

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C - 9 March 2025

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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, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat)

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday 8 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 9 Mar	10.00 am	Mass	Baptism of Adam Hermeling
Monday 10 Mar	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
Thursday 13 Mar	1:00 pm	Funeral	George Rance RIP

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday 15 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 16 Mar	10.00 am	Mass	
Monday 17 Mar	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

CONFESSIONS & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Father John will be available after Mass for Confessions and/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.

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 the office at: office@sacredhearthook.org

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 Registration forms are available from the newcomers table.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekends of the 16th & 23rd February amounted to £1,719.77 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Thank you for your generosity.

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, Ken Musgrave, Sylvia Hosking, Patrica Ringrose-Voase, Fr Jean Patrice, David Xavier, John Kidd, Julie Wood, Anne Mitchell & Peter Ward

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

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of George Rance RIP, who died recently. His funeral is on Thursday 13th March at 1pm in Sacred Heart Church. 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***



EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

The next meeting of the Extra-Ordinary Ministers is on Sunday 16th March at 9am in the Parish Hall. Please let the office know if you are able to attend or not to the parish office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sun 9 Mar	FHC meeting 9am in the hall
Thur 13 Mar	Leaning into Lent at The Hogget at 7pm
Fri 14th Mar	Stations of the Cross & Lenten Lunch
Sun 16 Mar	Extra-Ordinary Meeting
Thur 20 Mar	Leaning into Lent at The Hogget at 7pm
Fri 5th April	Penitential Service St Bede's Church
Sat 3rd May	UCM - Curry Night

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the Thursday 27th March at 2.30pm in the Convent. We start with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Fr Peter Codd will lead us to share the Gospel message of the upcoming Sunday. We end the session with fellowship and saying the 'Abandonment Prayer'.

Everyone is welcome

TUESDAY KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP

Please do join us on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Convent after the 10 am Eucharistic Service. We are hoping to make hats/blankets, etc to go to hospitals and care homes or anyone in need, so do please come along. All welcome. If anyone has some spare wool, they would like to donate to the group it will be gratefully received.

LENT 2025

Lent is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



The Season of Lent

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much"

'Mother Teresa'

Here are some of the things the parish will be offering to help you during Lent.

Confessions:	After Saturday & Sunday Mass
Stations of the Cross	Friday at 12 noon in the church followed by a soup lunch
The Way of the Cross	Sunday 4pm in the Convent
Leaning into Lent	Thursday evening at the Hogget
Penitential Service	Fri 5th April at St Bede's 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.

At 10:30am

in the tea room

TUESDAY KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP

2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of the month

At 10:30 in the tea room

ADORATION FOR PEACE

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8 - 13

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel Luke 4: 1 - 13



CARPARK ATTENDANTS

We need a team of three for each of the weekend Masses, to help with the parking of cars in the carpark. Guidance and training will be provided. We are very grateful to Henry for leading on this. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office.

LEANING INTO LENT 2025

Following the success of 'Leaning into Lent 2024', we are being offered another opportunity to lean into the Lenten season with the assistance of the Hogget Public House, Hook. Many thanks to Jake and Jan for accommodating us once again.

The sessions will take place on the: **13th, 20th and 27th March 2025 from 7pm - 9pm.**

This year's 'leaning' will be led by my colleague, Fr John Murphy, from the Margaret Clitherow Trust ('MCT'). John has extensive pastoral experience both at home and abroad, most of which took place in secondary education. Having retired as Head Teacher from a large Catholic Secondary School in Buckinghamshire, he now serves Traveller families across the south of England as part of the MCT Chaplaincy Team.

13th March - What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

20th March - Eucharist - the Summit and Source of life.

27th March - Travelling Through the Triduum - Holy Week explained.

As with last year, the sessions will begin with a short time of prayer and reflection on the Gospel of last week. The Fr John M will then share something of the above, which will be interactive in style. The final third will be a chat with a mystery guest, led by Fr John C, which proved to be a big hit last year. Some finger food will be offered each week. No charge for attending, but you will have to pay for any drinks at the bar. See you there. JC

CARITAS ANNUAL EASTER EGG APPEAL 2025

Firstly, we would like to thank you for every donation given over the year. This collection is also very much appreciated and as it has grown! Last year, we were able to supply Easter Eggs to each of our Caritas families plus others living in social housing in two blocks of flats and The Camrose Centre for the homeless - they almost cried with joy to have even been thought of! Each year any excess is gratefully received by the Community Furniture Project where Children's Services and other charities are able to collect eggs for their families. If you would like to treat yourselves whilst giving your donations, The Hoggit and The Coach & Horses are also collecting for us, so you could enjoy a drink or a meal out too! Thank you for your support, we can't do this without you. The Caritas Team

CAKE SALE

In aid of Children with Cancer UK and a chocolate Hamper raffle. Lots of goodies and gluten free cakes too. Come along after both Masses on 15th and 16th March in the hall, to support this great charity.

PASTORAL AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATION



Lenten Reconciliation for the Pastoral Area will be on Friday 4th April at 7.30 pm in St. Bede's Church. All are most welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN LUNCH

During Lent the UCM will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 12 noon on Friday's followed by soup and bread in the Church Hall. Voluntary donations will be given to CAFOD. Everyone is invited, so please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

There are 6 Fridays 7th March, 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April & 11th April

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.** Unless there is an emergency, of course.

THE CHURCH—BEFORE MASS

Many have asked me that we try and keep our voices down before Mass so that we can all offer our prayers to God in relative peace before Mass begins. We are a beautiful family of faith at Sacred Heart, therefore very important we chat and catch up. But if we can try and leave this until after Mass it would be much appreciated. Many thanks. Fr J

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2025 – Hook

I love spending time hunting for my glasses. Not! How many times have I been without my specs for others to find them on the top of my head! One of the greatest misbeliefs going around is we don't need the help of others to succeed. We laud 'self-made' men and women misbelieving they managed their achievements all on their own. This is simply untrue. Success precisely happens when we accept our limitations to seek, and accept, help from others. Thus, **Learners become Teachers**. But Jesus reminds us to be careful about who we decide to learn from.

"Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

We need to learn from those who **ARE** Teachers, not those who simply claim to be teachers. A Teacher is one who possesses 'sight', in the knowledge/wisdom sense of the word. Wisdom is Truth, which originates in God. God's Wisdom, His Word, is perfectly revealed in Jesus, which is why we seek to follow His Way, accepting God's help as we go.

Pat O'Donoghue RIP remains one of my greatest Teachers. He was the principal of the seminary when I started training in 1988. Fr Pat radiated Christ. On my first day, he met me at the door and carried my bags to the room. I didn't even know he was a priest at this stage. I had made my mind up to leave the seminary after a few months when I went to see him. Fr Pat said little preferring to reach for his desk. He handed me a cheque for £300, "Go and see her, pray, come back and we'll have another chat", he said. Pat was the first person in the chapel, every day. As Bishop of Lancaster, he attracted much criticism from other bishops for his decision to sell the Bishop's Palace to fund projects serving the needy.

Fr Pat was a real Teacher, not because he was a priest or a bishop, but because he followed Jesus. He was compassionate, humble, generous, courageous; because he took the time to listen, and to learn, from the Master. Fr Pat was a real Teacher because he loved, just like Jesus.

Brothers and Sisters, we are all called to be Teachers, who are Learners first. **God grant us the Grace to learn, and to teach, without reservation**, as we give thanks to God for the Teachers we have known.

Luke 6:39-45

NEW LENTEN ONLINE COURSE 'THE JOY OF HOPE' BEGINS MONDAY 10TH MARCH AT 7.30PM

What better way to prepare our hearts and mind for Easter than to join in fellowship and reflect, and mediate on the deeper aspects of faith and explore deeper the message of Easter. In this 4 week course via zoom we will be reflecting on uplifting and practical insight into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in Heaven, contemplating John's revelation in the cave of Patmos and how we can help people experience the joy of hope. The sessions will run from 7.30pm to 8.45pm, starting with prayer followed by an engaging video then we will break out into small groups. 10 March - Session 1, 17 March - Session 2, 24 March - Session 3, 31 March -Session 4. EMAIL Joan Kent at jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you wish to join.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 21st June at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact **YOUR PARISH SECRETARY** or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note the email address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet you can drop a copy with completed form into the parish office, in an envelope Significant Wedding Mass.

POPE FRANCIS MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

During March Pope Francis asks us to pray for families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each others gifts even in their differences.