

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B - 28 January 2024

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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)

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 27 Jan	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish	
Sunday 28 Jan	10.00 am	Mass	P J McErlean RIP	Live Streamed
Monday 29 Jan	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 31 Jan	10.00 am	Mass	If Father John is able to attend there will be Mass in the Convent	

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3 Feb	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish	
Sunday 4 Feb	10.00 am	Mass	Mrs Bridget Loane RIP	Live Streamed
Monday 5 Feb	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 7 Feb	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

Father John is available after Mass to celebrate Confessions or the Sacrament of the Sick. Please see Father after Mass if you require either of these sacraments.

### WELCOMERS NEEDED

Our parish welcoming Ministry is going really well—and now we need a few more people to join us. If you would like to help out every few weeks, please let the Parish Office know.

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.



### **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 & Ken Musgrave



### **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the soul of Peter Hedran RIP, who died recently. 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*



### **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.

### **GIFT AID**

Thank you to those people who have signed gift aid declarations during 2023 in the name of Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. However, there are many parishioners who are yet to sign a new form, and because of this our Parish income will be reduced by over £5,000 this year. Any UK taxpayer can sign a simple gift aid declaration and the Parish is able to claim a further 25% on your donations. A form, which is available on the welcomers table and attached to this newsletter, can be returned to [office@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:office@sacredhearthook.org) or via the Parish letterbox. Many thanks.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Are you considering being a priest? Contact Canon John Cooke: [portsmouthvocations.org.uk/](http://portsmouthvocations.org.uk/) tel: 01329 318 86  
**Praise, Worship and Hospitality** Canon John Cooke invites you to join Sacred Heart Parish, Fareham and Portchester for Praise & Worship Evenings at 7.30pm on the **third Friday of each month...**

### **DOUAI ABBEY**

Douai Abbey offers a programme of retreats, workshops, courses and day-schools which offer the opportunity for spiritual and personal development. The focus is generally on spirituality, theology, scripture, history and ministry. They invite you to join them for a number of retreat days, beginning on **Saturday 10th February...**

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 94

**O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7: 32 - 35

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mark 1: 21 - 28

### **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

### **REPOSITORY**

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

### **DONATIONS TO THE PARISH**

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

### **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.

### **GIFT AID - INCREASE YOUR GIFT**

You can increase your weekly/monthly giving to the church by 25% without any additional cost to you (if you are a taxpayer). This is a very simple process and takes only minutes to complete. If you would like to join our gift aid scheme, contact Jan on 01256 577007



## CLOSER TO CHRIST

As promised in a recent newsletter, we are delighted to inform you that Fr. John Lee will be hosting two final meetings about the *Closer to Christ* campaign and how we, as a parish, may support it. This vital undertaking focuses on two main priorities, those being:

Supporting our priests from formation through to retirement; and

Rejuvenating our local parish communities so that they have the resources to thrive

Father John will host two gatherings in the Parish Hall at the following times:

**Saturday, 3rd February at 7pm (after Mass)**

**Monday, 5th February at 6.30pm**

To confirm your attendance, please email [office@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:office@sacredhearthook.org) or call the parish office on 01256 577007.

We appreciate you considering this invitation and look forward to speaking with you soon.

### 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.



### 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

### COME AND WATCH WITH ME

Visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is one of the Six Holy Habits.

The Six Holy Habits:

- Spending five minutes a day in prayer
- Attending Mass on Sunday
- Keeping Friday as a day of penance
- Paying a fortnightly visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
- Going to confession once a month
- Joining a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship

### MARYFIELD CONVENT

#### FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month.

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

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is seen as offering something new, something different to the scribes. Just as the Gospel writers do not tell us what Jesus looked like, neither does Mark actually tell us what Jesus taught at this time. In the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel, the only teaching is: "The time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." In keeping with the style of these initial chapters, where Mark moves quickly from place to place, it is short and to the point. Jesus is like a commander issuing instructions; the commands must be clear and brief so that they are understood and received - and that is what gives Him authority. In Mark's account words are not enough. What gives Jesus' teaching true authority is not only what He says but also what He does. When Jesus speaks to the possessed man, He is direct and to the point: "Be quiet! Come out of him!" The possessed man responds to His command and is healed. This action causes the people to repeat that Jesus' teaching has authority. In today's Gospel Jesus perhaps provides a model for leadership and gaining the respect of those whom we serve. At its heart is integrity between the person, what they say and how they say it, and their actions. To have authority is to have a match between who we are, what we say and what we do.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

### **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>

### **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](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### **OTHER LOCAL CHURCH, SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

#### **Sacred Heart, Hook**

**Rev John Chadwick**

Masses at 6pm Sat/ 10am Sun  
(Live-streamed)

#### **St Bede's, Basingstoke**

**Revs John Lee & Jean Patrice Coulon**

Masses at 9am, 11am & 6pm Sun  
(Live-streamed)

#### **St Michael's, Tadley**

**Rev Patrick Tansey**

Masses 6pm Sat / 9am Sun

#### **St Oswald's, Burghfield**

**Rev Patrick Tansey**

11am Sundays



### **HEALING ON THE STREETS TRAINING - SAT 3 FEB**

Come & join us for training followed by time observing the team (10 am - 12 noon training & 1pm - 3pm on the Streets at The Sarum Centre, Sarum Hill, RG21 8SR (please bring a packed lunch).

The HOTS team is a group of believers from across the Churches in Basingstoke who seek to pray on the streets with those who would like prayer.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM -**

#### **THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY**

This will be a two day trip departing from Basingstoke by coach early on Friday 31st May and returning early evening on Saturday 1st June. The estimated cost is £250 (depending on final numbers) to include the coach plus half board in a 3 star hotel. To register your interest please email Susan Beard: [ssusanbeard@gmail.com](mailto:ssusanbeard@gmail.com). Susan will be holding a meeting in St Bede's Church hall on Saturday 27th January to outline the itinerary

### **NO GREATER LOVE:**

#### **A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION**

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on His journey from His agony in the garden to His crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with Him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that will begin this Lent on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9 pm starting on Monday 19th February. For more information and to register, follow this link: No Greater Love - Course Registration ([google.com](https://www.google.com))



MINI-RETREAT FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL  
27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY ON ZOOM

## **"Chosen to be Holy"**

God calls us all to holiness, and transforms us  
by His Holy Spirit.

Main talk by Charles Whitehead KSG,  
internationally respected Renewal Leader,  
Conference Speaker & Author.



Mass; Adoration; Prophecy; Praise & Worship; Prayer; Inspiring Talk

Register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREJAN2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREJAN2024)  
More information from [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

### **POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION**

During January Pope Francis asks us to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church.

He emphasized recognizing "the gift of different charisms within the Christian community."

