

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C - 6 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)

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

<b>Saturday 5 Apr</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 6 Apr</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Intentions of Ellen Clift</b>
<b>Monday 7 April</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	In the Convent

### PALM SUNDAY

<b>Saturday 12 Apr</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>James Moloney RIP &amp; Edward Lilley RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 13 Apr</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Damian Maranzano RIP &amp; Edward Lilley RIP</b>
<b>Monday 14 April</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	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) - 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](mailto: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 welcomers table.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekends of the 16th & 23rd March amounted to £1,777.13 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Thank you to all who donated to CAFOD, the collection amounted to £339.15

**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 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***



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri 4th April	Penitential Service St Bede's Church
Sunday 6th April	FHC Meeting
Sun 27th April	UCM Cake & Plant Sale
Sat 3rd May	UCM - Curry Night

### UCM 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.

### 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. Fridays 4th April & 11th April

### UCM MEETING

The next UCM meeting is on Saturday 12th April 10:30am in the Convent.

### LENT 2025

During Lent we are called to fast, to pray and to give alms. Have you begun to think about the way in which you will respond to God's Lenten call this year? Here are some of the things the parish will be offering to help you



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 4th 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 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

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### 5th Sunday of Lent

**First Reading** Isaiah 43: 16 - 21

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 125

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



**Second Reading:** Philippians 3: 8 - 14

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Seek good and not evil so that you may live,  
And that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**Gospel** John 8: 1 - 11

### CAR PARK ATTENDANTS

On Sunday 6th April after Mass there will be opportunity to have some car park attendants training. If you are able to help with the car park either on a Sunday or Saturday please do come along for the training.

### **EASTER 2025**

Thursday 17th April  
MAUNDY THURSDAY  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - **7:30 pm**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 18th April  
GOOD FRIDAY  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - **3:00 pm**

Saturday 19th April  
HOLY SATURDAY – **8:00 pm**

Sunday 20th April  
EASTER SUNDAY - **10:00 am**

### **POPE FRANCIS APRIL PRAYER INTENTION**

During April Pope Francis asks us to pray for the role of women.

The Pope also urges everyone to pray and work for a nonviolent culture which promotes peace.

### **READERS AT MASS3**

**If you are a reader at Mass and are struggling to climb the steps to the Sanctuary, please let us know as we can arrange for the microphone to be brought to your seat.**

### **CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK**

The Chocolate Hamper raffle has now been drawn. The winner is Robert Head. Thank you again for your support. The total now raised from the Cake sale and the raffle is £456.

My fundraising for the charity "Children with Cancer UK" now stands at £1948. I would love to get over the £2,000 mark before I run the Marathon. If you can help me please scan the QR code to my fundraising page to read my story, any amount no matter how small will be gratefully received.

Thank you Andrea x



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.

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year C – 2025 – Hook**

**There's nothing I can say or do.** Have you ever been in this situation, completely powerless? Jake, aged 17, was involved in a road accident. His parents arrived at the hospital shortly afterwards. Jake had little chance. Within hours Mum and Dad were advised Jake had essentially died and was only being kept 'alive' by Life Support. Would they consent to Jake donating his organs? After a heart wrenching time, they agreed. Six months later the hospital contacted them again to ask if their details could be passed to David, the recipient of Jake's heart. David had asked to meet Jake's parents. The day had arrived. The door went. David was tongue tied, then he said, "There's nothing I can say or do to thank you enough." "Just go and live life the very best way you can," said Jake's parents.

Some 'gifts' cannot be earned, engineered, or manipulated. The gift of Jake's heart, the gift of life, to David was one such. There was nothing David could possibly have said or done to equate with what Jake's parents gave him. Yet he chose to 'begin' the thank you by putting himself in their company. Then he agreed he would live his life in the best way he could.

Lent is given to us as a time to reacquaint ourselves with the gift we celebrate in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This Gift, beyond all gifts, embodies the forgiveness of our sins. More than that, it re-presents the total, unconditional love God has for each one of us. There is nothing we can possibly say or do to warrant this gift, but we can choose to put ourselves in His company, the One who sees us far off in the distance, the One who runs towards us to throw His arms around us, the One who forgives without hesitation.

It is supremely ironic that the 'religious', the Pharisees, chose not to put themselves in the Lord's company, preferring their deluded self-righteousness. The wayward son chose to leave father's company, returning only to avoid hardship. The loyal son chose to avoid his father's company due to pride and jealousy. No, we are to emulate the tax-collectors and sinners, to put ourselves in His company. **There is nothing we can say or do** to deserve the gift we find in Jesus, but you can be in His company, **pray**, listen, be thankful. Mean it. Live a grateful life. Deny self and give without reservation.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**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.

### **JOURNEYING TOGETHER, BECOMING ONE IN MIND, HEART AND VISION**

My prayerful best wishes to one and all for this holy season of Lent. In these days we share the company of Our Lady and the disciples journeying towards Jerusalem with Our Lord. In a few days' time we will recall again the saving events of Our Lord's mission and ministry culminating with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem; the betrayal; the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper; the washing of the feet; the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Always a momentous, sacred journey and one that involves each one of us.

With this message I want to announce to you that we have begun to implement our Local Mission Plan for Basingstoke Pastoral Area. The plan is entitled *Journeying together, becoming one in mind, heart and vision*. Our Local Mission Plan (LMP) is closely aligned with the Diocesan Mission Plan *You Will Be My Witnesses*. Bishop Philip Egan has directed each Pastoral Area to produce plans promoting personal renewal, conversion and a new energy for evangelization and the making of disciples. The communities that make up our Pastoral Area – Holy Ghost & St Bede's, Basingstoke; St Joseph's, Basingstoke; Sacred Heart, Hook; St Michael's, Tadley and St Oswald's Burghfield Common – will in time merge to become a new Parish with a new name. The new name will be decided on in time following a process of consultation with the clergy and laity of our Pastoral Area.

I want to assure everyone that the word 'merge' is not one to be feared. As Bishop Philip has said: 'It's easy to change the structures, and structural change is one part of the plan. But *You Will Be My Witnesses*' is about the hardest change of all: changing ourselves'. This renewal will be brought about partly through a greater sharing of resources and giftedness resulting in our communities *merging* to form one parish, a community of communities.

Our Local Mission Plan which is rooted in *You Will Be My Witnesses* will become our 'guiding star' for the next few years. This project will afford us some wonderful opportunities to share faith and experience more powerfully renewal at a personal and parish level. Let us remember the words spoken repeatedly to us by Almighty God in the sacred scriptures: *Do not be afraid*.

I will keep you updated on the progress of our Local Mission Plan. For now, in these early days can I ask you please to pray for the success of our Local Mission Plan. Pray too for myself, brother clergy and those others who are assisting me with this work of rolling out and progressing our LMP. To quote our Shepherd Bishop Philip once again: *Pray for renewal in our Church, talk about your faith and what it means to you, give some time to serve those in need to truly be the Church beyond walls, serve in one of the many ministries on which your parish depends, welcome new people and get to know others in your local community to build the family of faith*.

Please take some time to read *You Will Be My Witnesses*. You will find the link on the diocesan website.

Happy Easter!

With my prayerful best wishes

Fr John Lee

Coordinating Pastor for Basingstoke PA

Dean of Blessed John Body Deanery