

# SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth  
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**The Baptism of the Lord**

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today we think of “repentance “ as feeling sorrowful - a change of heart. This is because we in the West think of the heart as the seat of emotions in humans; therefore a change of heart means a change to the way we feel, the need to change our ways. This would not have occurred to the people of the Middle East in Jesus’ time. For them a change of heart meant a change of thinking. John’s repentance was about inviting people not to be sorrowful, but to announce a change in their own lives. It is at this point that Jesus begins His ministry and the Kingdom of Heaven is inaugurated. It is because of these two events that Jesus can announce the Good News: the Kingdom of God is at hand. When Jesus comes out of the water, a voice proclaims, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.” And the spirit descends in the form of a Dove. If we think about this we can see how remarkable the event is: in the Gospel’s we seldom hear the Father’s voice; it’s Jesus who is the voice of God - and we never see the Holy Spirit. This, therefore, is the only time when we have perception through human senses of the Trinity; the voice of God the Father; the taking of visible form by the Holy Spirit and the Son of God, the Word of God in human form, is Jesus Himself.

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## MASS TIMES

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 8 January	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 9 January	10.00 am	Mass	Live Streamed
Wednesday 12 January	10:00 am	Mass	Praying the Rosary after Mass

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 15 January	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 16 January	10.00 am	Mass	Live Streamed
Wednesday 19 January	10:00 am	Mass	Praying the Rosary after Mass

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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.**

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Now we see the transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. Jesus was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, so we all should allow Him to fulfil that mission in our lives.

**SHARE** - Activities and Resources on the Environment  
January is often the month in which we make New Year resolutions and try to change certain habits or ways of doing things - this year I am more aware of an initiative to make January - Veganuary! Its about making the month of January a month of a plant based diet as opposed to our normal 'meat and two veg' diet. It is a tough one - we are so used to eating meat that the idea of eating only plant based foods will feel a little strange. If you are not able to completely embrace a plant based diet, you could always look at 2/3/4 days a week of solely plant based diets and see how you get on. Thinking about the environment and how we make an impact in reducing those emissions that contribute to climate change, we know that the production of meat is one of the key areas of methane gas production - a greenhouse gas , so reducing our consumption of meat will go some way to reducing the associated greenhouse gases.  
It is a difficult one, a significant change but worth trying to see how we get on. Good Luck!

### COMMISSIONING OF NEW PPC MEMBERS

A few weeks ago, I brought to your attention the fact that I am reconstituting our Parish Pastoral Council. I am deeply grateful for those members who have served our parish community for the past two years. I have now chosen eight new members to build upon and consolidate the good work of the inaugural council members. During Mass last Sunday and this Sunday, I will commission those new members to serve our community over the next three years. My thanks to Jennifer, David, Ian, Vanessa, Shanthi, Gill, John and Liz for their generosity if being willing to serve the parish in this way. **Father Paul**

### HOW TO BOOK FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASS

Booking is by email at [hello@sacredhearhook.org](mailto:hello@sacredhearhook.org). Please title the email "Mass booking" and give the name, address and contact details of all who will be attending including of all those in a family group.

#### **Booking closes on Thursday evening.**

Don't forget to indicate which Mass you will be attending.

You will receive an email during Friday morning with more instructions.

#### **We will continue to live stream Sunday morning Mass via our website.**

Wednesday 10am Mass and The Rosary you do not need to be book.

Thank you for your continued support for our church community, and may God Bless you and your families and keep you well and safe.

**Please be aware that the wearing of face coverings is mandatory in all Church Buildings.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD



### The Baptism of the Lord

**First Reading** Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 103

*Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are!*

**Second Reading:** Titus 2: 11 - 14, 3: 4 - 7

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded;**  
**"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him"**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Luke 3: 15 - 16, 21 - 22

### BELONG AND BELIEVE

Belong and Believe is a 5 week course starting on Thursday 13th January at 10am in the Parish Hall. We welcome you to join us for this fascinating course, we will have our usual time for fellowship and discussion, with a nice 'cuppa' and some homemade cake. We're really looking forward to seeing you.

### HOOK CHURCHES TOGETHER

On Saturday 16th January at 11:00 am, please join us at Hartletts Park to help litter pick Hook village.

Our annual Hook and Odiham Church Together service is being held on Sunday 23 January at 6 pm in Elizabeth Hall.

### POPE FRANCIS JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

Pope Francis asks us to pray for true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

