

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



PALM SUNDAY - Year C - 13 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)

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 12 Apr	6:00 pm	Mass	James Moloney RIP & Edward Lilley RIP
Sunday 13 Apr	10.00 am	Mass	Damian Maranzano RIP & Edward Lilley RIP
Monday 14 April	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

EASTER TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thur 17 April	7:30 pm	For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
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GOOD FRIDAY of the Lord's Passion

Fri 18 April	3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
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HOLY SATURDAY The Easter Vigil

Sat 19 April	8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
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EASTER SUNDAY

Sun 20 April	10.00 am	For the People of the Parish
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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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday begins the final week of Lent, the most holy of all weeks. In our worship this Sunday, we accompany our Saviour on His triumphal way towards the cross. *Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

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



EASTER COLLECTIONS

Tradition holds that the Easter Offerings are your opportunity for a personal gift to our priests. This is the main source of their annual income.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

If you would like to participate in the Washing of Feet at the Mass of Our Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, then please sign the list on the welcomer's table. Both men and women are invited to take part.

GOOD FRIDAY FASTING

All Catholics aged 18-60 are urged to abstain on this significant day. To fast is to reduce the amount of food we eat. To abstain is to give up a particular kind of food, drink or form of pleasure.

WALK OF WITNESS—GOOD FRIDAY

The Churches together in Hook are holding a walk of witness on Good Friday at 12 noon, from St John's CofE Church. With readings and speaking with any passers by. Please do try and join us.



EASTER WEEK POSTERS

Posters are available free from the table at the back of the church advertising Holy Week. These have been made available by our local Knights of St Columba.

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
The Way of the Cross Sunday 4pm in the Convent

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Christ redeemed mankind and gave perfect glory to God principally through His Paschal Mystery; by dying He destroyed our death and by rising He restored our Life. The Easter Triduum (three days) of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire Liturgical year

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

Palm Sunday

First Reading Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6 - 11

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death,

Death on a cross. But God raised him high

And gave him the name which is above all names.

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

Gospel Luke 22: 14 - 25: 56



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sun 27th April UCM Cake & Plant Sale

Sat 3rd May UCM - Curry Night

Sunday 6th April FHC Meeting

EASTER 2025

The Triduum—the 3 days
The Triduum is actually one service.
Please try and come to all.

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**



READERS AT MASS

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.

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 non-violent culture which promotes peace.

CAFOD Myanmar earthquake appeal

Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal / 2nd 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. Your generosity will extend far and wide and will help the Catholic Church in Myanmar bring comfort and relief to families who are in urgent need. You can also donate at www.cafod.org.uk/myanmar

CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday of Holy Week (15th April at 11 am), the Diocese will gather at St John's Cathedral for the blessing of the new oils and the renewal of priestly and diaconal vows first made at ordination. The Mass will be celebrated and led by Bishop Philip Egan.

Fifth 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.

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@sacredhearhook.org

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekends of the 30th March & 6th April amounted to £1,524.16 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Clergy Assistance Fund £174.48

Thank you for your generosity.

ADORE spiritual mini-retreat

26th April 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "PILGRIMS OF HOPE – LOVE MERCY." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Ros Powell. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAPR2025 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

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.

HOLY WEEK

Bishop Philip Egan would like to encourage you to treat Holy Week as a kind of spiritual retreat. Jesus invites us to go with Him to the Father, carrying with us the Cross of our sickness, suffering and sadness. True, most of us won't be able to create the peace, quiet and prayerful solitude of a retreat house. But let's do our best in Holy Week at least to get to the liturgies of the week. Try to spend time each day in prayer, maybe creating a simple schedule. Study and reflect on the Readings of Mass. Why not visit church to make the Stations of the Cross? Look out for a chance to do an act of kindness and charity to someone in need. Let's bombard heaven with our petitions for an end to the war in Ukraine and in the Middle East. And above all, while there's an opportunity, make sure you avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, making a good confession in preparation for Easter.

