

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sacred Heart

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### Priest in Residence:

Rev. Paul Leonard

### Parish Priest::

Rev. Christopher Rutledge:  
Coordinating Pastor and Dean

### Parish Administrator:

Mrs Jan Hughes  
Thursday and Friday 9 am - 2 pm  
Email: hook@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk  
Website: www.sacredhearhook.org

### Safeguarding

Maggie Wood c/o Parish Office  
Email: safeguardinghook@gmail.com

### Confessions

Saturday evenings 5:15 - 5.45 pm.

### PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

**St Bede, Basingstoke** 01256 465214  
Fr. Chris Rutledge  
Sun 9 am, 11 am, 6.30 pm

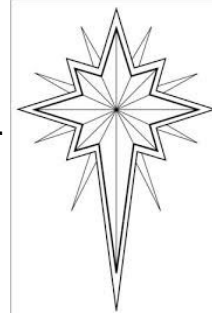
**St. Joseph, Basingstoke** 01256 323595  
Fr. Chris Whelan, Fr Emmanuel Rinda,  
Deacon Pat O'Connell  
Sat 6 pm / Sun 9 am, 11 am

**Sacred Heart, Hook** 01256 577007  
Fr. Paul Leonard  
Sat 6 pm / Sun 10 am

**St Michael, Tadley** 0118 9814572  
Fr. Patrick Tansey  
Sat 6 pm / Sun 9.30 am

**St. John the Baptist, Andover** 01264 352829  
Fr. Austin Gurr  
Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

On behalf of Fr. Chris, Fr. Paul and the Parish Office,  
we wish you all a  
"Holy, Blessed & Peaceful Christmas".  
Thank you to everyone who has contributed of their  
time and talent to preparing the church/liturgy and  
helping us all in our worship of God.  
May Christ our Saviour bless us all during  
this Festive Season.



**Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel**

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 23 December

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*Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Sat 22 6:00 pm Fidel Gusto RIP  
Sun 23 10:00 am Felix and Shanthi Fernando—Wedding Anniversary

### Christmas Eve - 24th

Children's Christmas Mass 6:00 pm Children of the Parish  
Carol Service 9:30 pm  
Mass during the Night 10.00 pm In Remembrance of Our Dearly  
Departed

### Christmas Day - 25th

Christmas Day 10:00 am People of the Parish

Wed 26 ST STEPHEN  
10:00 am Mass  
Thur 27 ST JOHN  
10:00 am Mass  
Fri 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS  
10:00 am Mass  
Sat 29 ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY  
10:00 am Mass

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - 30 December

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*Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the doctors.*

Sat 29 6:00 pm Int. of Mary Mott  
In the Midst of Serious Illness  
Sun 30 10:00 am People of the Parish  
Mon 31 10:00 am - Mass  
Tues 1 10:00 am - Mass  
Wed 2 10:00 am - Mass  
Thur 3 10:00 am - Mass  
Fri 4 10:00 am - Mass  
Sat 5 10:00 am - Mass

### The Epiphany of the Lord - 7 January

Sat 5 6:00 pm Brendan O'Sullivan RIP  
Sun 6 10:00 am People of the Parish



## **Celebrating Christmas**



***We welcome all Visitors  
to our Parish over the Christmas Season  
who are visiting Family and Friends.  
Thank you to everyone who contributed of their  
time and talent in preparing the Churches and  
helping in our  
Worship of God.  
May Christ the Saviour whose coming  
we now celebrate Bless you and all your  
loved ones now and in the  
New Year ahead.***

### **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:

Mary O'Driscoll, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen,  
Jean Williams, Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon,  
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & Charles Paice

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the cleaners, flower arrangers, the choir and the organists, those who play or contribute to the Music Mass, all who serve on the altar, the readers and Eucharistic ministers, those who help set up and clear away before and after Mass, the greeters, the sisters, the counters, the coffee servers, the liturgists, the ladies who do the laundry, the brass cleaners and everyone who has helped throughout the year.

**Your help is invaluable and very much appreciated.**

### **CHARITY FUNDRAISING**

Andrea Waldram has organised 2 events for her Charity fundraising ahead of running the London Marathon in April 2019. 1 event for the children and 1 for the adults.

**Saturday 2nd February** - Musical Fun with Claudia Fivaz (music with mummy). Claudia will run 3 sessions in the church hall for children 6 months to 6 years. £5 per child per session. All proceeds to Children with Cancer UK. Spaces are limited so book your place as soon as possible. Contact Claudia - 07758655128 or e mail

[carico22@hotmail.com](mailto:carico22@hotmail.com)

See poster on the board in the church porch for more details.

**Monday 4th March** - Charity evening at Hook Tandoori for Children with Cancer UK and The National Autistic Society Andrea Waldram and Jackie Harrison are running the London Marathon for these Charities. Tickets are £20 per person which includes Poppadum, Starter and Main Course with Naan Bread. Numbers are limited so book your tickets ASAP. Contact Jackie 07881620701 or Andrea 07823449333. There will be a raffle so any contributions will be welcome.

### **ADVENT WREATH HYMN**

During the lighting of the advent candle this weekend, we will be singing the Fourth verse of the Advent Wreath Hymn.

Light the Advent candle four  
Think of joy for ever more  
Christ Child in the stable born  
Gift of love that Christmas morn

*Candle, candle burning bright  
Shining in the cold winter night  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light*



### **CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY**

Light the Christmas candles now  
Sing of donkey, sheep and cow  
Birthday candles for the king  
Let the alleluias ring.

*Candle, candle burning bright  
Shining in the cold winter night  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light*

### **CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS**

**The Christmas Crib Offerings during Christmastide are for Christian Communities in the Holy Land, via the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.** The Holy Land is a very distressful area of the Middle East and the Christians are very appreciative of our support and prayer. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago and today the Christians in the Holy Land, including Bethlehem, are experiencing extreme difficulties and dangers. Freedom of movement is very difficult, sometimes causing families to be separated. Christians are being marginalised in both Palestinian and Israeli society, with a lack of peace and stability and the absence of justice.

**Please be generous with your prayers and money to help our fellow Christians in the Holy Land this Christmas.**

### **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

Tradition holds that the Christmas Offerings given at the Vigil and Christmas Day Masses are your opportunity for a personal gift to our priests. This is the main source of their annual income. If you would like to gift aid the money there are envelopes in the porch.

### **ST STEPHEN'S DAY**

There will be a Mass at 10:30 am in St Bede's Church, Basingstoke Tuesday 26th December.

### **LUCKY ME**

The winners of the KSC "Lucky Me" Draw for December are; £100: Judith Aylmer, £50: Mrs Pat Munn & £25: Cathy O'Brien

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

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 24th December until Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

