

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



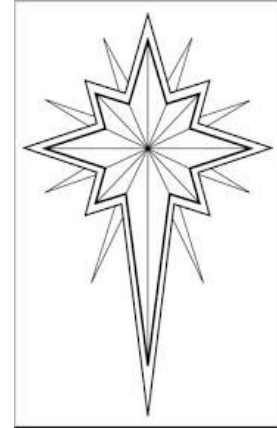
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas & The Holy Family - Year B - 24, 25 & 31 December 2023

On behalf of Fr. John and the Parish Office,
we wish you all a

“Holy, Blessed & Peaceful Christmas”.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed of
their time and talent to preparing the church,
liturgy and helping us all in our worship of God.

May Christ our Saviour bless us all during
this Festive Season.



MASS TIMES

Mass in the Convent on Monday mornings at 9:30am

Daily Eucharistic Service at Maryfield Convent at 10:00am (Tues, Thurs & Fri)



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	For the Children of the Parish		
	8.00 pm	Carol Service		
	8.30 pm	Mary Chardry RIP		Live Streamed
Monday 25 Dec	10.00 am	Mass During the Day		Live Streamed

ST STEPHEN'S DAY MASS

Tuesday 26 Dec	10.00 am	For our Altar Servers		
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THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 30 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	In Thanksgiving of the Hughes and Pearce families	
Sunday 31 Dec	10.00 am	Mass	Live Streamed	
Monday 1 Jan	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent	
Wednesday 3 Jan	10.00 am	Mass	If Father John is able to attend there will be Mass in the Convent	

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.

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.



Celebrating Christmas



We welcome all Visitors

**to our Parish over the Christmas Season
who are visiting Family and Friends.**

**Thank you to everyone who contributed of their time
and talent in preparing the Churches and**

helping in our

Worship of God.

**May Christ the Saviour whose coming
we now celebrate Bless you and all your
loved ones now and in the
New Year ahead.**

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, Mike Murch, Charlie Carruthers, Fr Kevin Delaney, Fr Don Clement & Fr Paul Leonard.



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Brian Strong RIP, father of Sarah Brown, who died recently. His funeral will take place at 2:00pm on Friday 12th January at Sacred Heart Church. Also for Terry Wright RIP, husband of Doreen, who died on Sunday. His funeral will take place at 12:15 on Friday 19th January at Sacred Heart Church



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

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

HOOK PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY TIME!

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22nd December until Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Please leave a phone message or email if urgent, both will be checked daily.



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 them selves 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)

ADVENT WREATH HYMN

During the lighting of the advent candle this weekend, we will be singing the Fourth verse of the Advent Wreath Song

Light the Advent candle four
Think of joy for ever more
Christ Child in the stable born
Gift of love that Christmas morn

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

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY

During the lighting of the advent candle this Christmas we will sing the final verse of the Advent Wreath Song

Light the Christmas candles now
Sing of donkey, sheep and cow
Birthday candles for the king
Let the alleluias ring.

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



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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First Reading 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 9-12, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1: 26 - 38

Christmas Eve

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First Reading Isaiah 9: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95

**Today a saviour has been born to us;
he is Christ the Lord.**

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy;

Today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2: 1 - 14

Christmas Day

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First Reading Isaiah 52: 7-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God**

Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, worship the Lord,

For today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 1: 1 - 18

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 127

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!**

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-21

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;

Let the message of Christ find a home with you

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2: 22-40

THANK YOU

Thank you to the cleaners, flower arrangers, the choir and the organists, Extraordinary ministers, those who play or contribute to the Music Mass, all who serve on the altar, the readers and those who help set up and clear away before and after Mass, the greeters, the sisters, the coffee servers, the liturgists, the ladies who do the laundry, the brass cleaners and everyone who has helped throughout the year.

Your help is invaluable and very much appreciated.

REPOSITORY

Please check out our repository in the porch.

If there is anything you would like please ask Cecile or the Parish Office.

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.

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.



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

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.

Advent - a word that means 'coming'

Advent Confessions

After Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 Dec

4:00 pm Children's Nativity Mass -

why not bring your child dressed as an angel or a shepherd? Some costumes are available in the church.

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)



Carol Singing in the Polish Language

The Polish Catholic Community in Basingstoke invites you to the 3rd Carol Singing in Polish language, which will take place on January 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m. in St. Bedes's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24. We will have tea and coffee after the performance and would be very grateful if you could bring some cakes to share.

Polska Społeczność Katolicka w Basingstoke zaprasza na III Wspólne Kolędowanie, które odbędzie się 6 Stycznia 2024, 13:00 w St. Bedes's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24. Po Kolędowaniu zapraszamy na kawę & herbatę. Jeżeli macie możliwość prosimy przynieść coś słodkiego do kawy na wspólny stół.



End of the Year Retreat

From 28 December 2023 to 01 January 2024

To help us explore and deepen in the joy that our faith in Christ brings us and prepare ourselves for the year to come. Led by the Verbum Dei Community.

For more information, please contact: Sr Emiliana Tel: 07426 000213 or email on:

verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

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.

Priest in Charge: Fr. John Chadwick

Parish Administrator: Mrs Jan Hughes

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via the parish office

Sacred Heart Church, The Priests House, London Road, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9LA

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.