

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## PALM SUNDAY - Year B - 24 March 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)**

### PALM SUNDAY

<b>Saturday 23 Mar</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>	
<b>Sunday 24 Mar</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Marie-Claude Lambin RIP</b>	<b>Live Streamed</b>
Monday 18 Mar	9:30 am	Mass		In the Convent
Wednesday 20 Mar	10.00 am			In the Convent

### EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 28 March	7:30 pm	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from conclusion of Mass until 10:00 pm</i>
Friday 29 March	3:00 pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 30 March	8:00 pm	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	The Easter Vigil
Sunday 31 March	10:00 am	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	

### 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.

### REPOSITORY

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

### ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat

23<sup>rd</sup> March 10.00-1.00 "MADE HOLY BY JESUS - I no longer live but Christ lives in me." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker **Jenny Baker**. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREMAR2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREMAR2024) More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

### 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)

## **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 Patrica Ringrose-Voase, & David Xavier

## **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

## **EASTER COLLECTIONS**

Tradition holds that the Easter Offerings are your opportunity for a personal gift to our priests. This is the main source of their annual income.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

If you would like to participate in the Washing of Feet at the Mass of Our Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, then please sign the list in the Church Porch. Both men and women are invited to take part.

## **GOOD FRIDAY FASTING**

All Catholics aged 18-60 are urged to abstain on this significant day. To fast is to reduce the amount of food we eat. To abstain is to give up a particular kind of food, drink or form of pleasure.

## **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.

## **THE PRIESTS HOUSE**

Please see the frequently asked questions and answers sheet at the back of the church.

## **MARYFIELD CONVENT**

### **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

## **MARYFIELD CONVENT**

### **FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING**

First Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting—Tuesday 5th March 10:30am  
in the tea room

### **ADORATION FOR PEACE**

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

## ***Every Friday in Lent***

*12:00 noon Stations of the Cross in the church followed by a Simple Lunch*



## ***Every Sunday in Lent***

*4:00 pm The Way of the Cross in Maryfield Convent*

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Palm Sunday**

**First Reading** Isaiah 50: 4-7



**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 21

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2: 6 - 11

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory  
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death,  
Death on a cross. But God raised him high  
And gave him the name which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**Gospel** Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

## **SCAM EMAILS**

Thank you to the parishioners who have let the office know that Father John's email account has been hacked. If you received an email from someone pretending to be Father John and using a gmail or similar account. Please do not respond, you can call or email the office and Jan will let you know if it is genuine. Fr John will only ever email you from his Portsmouth diocese email address. Please stay safe on and off line.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Tony and Jackie who have been married for 30 years on Tuesday 26th March

## **CLOSER TO CHRIST**

I am delighted to tell you that another £7,500 was pledged towards our goal this past week. £35,625 has now been pledged and I am extremely grateful to those who have returned their forms as we get ever nearer to our goal of £50,000. Your generous support will help to provide for our clergy, from formation through to retirement and ensure our parish has the necessary funding for the future. On reaching our goal, our Parish will receive one third of the funds collected for any local projects we wish to carry out, therefore I am hoping we can meet our target over the coming weeks. For those that are considering a pledge, I would kindly request dropping back your forms either to the Parish Office or via post to the Campaign Office over the next week or so.  
Fr. John Lee

"Holy Communion will be taken to Catholic Patients in Basingstoke Hospital on Easter Sunday between 10:30 and 13:30, as long as patients are registered as Catholics with the Hospital Chaplaincy Team, they will receive a visit.

If there are **staff members** scheduled to work that day who would like to receive Holy Communion please can they email Deacon Tony on

[adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) with their name and the ward they will be working on?

Deadline for emails is **3pm on Good Friday**.

Deacon Tony will bring Holy Communion to your ward in the hope that your availability allows you to receive, during that time."

### **WALK OF WITNESS—GOOD FRIDAY**

The Churches together in Hook are holding a walk of witness on Good Friday at 12 noon, from St John's CofE Church. With readings and speaking with any passers by. Please do try and join us.



### **THE CHRISM MASS**

The Chrism Mass this year takes place next week - on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 11am in the Cathedral. Bishop Philip Egan wishes to invite you to it! The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments - all welcome

### **UCM MEETING**

The next UCM meeting is on Saturday 6th April at 10:30 in the Hall.



## **CARITAS PORTSMOUTH**

**Caritas Appeal for Easter Eggs Thank you to all for collecting Easter Eggs, we have collected over 200 eggs. These are being delivered to our Popley families next week, along with some families in Hook . Thank you.**

### **DIOCESAN RECRUITMENT**

For details of all the latest job vacancies across the Diocese please click the link:

[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/)

#### **The Triduum - the 3 days**

The Triduum is actually one service.

Please try and come to all

Thursday 28 March

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper - **7:30 pm**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 29 March

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - **3:00 pm**

Saturday 30 March

**HOLY SATURDAY – 8:00 pm**

Sunday 31 March

**EASTER SUNDAY - 10:00 am**



## **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH - LITURGY FORMATION TEAM**

Save the Dates

The Liturgy Project

Reflections, Guidance, Q&A's & Explore

To help people to encounter Christ through Liturgy.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be organising two training days in 2024 - one for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and one for readers. These will be held at St Bede's Church and Hall, Popley Way in Basingstoke as follows:

**Day for EMHC – Saturday 4th May**

**Day for Readers – Saturday 19th October**

Both days will run from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm and will include some light refreshments.

Please enrol now if you would like to by emailing [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

We will send a reminder with precise details nearer each date.

## Fifth Sunday in Lent – 2024

**Outstanding Service.** In the course of my work, I have to stay in hotels quite a bit. A few years ago, I stayed at the rather plush Berkely Hotel in London. I rang ahead to check in with Reservations who advised me to drive straight up to the front entrance on arrival. I thought it was a bit odd as I had planned to find a local NCP car park. Nonetheless, I arrived as instructed to be greeted by the footman. He beckoned me to lower the window of my filthy old Rover 25. He immediately reached in to take my keys. Seeing my bewilderment, he discreetly whispered, “all part of the service sir,” and smiled. As he drove the car away, I forgot my bags were still in the car. Too late. I walked into the grand reception to be immediately offered a glass of mineral water with a lemon in it! They confirmed my details and was shown to my room by another member of staff who opened the door for me. There my bags were neatly placed on one of those luggage racks. The bed had been turned back too! “Anything else I can help you with sir?”, she said. I was almost disconcerted by such attentive service. For those moments, it felt like I was first priority.

Last week we were confronted with the self-serving practices of the Temple, which had so traumatised Jesus. The House of God had forgotten its sacrificial function; to serve God and God’s people by overtly pointing to His mercy and forgiveness. Instead, the religious authorities were pointing to self-interest. Some Greeks who had arrived to worship God. Quite possibly they may have found their designated space in the Court of the Gentiles had been taken by the moneychangers etc? Yet we hear they were somehow drawn to Jesus, the actual presence and embodiment of God’s mercy and forgiveness. They wanted to see Him. Upon hearing of their enquiry Jesus said,

*“...truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”*

The whole life and mission Jesus was about putting us first. The Father’s will was to save us at all costs, even unto death if His Son. Then Jesus said this,

*“Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”*

In dying to Himself by putting you and I first, Jesus not only paved the path for us to walk into heaven, He also showed us **HOW** to walk the walk. We too must die to ourselves, to our instinct for self-interest. We too must make the decision, every single day, to put others first. We too must disconcert people by our gratuitous, sacrificial and attentive love and service.

### John 12:20-30

#### Jesus Predicts His Death

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine.