

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C - 8 December 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 & Sat)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 7 Dec	2:00 pm	FHC/Confirmation	Ward and Light Families
	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 8 Dec	10:00 am	Mass	Michael RIP
Monday 9 Dec	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 14 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 15 Dec	10:00 am	Mass	Brian Strong RIP, Piers Godfrey RIP & Terry Wright RIP
Monday 16 Dec	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
Tuesday 17 Dec	9:30 am	Crematorium	Sheila Brent RIP
	10:45 am	Mass	Sheila Brent 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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 24 Nov & 1 Dec
amounted to £1,830.06 from Standing Orders, Direct
Debits and Mass Collections.

Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who
join us. If you are new to the area, please contact the Par-
ish office to register as a member of our Parish. Parish
Registration forms are available from the welcomers table.

REPOSITORY

Please check out our repository in the porch.
If there is anything you would like especially Advent and
Christmas items please ask Cecile

PARISH FINANCE

Dona Plates Contactless giving made easy with Gift Aid
optional

Standing Orders

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

BACS Transfer

Our bank details if you need them are:

CDP Hook Sacred Heart (Lloyds Bank)
Sort Code 30-93-04 Account 00880117

Cheques Payable to 'CDP Hook Sacred Heart'

Gift Aid payers are encouraged to contact in
confidence at: office@sacredhearhook.org

**Gift Aid and Parish Registration Forms are available
from the Welcomers Table or the Parish Office**

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:
Debbie Cavedon, Jacob Weston, Mike Murch,
Fr Paul Leonard, Ken Musgrave, John Drake-Lee.
Patrica Ringrose-Voase, Fr Jean Patrice, David Xavier
John Kidd & Julie Wood



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading Baruch 5: 1 – 9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 4 - 6, 8 - 11

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
Make his paths straight,
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 3: 1 - 6



ADVENT WREATH HYMN

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

**Light the Advent candle two
Think of humble shepherds who
Filled with wonder at the sight
Of the Child on Christmas night**

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

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers **Sheila Brent RIP**, who died on the 19th November, her thanks giving Mass will be on Tuesday 17th December at 10:45am at Sacred Heart.
Also **Fr Don Clement RIP** who died last week.

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***

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sun 1 Dec	Christmas Bazaar 11 am
Sun 8 Dec	Children's Advent Workshop 11am
Thurs 12 Dec	Charles de Foucauld Fraternity Meeting
Sat 14 Dec	Sacred Heart Advent Day of Recollection led by Rev Ryan Browne

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the Thursday 12th Dec at 2.30pm in the Convent.

Everyone is welcome

ADVENT STARTS TODAY

The season of Advent is a time of preparation before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *Adventus* which means coming. Here are some thoughts to help us to prepare for Christmas.



Consider ...

- ◆ A place to go to get away from all the adverts
- ◆ A day of silence to just be with the Mystery of the Incarnation
- ◆ A chance to be of service to the poor
- ◆ A little more time to be with Family and Friends
- ◆ Some time to meditate on the fact that Jesus was born

WELCOMERS

All those who signed up to be a welcomer, could you please sign the rota sheet on the Welcomers table.

To all Welcomers we would like someone to offer to co-ordinate the welcomers, please contact the office if you are able to fulfill this role.

NOTICE BOARDS

Please check out the PC and Finance Board by the side of the organ to see who represents you on this committee.

Also in the porch there is a board of committee membership and coordinators for volunteer roles.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Penitential Service for our Pastoral Area

At St Joseph's Church, Sunday 15 Dec 2.00 pm

Christmas Eve (Tuesday)

4:00pm Children's Christmas Service

8:00pm Carol Service

8:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day (Wednesday)

10:00am Mass During the Day

St Stephen's Day (Thursday)

10:00am Mass



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 5rd December 10:30am
in the tea room

ADORATION FOR PEACE

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

1st Sunday of Advent – 2024 – Hook

Stand up! Are you standing up, head held high, in the presence of the Lord? If not, pray for the Grace to be able to stand up, confidently, proudly, before the Son of Man. This is pretty much the message of Advent the Lord sets before us today. During the week I was presented with an opportunity to stand up. I went to visit a colleague of mine, about my age, who has been struck down with a rare condition. He had been in ICU for 101 days having been completely paralysed. Sid now stays in a rehab unit having made some real progress since I last saw him. It was about 5pm and his evening meal had been delivered to his bedside. “Will you feed me?” he asked. No qualms whatsoever. I must have looked a bit anxious, thus he immediately queried “Are you alright with that?” I have never fed anyone before, let alone a grown man. It was an extremely humbling experience. Sid went on to explain, without any qualms, that he believed God had given him a second chance, that he would take a different approach to life once he recovered, please God.

Despite his current condition, Sid was standing up, without fear or pretence, in God’s presence. No doubt he has been through

‘...anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.’

this beyond massive trial, yet he chose to embrace it, miraculously, as a Grace, an opportunity to live differently. In so doing, he also presented the same opportunity to me. He challenged me to see the truth, to see beyond the walls of pretence we instinctively build for ourselves, to see what really matters in life. The fact is we all need feeding in all kinds of ways. Yet, when we choose to feed others with our love and service, we receive food ourselves; food that lasts, the food that is God’s Grace, God’s life.

This coming week, **Stand up!** Hold your head high in the presence of the Son of Man? If, like me, you find it hard to stand up, to stand out for God and neighbour, pray for the Grace to do it, especially when we get an opportunity to feed someone.

Luke 21:25-38

Fr John C

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.

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal behind the welcomers table in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%.

If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Please note that even if you are registered with the Parish you will need to register with the Digital Collection Plate. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.



BASINGSTOKE CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

“The Community Furniture Project will be hosting the Basingstoke Christmas Toy Appeal this year. We are collecting new and unwrapped gifts for children of all ages, and young people up to the age of 19, from business and individuals throughout Basingstoke. Did you know that 1 in 10 children live below the breadline? During the festive period, thousands of families struggle as they are forced to choose between buying presents or paying bills. As a result, many children in our area receive no gifts. We hope you can assist us to bring the community together to support this project and help us help local families

