

SACRED HEART PARISH

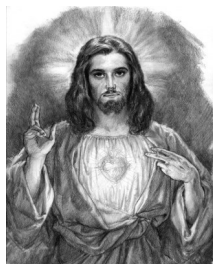
In The Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



The Baptism of the Lord - Year A - 08 January 2023

We Celebrate

Diversity
A spirit of humanity
The unity that God wills
Enlightening those who seek God
Forming small faith communities
Reaching out to alienated Catholics
Reverencing the dignity of each person
Caring for the needs of the less fortunate
Empowering Christians to realise their call
Provide a Spiritual Oasis
Honouring and understanding among all faiths
Nurturing our gifts and sharing them



We Welcome

People of All Faiths and Cultures
Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Those in Loving Relationships
Those in Difficulty
Married Couples
Single Persons
Those in Recovery
Travellers from Far and Near
Widows and Widowers
Visitors



We Seek

To Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ
To Gather the Community and Tell the Story
To Sing and Make Music to the Lord
To Break the Bread and Share the Cup

MASS TIMES

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 7 January	6:00 pm	Mass	Int. of Annie Furlong (Welfare)
Sunday 8 January	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 9 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Tuesday 10 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Wednesday 11 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Thursday 12 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Friday 13 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Saturday 14 January	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent

Second Sunday of Christmas

Saturday 14 January	6:00 pm	Mass	Int, of Marie Simon (Welfare)
Sunday 15 January	10.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH

Saturday evening 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm



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.

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:

Joan Coleman, Debbie Cavedon, John Bone,
Terry Wright, Fr Don Clement & Jacob Weston

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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First Reading Isaiah 42: 1 - 4, 6 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 28

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34 - 38

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded.

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 3: 13 - 17

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP



Sad news of the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, aged 95. May he rest in peace.

There is much to commemorate and thank God for from his time as Pope (2006-2013). Bishop Philip Egan celebrated a Mass at 7 pm on Wednesday 4th January in the Cathedral.

The Funeral Mass, which took place in St Peter's Square Rome on Thursday 5th January at 9:30am (8:30am UK time) was celebrated by Pope Francis.

This weekend, Bishop Philip will be issuing a Pastoral Letter. *It's called "Pope Benedict XVI" and in many ways is a personal thanksgiving to God for the gift of the life of the Pope Emeritus and his impact upon our Bishop.*

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

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Jan in the Parish Office on 01256 577007 or email: office@sacredhearthook.org for more information.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR CAFOD IN 2022

Many thanks for your support for CAFOD's work last year especially for our emergency appeals- Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and Pakistan Flood Appeal. Your donations make a huge difference to the communities that we work with around the world.

Have you considered using your time and skills to volunteer for CAFOD? Please contact Jo for information on our volunteering opportunities jlwry@Cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447



HOOK CHURCHES TOGETHER

Our annual Hook and Odiham Church Together service is being held on Sunday 22 January at 6 pm in Elizabeth Hall.

MARYFIELD CONVENT

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month

Next meeting—Tuesday 7th February 2023

10:30am in the tea room

CAR PARKING

With our numbers increasing on a Sunday morning, parking is becoming difficult. The owners of Maryfield Care home have been very kind and allowed their car park to be used as an overflow. Please be respectful and remember that the care home guests and staff also use this car park. Please make sure that you are not blocking in any cars and there is always access for emergency vehicles.
Thank you



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE NEWS

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow us on:

Facebook: @PortsmouthRC

LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Twitter: @PortsmouthRC

The Diocese website:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

If you have news that you would like to share with the rest of the Diocese, please contact

communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish, or set up a Standing Order, our bank account details are:

Lloyds Bank Sort Code: 30 93 04

Account number 00880117

Name: PRCDTR Sacred Heart Hook

(Please also use this for cheque payments)

ONLINE OFFERTORY AND DONATIONS An easy way to give online using your debit card has been set up on

our website at www.sacredhearthook.org/donations

Just click the button and follow the instructions.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.



GIFT AID - INCREASE YOUR GIFT

You can increase your weekly/monthly giving to the church by 25% without any additional cost to you (if you are a taxpayer). This is a very simple process and takes only minutes to complete. If you would like to join our gift aid scheme, contact Jan on 01256 577007

SIX HOLY HABITS

Bishop Philip is inviting each one of us to develop six holy habits for this time of change and deep personal renewal:

- to keep Sunday special, a family day, by attending Mass;
- to spend 5 minutes a day in prayer using the Scriptures;
- to do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy;
- every fortnight to make a Holy Half Hour before the Blessed Sacrament;
- to go to Confession once a month;
- to join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship.

PEACE SUNDAY

Each year, Peace Sunday gives every parish the chance to pray and reflect on the Pope's Message for the annual World Day of Peace. This year the Sunday designated by the Bishops of England and Wales as Peace Sunday is **Sunday 15th January**. In his Message this year, Pope Francis reflects on coming out of the COVID pandemic and the war in Ukraine. He urges all of us to embark together on paths to peace. The full text is on the Pax Christi website www.paxchristi.org.uk. All resources for marking Peace Sunday can also be found there, including a Liturgy Booklet, a 3 minute Peace Sunday talk and resources for children. These and other resources are all downloadable. Peace Sunday is also an opportunity to donate to Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace, who, together with the Bishops, prepare the resources for Peace Sunday each year.

FOODBANK CONTRIBUTION BOX

Please consider buying an extra tinned or dried or longlife food item(s) when you are next shopping and bringing it to the Church foyer, where we have re-introduced the Foodbank box. There are a lot of people struggling, even more so with the current economics in the UK .

CARITAS

"I would like to say a heart felt thank you, to all who help me through the year, to support our low income families. I couldn't do this God given work without each one of you.

We held our annual collection for the new Christmas gifts, which are given to every department of Children's Services and it went really well, being its first year held in a new Christmas Grotto with the Community Furniture Project. I was an 'Elf' for a couple of afternoons and it was wonderful to see the parents faces glow, as they enjoyed a little 'time out' during their personalised shopping treat, in such a magical environment! In the main, it was a struggle getting them to take enough gifts for each of their children; they felt so spoilt and they also wanted to leave the best gifts for others to enjoy!

Let's hope and pray that this is an annual treat through the CFP. A wonderful place to support too!

Thank you so much, Brita"

Have you moved or changed telephone/ mobile number recently? Please do let us know...

PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

St Bede, Basingstoke 01256 465214
Fr. John Lee & Fr Jean Patrise Coulon
Sun 9 am, 11 am, 6.00 pm

St. Joseph, Basingstoke 01256 323595
Fr. Paul Leonard & Fr. Benoy Kurian
Sat 6 pm / Sun 9 am, 11 am

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

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us, whether in our Church or via the live-stream. If you are new to the area, please register as a member of our Parish using the form on our website

Diocese of Portsmouth (*Charity No: 1199568*)

Please note the Diocese changed from a Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1st January 2023, which is a change of legal status.
(No longer referred to as 'PRCDTR')

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Sacred Heart Church, The Priests House, London Road, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9LA

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.