

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C - 27 April 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)

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 26 April	6:00 pm	Mass	<b>Edward Hughes RIP</b>
Sun 27 April	10:00 am	Mass	<b>Marcel Fayon RIP</b>
Mon 28 April	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 03 May	6:00 pm	Mass	<b>Tom Whitman RIP</b>
Sun 04 May	10:00 am	Mass	<b>Jack Fèvre RIP</b>
	12:00 noon	Baptism	<b>Owen &amp; Evan Kearney</b>
Mon 05 May	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.

### COLLECTION FOR CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Collection on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to provide water, food, solar lights, mosquito nets and water purification tablets to those devastated by this disaster, amounted to **£990.64**.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### PARISH FINANCE

Dona Plates Contactless giving made easy (with Gift Aid optional) - See the machine at the back of the church

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

### **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 Sister Mary-Doris know, we can then 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 and Sister Mary-Doris on 07899 653413

### **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the soul of Angela Cummins RIP, who died on Tuesday evening. Her funeral is on Friday 25th April at 12 noon in The Sacred Heart Church. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers  
***May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen***



### **Reverend Marion de Quidt**

Rev Marion from St John's CofE Church in Hook is leaving the area in June this year. We will be having a Mass for her on Thursday 1st May in the Convent with coffee and nibbles afterwards. If you would like to attend please sign the sheet at the back of church or in the Convent.

### **Walsingham Pilgrimage: 18th–21st August**

If you are on the list to attend, please email Shanthi with the information needed to book your rooms .  
Accommodation payments should be made directly to the Parish Office .

### **UCM Curry Night—PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE**

Saturday 17th May after Saturday Mass in the Hall for St Michaels Hospice  
There is a sign up sheet on the welcomers table for those who wish to attend.

### **UCM Cake and Plant Sale**

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April after Sunday Mass in the hall for the village school in Sri Lanka.  
Any donations of cakes and plants would be welcome

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Sun 27th April	UCM Cake & Plant Sale
Thurs 1 May	Rev Marion Leaving Mass in the Convent
Sat 17th May	UCM - Curry Night

### **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 welcomers table.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **Second Sunday of Easter**



**First Reading** Acts 5: 12 - 6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 117

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
For his love has no end.**

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 1: 9 - 13, 17 - 19

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 20: 19 - 31

### **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 UCM 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

### **PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY TIME!**

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd May. Please leave a message, both the phone and emails will be checked regularly!



## Easter Sunday – Year C – 2025 – Hook

When you hear the word 'Easter', what comes into your mind? Eggs—Rabbits—Lamb—Lifejackets?

**Living for Life.** For Katherine, Paige, Henry and Lennie, this morning marks the 'sealing' of their lives under the presence and influence of God's Spirit. With their consent, every day, God will continue to seal and save them, for eternity. But what does this 'sealing' actually mean?

Are there any members of Cabin Crew here? I'm sure most of us will recall their instructions before take-off. First, they point us in the direction of the exits, in the event of an emergency. They point us away from death, in the direction of life. Under the power of the Holy Spirit, we hear and receive God's word. God speaks to us, pointing you and me away from death, in the direction of life.

Next, the crew point us to the oxygen masks. Without oxygen we cannot survive. When we inspire, inhale, the Holy Spirit, we breathe the Spirit of God, the breath of the life that never ends.

The cabin crew then point us to the life jacket, in the event of an emergency in water. The life vest only works if we put it on, over our head, fastened at the waist. It cannot support us at arm's length! It can only save if we invest our whole body into it. The lifejacket, God's Grace, imaged in the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, only saves if we invest our whole lives under it.

When we consciously, deliberately place our trust in the Lord, above all others, **we will be living for life.** We will be hearing and receiving God's Word; we will be breathing in his live-giving Spirit; and yes, we will be bobbing up and down in often turbulent seas of life down here, knowing we have already been saved.

Happy Easter!

Luke 24:1-12

Fr. John C

### 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 C

### ADMITTANCE TO HOSPITAL?

When a loved one is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Christian and would appreciate the Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the publication of *Laudato Si'* by Pope Francis, on Saturday 10th May, 10am-1pm, CAFOD and CARITAS in Portsmouth are holding a joint event at St Peter's, Winchester that will be packed with practical information of how we can make a difference in our lives and that of our parish. There will be short talks from parishes working on the CAFOD's Live Simply Award, as well as other projects from around the diocese. You will participate in the Let us Dream activity from Journey to 2030. A member of the Diocese estates team will be there to answer questions you may have about how your parish might become more energy efficient, along with case studies. There will be information on waste, food, and biodiversity and lots of ideas and resources to take back to help your parish celebrate *Laudato Si'* week later in the month.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP  
appointed to be read  
in all churches and chapels of the Diocese of Portsmouth  
on the Second Sunday of Easter (27th April 2025).  
MAY POPE FRANCIS REST IN PEACE.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with enormous sadness that we bid farewell to Pope Francis, commending his soul to the mercy of the Lord. The Holy Father passed away on the morning of Easter Monday 21st April 2025, after a battle with pneumonia and other problems. May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

The Holy Father, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, came from Buenos Aires. The eldest of five children, he was born to an Italian immigrant father and an Argentinian mother on 17th December 1936. In his early years, he worked in a bar, as a janitor and as a chemical technician, but at the age of twenty, decided to become a priest. He entered the seminary but left a year later to join the Society of Jesus. His Jesuit formation extended across a period of great change in the Church during Vatican II and he was ordained to the priesthood in December 1967. He served as a novice master, a professor of theology and later as the provincial superior. In 1992, he was appointed auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires and in 1998 he became the archbishop. He dedicated himself to the faithful, especially to those who lived in the favelas and he became known as the 'Bishop of the Slums.' In 2001, Pope Saint John Paul II made him a Cardinal. He was a man of simplicity and humility, strongly committed to social justice. On 13th March 2013 he was elected Pope. He chose the name Francis, in honour of St Francis of Assisi, because, as he said, Francis "was a man of peace, a man of poverty and a man who loved and protected creation."

During his twelve years as Pope, Francis began a major reform of the Roman Curia to make it more service-oriented and professional, free from careerism. In his first Encyclical Letter *Evangelii Gaudium* of 2013, he focused the Church on evangelisation. He dreamt of a Church filled with "a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her own selfpreservation." His second Encyclical *Laudato Si'* captured the world's attention. In it, he expressed a deep concern for God's creation and issued a call to action. He followed this up a few years later with another document *Laudate Deum*. In 2015 he established an Extraordinary Holy Year dedicated to God's Mercy, stressing how God wished to reach those on the margins of the Church and of society with His love.

Throughout his pontificate, Francis has emphasised mercy, outreach, social justice and care of the poor. As much as any Pope before him, if not more, he spoke out against the injustices of our time, calling for an end to war and for the care of migrants and refugees. He worked tirelessly for human fraternity and for peace. This was the Pope who famously washed the feet of convicts in Regina Caeli prison and who moved the world when in St Peter's Square he tenderly embraced a young boy with cerebral palsy. He also promoted the internal reform of the Church, calling for an end to clericalism, combatting the abuse-crisis and working for a more synodal Church in which every member has a greater role in decision-making. This work of reform - the Synod on Synodality - is still ongoing.

I met Pope Francis a few times. On one occasion, soon after I became a bishop, I remember his address to the newly ordained, warning us not to give scandal by being 'airport bishops,' forever travelling outside the Diocese. We should remain close to the flock, shepherds with "the smell of the sheep." Pope Francis had some wonderful down-to-earth phrases; indeed, in many ways, he made the papacy more human. As the Bishop of Rome, the Pope is essential for the unity of the Church. Despite the longstanding challenges to his health, he bravely soldiered on for the love and sake of us all.

On dying, he once remarked, that when we lose a loved one, the conviction arises spontaneously in the heart that things surely cannot be over. "There is powerful instinct within us" he once said, "which tells us that our lives do not end with death. This thirst for life finds its true and reliable answer in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, [Who] ... gives us the certainty of life after death." This is our faith: that we live with Christ; we die with Him, and we will rise with Him. It is this faith that makes us pray with confidence today: "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

So let us give thanks for this great and generous man and for his outstanding contribution. Let us pray for his well-earned repose. During this season when we celebrate the Resurrection, let us pray that Francis will rise with Christ in joy. And let us commend him to the prayers of Our Lady, the *Salus Populi Romani*, ('The Salvation of the Roman People') to whom he had a great devotion, and to his patrons, St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis of Assisi. Indeed, may he hear the Lord Jesus say to him: "Well done, good and faithful servant; come and join in your Master's happiness."

In Corde Iesu,

+Philip

Bishop of Portsmouth