

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B - 14 July 2024

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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.

MASS TIMES

Mass in the Convent on Monday mornings at 9:30am
Daily Eucharistic Service at Maryfield Convent at 10:00am (Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 13 July	6:00 pm	Mass	Fen Wadhams RIP Dick Coleman RIP
Sunday 14 July	10.00 am	Mass	Mary Bone RIP
Monday 15 July	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
	11.00 am	Requiem Mass	Mary Bone RIP
Thursday 18 July	11.30 am	Requiem Mass	Alice "Pat" McHugh

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 20 July	6:00 pm	Mass	Intentions of Anna & Victor
Sunday 21 July	10.00 am	Mass	Pat Jackson RIP
Monday 22 July	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
Thursday 25 July	12.00 noon	Requiem Mass	Andrew Dick RIP

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Jan in the Parish Office on 01256 577007 or email: office@sacredhearhook.org for more information.

CONFESSIONS AND SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Father John will be available after Mass for Confessions and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.

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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 6 & 7 July amounted to £ 819.00 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is Online at: www.sacredhearhook.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

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive our newsletter by email please register at www.sacredhearhook.org and scroll down to the bottom of the page to subscribe.

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, Fr Kevin Delaney, Fr Don Clement, Fr Paul Leonard, Ken Musgrave, Patrica Ringrose-Voase, Fr Jean Patrice & David Xavier



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 6th August 10:30am
in the tea room

ADORATION FOR PEACE

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Mary Bone RIP**, who died recently, her Requiem Mass will be a Sacred Heart on Monday 15th July at 11am
Please also pray for **Alice Patricia ‘Pat’ McHugh RIP**, from Maryfield, her Requiem Mass is at Sacred Heart on Thursday 18th July at 11:30am.
Please keep in your prayers **Andrew Dick RIP**, his Funeral will be at Sacred Heart on Thursday 25th July at 12 noon.
Please keep their families 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



UCM MEETING

Our next UCM meeting is on the **27th July in the parish hall at 10.30am**.
Hope to see you all on the 27th July.



PARISH DATABASE

Please remember to inform the Parish Office of any changes in your contact details including mobile numbers and email addresses.



ILL AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL

If you are ill and are unable to attend Mass, please let Jan know in the office, we can arrange for communion to be brought to you. If you are in hospital or know that you are going to go in, let us know in the office.
By phone 01256 577007 or by email
office@sacredhearthook.org

LITURGY OF THE WORD



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Amos 7 : 12 –15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 6: 7 - 13

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

27 July UCM Meeting 10:30 am Parish Hall
7th September UCM Nearly New Sale

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.

THE CHURCH

Also a number of people have commented on the noise level from Parishioners greeting each other and chatting in Church. Whilst the Sacred Heart has a fantastic sense of community, there is ample opportunity to catch up after Mass enabling those who want to pray in Church to do so in peace. Thank you.

UCM Nearly New Sale

A UCM nearly new sale will take place on the 7th September at Sacred Heart Church Hall. If you have anything nearly new to donate for the sale, please place them in the boxes at the church porch. Money raised will go towards to support poor children in a village school in Sri Lanka.

SUGGESTION BOX

At the back of church there is a suggestion box, please feel free to leave any suggestions or questions for Father John, the PPC, the Finance committee, the H & S team or the Office.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to help the church with this ministry, please fill in the form on the welcomers desk or email the office.

REPOSITORY

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

Suggestion Update 1 – 14.07.24

Dear Brothers and Sisters, welcome to the regular update slot in the newsletter/website regarding all the suggestions you have made, which aim to prosper and grow what we are doing under God's Grace at Sacred Heart. THANK YOU for the effort and energy you have contributed thus far. This now has to be matched by participation to ensure our life and mission into the future.

I/We need to be reminded, often, that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Therefore, we MUST be always respectful towards each other, especially when we offer constructive suggestions for change. We should always 'heart-check' the suggestions we make, including those we offer in writing. How might what I've written be perceived? Does what I have written seek to build up, or break down? Christians are builders not breakers! So please be as mindful to the 'how' we communicate, as much as the 'what' we communicate.

Inevitably, responses to suggestions/questions won't be completely exhaustive. But they are a real start to show we mean business in taking on board the suggestions you have made.

A7 – Jan's role

If a community such as ours is serious about the mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, it will take administration seriously. Admin is a fundamental part of pastoring. Thus, for some years, the Diocese has recognised the need for a paid position at Hook to ensure this work is done. We are blessed to have Jan in this role. I know she is heart and soul on board with the mission and has welcomed this opportunity to look at how we can further build on the wonderful work of years past. Her role, among others, is to administratively support the initiatives and endeavours that are, or will be, operating in the parish. Thus, the parish office should be involved if it is to support these efforts, and to serve as a central contact point for all ministries in the community. This will also prosper effective communication.

Jan is employed by Portsmouth Diocese. Clergy, bizarrely, are not employed. Thus, the Administrator is uniquely bound by Diocesan policies and procedures, in a way that no other is. She is legally accountable to the Diocese, which in turn answers directly to the Charity Commission. Much of our operations are governed by Portsmouth the registered charity, which we try to navigate as imaginatively as possible. Thus, Jan has the unenviable task of ensuring everything we do is legally compliant with the raft of regulation that surrounds us these days.

On a personal note, in thirty years of parish ministry I have never known an Administrator to operate a near 24/7 telephone answering service to make sure, as much as is possible, that people are looked after in emergency situations. Jan does this, without hesitation. I/we are indebted to her for going the extra 10 miles for us in this regard, and for the many other unseen services she provides.

A8 – Voting

Sadly, we are not a democracy with power to enforce anything by way of a vote. What I sought re the pre-school project was an "indication" from the people, so I could advise the diocese when they asked. They never did of course. 😞 . If we had a vote, in the strictest sense of the word, it would naturally and justly suggest a decision voted on would be binding. This cannot be in the RC system. To have done so would have been entirely misleading. The C of E is tied to voting in the strictest sense, which is governed by English Law. Thus, marking one of the differences between our traditions. Apologies to those who felt uncomfortable. If you can think of an alternative way to canvas opinion that doesn't involve ballots, by all means suggest away.

32 – The Confessional

The People of God have the right to be anonymous when approaching the Sacrament of Confession, if all things are equal. In our case, at the moment, they are not equal because there is not a clear line of sight into the respective rooms. It is matter of grave sin that people have been abused in confessionals. So, the current arrangement is not workable. Costs of replacement or amended doors for the rooms could be sought, or a temporary screen put up on the sanctuary or elsewhere. The congregation could be canvassed to see how many people would want to pursue this exploration.

That said, I have noticed a very healthy take-up of the Sacrament of Confession, especially during the Lent and Advent seasons. Now, both Confession and Sacrament of the Sick are offered after every Mass, the latter requiring physical contact with the person, which would make a 'box' arrangement impossible. Please do continue the conversation, whoever made this suggestion.

Fr. John Chadwick

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (Today)

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting: Can you help a seafarer in need? (enthuse.com), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you. To find out more about the work of Stella Maris please go to their website at: <https://stellamaris.org.uk>

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2021

Jesus

"...was amazed at their lack of faith."

Because of their lack of faith, the Lord was unable to perform miracles there. His non-negotiable ministry to the sick continued regardless, which is the reason why that ministry must be non-negotiable and continuous for us too. But a lack of faith is very bad news. It stops God's Grace from working. So, what does an absence of faith look like?

There are plenty of examples around I'm sure, but I prefer to look at the opposite; to look at what the **presence** of faith looks like. It looks like the last few Thursdays at Bishop Challoner School. I planned to call in for an hour or so just in case anyone wanted to have a chat. For several weeks now I have found myself rooted there for hours, most of the time to hear confessions, at least fifty at a time. At least a dozen will be left waiting until next week, every time. This is not a Holy Habit. It's an instinct. It's a yearning for the Lord. These youngsters are filled with faith, which shines through their honesty and humility. The presence of faith looks like a woman, let's call her Lucy, who was abandoned by her parents at a very young age, married as a teenager, lost a child, left by her husband to look after several children; and in all of that was told by the priest she couldn't receive Holy Communion. Despite all of that, she loved at all costs, no bitterness, just love, just faith, until the very end.

The presence of faith looks like you, Brothers and Sisters, in how you engage with the life and mission of Sacred Heart, the fifty cards in the Suggestion Box. It looks like the welcome you give everyone here, how you are inspiring several brothers and sisters at this present moment to consider being sealed with the gift of faith in Baptism and Confirmation. It looks like your hospitality for those who come here to mourn the loss of their loved ones, opening the hall for the loo, the teas and coffees.

God's Grace is **present** here. God is stirring us up to be even more faith filled. If you want to see the Lord work miracles here, live by faith. Follow the Lord Jesus, without strings or reservation, to love and serve unconditionally, and you will see Him work.

Mark 6:1-6

God bless
Fr John

FLAME

Bookings for the 2024 Fanning the Flame summer camp are now open. The theme this year is 'Transformed' and we will be spending the week of Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August delving into how we are transformed through our relationship with God, Creator and Redeemer. For booking forms and more info head to the Fanning the Flame Summer Camp website

Make your FREE Will

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth have partnered with market-leading solicitors and will -writing providers to offer anyone over 18 basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether parishioners would like to write their Will in-person, online or over the 'phone, they will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. They are under no obligation to leave the Parish a gift in their Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church, and we hope many will choose to do so.

More information can be found at: Make your FREE Will - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, (portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



Significant Weddings

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 7th September at 2pm.

Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact your parish office to request a form for you to complete and return.

OTHER LOCAL CHURCH, SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Joseph's, Basingstoke

Rev Paul Leonard

Masses at 6pm Sat/ 9am & 11am Sun

St Bede's, Basingstoke

Revs John Lee & Jean Patrice Coulon

Masses at 9am, 11am & 6pm Sun

St Michael's, Tadley

Rev Patrick Tansey

Masses 6pm Sat / 9am Sun

St Oswald's, Burghfield

11am Sundays

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.

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/