

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Make an Advent wreath to help focus



One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply.

We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Saviour. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

These are very precious days for us to come into intimate contact with our own need for salvation. It is a time to make friends with our tears, our darkness, our hunger and thirst. What name can I give to the "restlessness" in my heart? What is the emptiness I keep trying to "feed" with food, with fantasy, with excitement, with busyness? What is the conflict that is "eating at me"? Where do I need a peace that the world cannot give? Coming to know where I need a Saviour is how I can prepare for Advent.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please remember to book your Masses a couple of months in advance if you are wanting a specific date, as we are now fully booked for the rest of this year.

PARISH ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

The SVP are here to provide help, friendship, comfort and will be pleased to do so, in any way that we can. Everything we do is in strict confidence.

Call us on 07435 880 190 any day between 8am & 6pm.



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PARISH FINANCE

Standing Orders Please consider this and contact the Parish Office for more details.

BACS Transfer Our bank details if you need them are;
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Sort Code 30-93-04 Account 00877744

Cheques Payable to 'PRCDTR Fareham Sacred Heart'

Gift Aid Tax payers are encouraged to contact Ken in confidence at farehamgiftaid@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and we can Gift Aid your donations and receive **an extra 25%** at **no expense** to you.

A big thank you to those who have responded to our appeal to Gift Aid your offering and set up a standing order.



For a Gift Aid Form please contact Ken or Holly in the parish office. It only takes a tick

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THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

IN FAREHAM AND PORTCHESTER



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe The Year of Mark - Yr B Sun 21st November '21

'YES, I AM A KING'

Jesus' kingship is not one of executive or coercive power. It is to open people's eyes to the real meaning of life, of their existence and that of the whole world in which they live. And, Jesus tells us, "Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."

They are words of challenge thrown to Pilate, to his Jewish judges – and to all of us. And that is how one becomes a subject of this King, by sharing fully with him his vision of what is real, his vision of life and to share his goals. To be subject to this King is to experience an extraordinary liberation and an exciting new outlook on life. Earlier he had said, "The truth will make you free." Many see Christianity as a religion of bondage. They imagine they have a greater sense of liberation by leaving the Church. But this is a distorted reading of the meaning of Jesus and his mission.

No one is more free than the one who has seen the truth through the eyes of Jesus his King and who accepts that truth as the Way to Life in its fullness.

"I have come that they may have life, life in abundance" and "the Truth shall make you free".

Today then we celebrate Jesus Christ as our King. And not only our King but the King of people everywhere, whether they are Christians or not. We are all called to submit ourselves to the same Truth, the same Reality which governs all things. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End of all things. Through him as the Word of God, we are led to the throne of the one who is all Truth and all Love. "Our hearts will find no rest until they rest in Him."

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WORSHIP AND PRAISE EVENT

Theme "LIGHT OF LIFE"

Saturday 27th November, 2pm - 5pm
at St Philip Howard Church



'Celebrate'

Come and join us for 'Light of Life' - an afternoon of family worship and fellowship. This event is suitable for all ages and during our time together we enjoy praise, prayer, input and reflection in a number of creative ways. The Bishop is joining us too. We will finish with a time of fellowship and tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

To book a space for yourself and anyone you will be bringing please use the link:

<https://forms.gle/DfeGaZhA8EQHerA58>

For more information or to be added to our mailing list for future events, please contact Lizzie Barnsley-Parsons at; lizzie@barnsley-parsons.co.uk or on 07908 559 770.

ADVENT APPEAL

"Fareham Churches Covid Emergency Fund."



The money is managed by Holy Trinity Church in an account and Citizen's Advice apply for funds from it for local people in serious difficulties, specially with rent debt. Throughout Covid no one could be evicted or threatened with eviction and that led to a build-up of unpaid rents by people who were really struggling to make ends meet. Now the eviction embargo has gone and there are numerous people/families with problems.

Advent - Thursday 7am Dawn Mass and Breakfast.

The UCM are happy to offer a lovely warming breakfast in the Sacred Heart Hall after the Dawn Mass on Thursdays Thurs 2nd Dec, Thurs 16th Dec and Thurs 23rd Dec. All donations for the breakfast to the Parish Advent Appeal.

CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

The Christmas catalogue has now been sent out to everyone. If you have not received a copy contact the Parish Office and please place your orders through the Office. There is limited stock, so order early to avoid disappointment! Items can be posted at buyers expense if more convenient.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION - resumes 28th Nov

The First Sunday of Advent (28th Nov) is the date that the usual canonical obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is to be restored.

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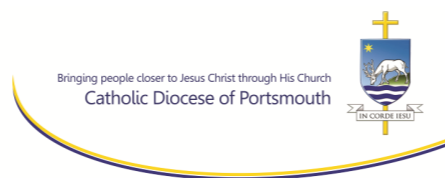
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St Jude's Primary School Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Wall. Email: adminoffice@st-judes.hants.sch.uk Tel: 01329 235 131



PORTSMOUTH VOCATIONS

Jesus said, "Come, follow me"

Christ the King of the Universe

"My kingdom is not of this world." Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

To explore further contact Cn. John on 01329 318 869 or email; vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Vocations Website. Please visit our website www.portsmouthvocations.org for information & stories.



DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS

Young people in our parish are currently engaged in working towards achieving the national **Faith in Action Award** and the international **Pope John Paul II Award**. If you are in Year 8 or above and you would like to find out how you too could take part, please phone/text Sue on 07739 099 000.

Next "Chosen" Group meeting: Friday 10th Dec 7-8.30pm Meeting in St Philip Howard Church Hall. Come and join us!

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD



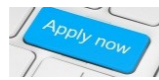
Thank you to all parishioners at Sacred Heart Fareham for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £765.00.

World Gifts

World Gifts are CAFOD's charity gift range of unusual, ethical presents that will delight your friends and family. Our world gifts start from as little as £4. We've got something for everyone, with gifts for gardeners, animal lovers, teachers, entrepreneurs - the list goes on! To find out more visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/World-Gifts>

JOB VACANCY

Full-time IT Degree Apprentice Technician at Oaklands Catholic School



We are seeking to appoint a Degree Apprentice to join our IT Support Team. The BSc (Hons) in Digital Technology and Solutions Apprenticeship is offered through QA Training and the University of Roehampton as blended online and work-based learning, with Oaklands School paying all University fees.

Visit; www.oaklandscatholicsschool.org/staff/vacancies
Closing Date: Fri 3rd December at noon

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SUNDAY COLLECTION *Thank you for your generosity*

Sundays in October '21 On average c. £1,847.00 per week

HOSPITALITY AND WELCOMER SESSIONS

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Saturday Welcomers Training the last two Saturdays. A big thank you to **Jim Gilhooley** who led the sessions and discussions on this very important ministry for all who come to our Church.

If you were unable to join us and would like to be a part of the Welcomers & Ushers Ministry please contact us and we will invite you to a follow up meeting. Further details will be found in the Newsletter from the fruit of this weekend's session.



CONGRATULATIONS CANON CHRIS

The Bishop is pleased to announce **Fr. Christopher Rutledge** will be installed as a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. The installation will take place at the next Chapter Mass in March. We offer our prayers for him.

PEG MEETING - Fri 26th Nov, 7:30pm in SH Hall

We will be joined by **Stella Maris Chaplain, Charles Stuart**. If you would like to donate any rosaries, Bibles or warm clothing they would be gratefully received. All are welcome to attend.

PRAYER PLEASE

For **Paul Smith** who has suffered a heart attack, for **Nicole** and little **baby Pippa** recovering from surgery last week. this week.



PROPERTY AND FINANCE

Parish Finances Audit. Thursday 9th December
Thank you to the Finance Team helping with this independent audit of our finances for the Diocese.

Envelopes

Due to the increasing number of parishioners who now use online banking and the cost of printing a small number of envelopes, the Parish Finance Committee have agreed to discontinue the use of pre printed envelopes. Instead we will adopt a modified process of offertory giving for those who prefer not to use online banking.

Gift Aid

To comply with **HMRC & The Charity Commission**, those who allow us to reclaim Gift Aid on their offertory *must be registered and have signed a Gift Aid authorisation form*. This authority is open to any parishioner who pays sufficient tax to cover their contributions. The additional income we receive through Gift Aid is vital to our parish to continue to 'bring people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church'. Further details of the changes will be in the newsletter after Christmas. If you have any questions regarding Gift Aid please contact the Parish Office.

SACRED HEART CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday - Saturday 8am - 6pm. Sundays 7am - 5pm.
Come in and be still with the Lord ... light a candle.

REST IN PEACE 'Life is changed not ended'

Please pray for **Tony Relf RIP**.

His Requiem Mass will be on Wed 24th Nov. 10am at St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate.

Also, for **John Cunningham RIP** who died on Thursday.



BAPTISM 'Welcome to God's Family!'

Next Preparation - January '22

For more info, please contact the Parish Office. Why not take part while "still expecting"? One less thing to worry about!



CHILDRENS LITURGY RESOURCE

www.casoportsmouth.org.uk/daily-worship

FIRST EUCHARIST

Certificates Presentation. Sun. 21st Nov 11am Mass
A big thank you to Tom and our team of Catechists



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

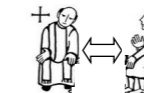
Are you in Year 8 or above and want to know more about your faith and have questions you'd like to explore in a friendly group? Are you ready to be set alight with the fire of the Holy Spirit to give you the gifts you need? For details contact the Parish Office 01329 318 869



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Confessions

Saturdays 9:30am ... SH Church (10mins appointment)
Tuesdays after Mass - SH Confessional

On Saturdays whilst waiting for your time slot, please sit at the back of the church.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays 10:30am - 12:30pm Sacred Heart Ch.
Come and pray before the Lord even if only for a few minutes. Silent adoration and prayer.



Mass Times, Intentions & Locations including Adoration and the 'livestreaming' schedule

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King - Yr B Office Proper	Sat 20th Vigil	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	Ann O'Connor RIP and JP Voller RIP
	Sun 21st Nov	9am	Sacred Heart	Ints. of the Houghton Family and Ints. of Jaimee
		11am	St Philip Howard	Ints. of Donato & Louise - married 23rd Oct (Crowl)
		6pm	St Philip Howard	For the People of the Parish
St Cecilia Feria	Mon 22nd Nov	-	-	Sorry, no service
	Tues 23rd Nov	10am	Sacred Heart	Cynthia Snell RIP & Ints. Margaret & John (48th Anniv)
	Adoration	'till 12:30	Sacred Heart	Confessions after Mass - in the Confessional
Requiem Mass Feria	Wed 24th Nov	10am	St MM, Park Gate	Funeral - Tony Relf RIP
Feria	Thurs 25th Nov	7:30pm	Sacred Heart	Grigorious & Mary RIP and Fr Mario Sanderson RIP
Feria	Fri 26th Nov	10am	Sacred Heart	Sabu RIP and Eileen O'Neill RIP
Reconciliation Feria		7pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions by appointment - in the Church
	Sat 27th Nov	2-5pm	St Philip Howard	Worship and Praise Event. Theme "Light of life"
First Sunday of Advent C Psalter Week 1	Sat 27th Vigil	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parish
	Sun 28th Nov	9am	Sacred Heart	Joyce Wilson RIP
		11am	St Philip Howard	William C. Foran RIP and Jim Syred RIP
		6pm	St Philip Howard	Pat Watson RIP and For all Holy Souls



ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wednesdays 7.30 - 9pm Sacred Heart Hall.

Do you know someone (perhaps yourself) who might want to know more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps they are just waiting to be asked? Searching for that sacramental home, then please invite them to consider joining RCIA.

It is for those seeking answers and wanting to know what Catholics believe. It is for parents of children coming to St. Jude's School who would like to learn more in order to support them. Or for those who have been coming to Mass for years, but never been Confirmed.

The Journey in Faith will try to show you more about what we within the Catholic Church believe and do. No commitment is requested or required - we are happy always, to share our journey with you. For more info in confidence, contact Lynne Wall on 02392 503 894.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Q.A. Hospital 02392 286 408

Please make certain that you or your family advise the Ward Clerk that you are Catholic and inform the Chaplaincy. This is because staff are not allowed to enquire of a patient beliefs at registration.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Weds. 8th Dec, 1pm at SPH Church



A special Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick followed by light refreshments provided by our Parish St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). Everyone is very welcome. We ask all parishioners to wear masks (unless legally exempt) and socially distanced seating will be available. If you would like to attend but have mobility difficulty in getting there, please contact the Parish Office. If you know of anyone who may be housebound / isolating please let the SVP know as they may be unaware of this Mass. The SVP's contact number is 07435 880 190.