepare for this coming by listening to His words 'Love one another as I have loved you'.

Christmas White - Jesus

Jesus Christ Light of the World came to shine in the darkness. He is the Way, the Truth and the Light.

Please remember the Church is God's House, where people come to pray.

Please respect His House: turn off mobiles, no food, drink or noisy toys. Thank you.

