

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C - 2 March 2025

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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.

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)

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 1 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 Mar	10.00 am	Mass	Maria Martha Rattos
Monday 3 Mar	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 5th Mar	10:00 am	Mass
	7:00 pm	Mass

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 8 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 9 Mar	10.00 am	Mass	
Monday 10 Mar	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

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.

PARISH FINANCE

Dona Plates Contactless giving made easy with Gift Aid optional

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

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us. If you are new to the area, please contact the Parish office to register as a member of our Parish. Parish Registration forms are available from the newcomers table.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekends of the 16th & 23rd February amounted to £1,719.77 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Thank you for your generosity.

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 Jan know in the office, we can 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 or by email office@sacredhearthook.org

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of George Rance RIP, who died recently. His funeral is on Thursday 13th March at 1pm in Sacred Heart Church Please keep his family and friends in your prayers *May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen*



LENT & EASTER 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 during Lent.

- Confessions: After Saturday & Sunday Mass
- Stations of the Cross Friday at 12 noon in the church followed by a soup lunch
- The Way of the Cross Sunday 4pm in the Convent
- Leaning into Lent Thursday evening at the Hogget
- Penitential Service Fri 5th April at St Bede’s Church

DAY BY DAY

Please find the Lent 2025 My Day by Day booklets on the Welcomers table. They are £1 each, please put any money in the booklet wall safe.

PASTORAL LETTER

There is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip Egan this weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN LUNCH

During Lent the UCM will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 12 noon on Friday’s followed by soup and bread in the Church Hall. Voluntary donations will be given to CAFOD. Everyone is invited, so please do come along and feel free to bring a friend. There are 6 Fridays 7th March, 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April & 11th April

LITURGY OF THE WORD

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27: 4 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91
It is good to give you thanks, O Lord

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54 - 58

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord
To accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6: 39 - 45

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass and distribution of Ashes Wednesday 5 March 10 am and 7 pm in the Church **Ash Wednesday** like Good Friday is a day when fasting is binding on all Catholics aged 18—60 yrs old, and abstinence is binding on all Catholics aged 14+. To fast is to noticeably reduce our food and drink intake; to abstain is to freely give up a particular food or entertainment.

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 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Wed 5 Mar Ash Wednesday 10am & 7pm Mass
- Fri 7 Mar Stations of the Cross & Lenten Lunch
- Fri 7 Mar World Day of Prayer 2.00 pm
- Thur 13 Mar Leaning into Lent at The Hogget at 7pm
- Fri 14th Mar Stations of the Cross & Lenten Lunch
- Thur 20 Mar Leaning into Lent at The Hogget at 7pm
- Fri 5th April Penitential Service St Bede’s Church
- Sat 3rd May UCM - Curry Night

LEANING INTO LENT 2025

Following the success of 'Leaning into Lent 2024', we are being offered another opportunity to lean into the Lenten season with the assistance of the Hogget Public House, Hook. Many thanks to Jake and Jan for accommodating us once again.

The sessions will take place on the: **13th, 20th and 27th March 2025 from 7pm - 9pm.**

This year's 'leaning' will be led by my colleague, Fr John Murphy, from the Margaret Clitherow Trust ('MCT'). John has extensive pastoral experience both at home and abroad, most of which took place in secondary education. Having retired as Head Teacher from a large Catholic Secondary School in Buckinghamshire, he now serves Traveller families across the south of England as part of the MCT Chaplaincy Team.

13th March - What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

20th March - Eucharist - the Summit and Source of life.

27th March - Travelling Through the Triduum - Holy Week explained.

As with last year, the sessions will begin with a short time of prayer and reflection on the Gospel of last week. The Fr John M will then share something of the above, which will be interactive in style. The final third will be a chat with a mystery guest, led by Fr John C, which proved to be a big hit last year. Some finger food will be offered each week. No charge for attending, but you will have to pay for any drinks at the bar. See you there. JC

TUESDAY KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP

Please do join us on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Convent after the 10 am Eucharistic Service. We are hoping to make hats/blankets, etc to go to hospitals and care homes or anyone in need, so do please come along. All welcome. If anyone has some spare wool, they would like to donate to the group it will be gratefully received.

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the Thursday 27th March at 2.30pm in the Convent. We start with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Fr Peter Codd will lead us to share the Gospel message of the upcoming Sunday. We end the session with fellowship and saying the 'Abandonment Prayer'.

Everyone is welcome

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 them selves 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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Kia Orana!

Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer 2025. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I made you wonderful'.

This year we will be celebrating on Fri 7th Mar 2025, at 1400 at **St John's The Evangelist Church**, London Road, Hook, RG27 9EG, Everyone is welcome and we will be providing refreshments after the service

PHOTOGRAPHS

You may be aware that photos are taken at some of the church/parish events. For this purpose we need to know if there are any objections to these being put on the website or parish Facebook. If you do not want to appear in the above please make your objection known. Many thanks.



BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT:

Sunday 30 March 2025 7.30 pm

Anvil Theatre – Basingstoke

Vaughan Williams: A Sea Symphony, Toward the Unknown Region
Britten: Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes
To book: anvilarts.org.uk

CARPARK ATTENDANTS

We need a team of three for each of the weekend Masses, to help with the parking of cars in the carpark. Guidance and training will be provided. We are very grateful to Henry for leading on this. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office.





THE JOY OF HOPE

LIVING JOYFULLY WITH THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE

FREE Lenten course - New Monday night online course – 4 weeks starting 10th March AT 7.30PM.

The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope." As we are quickly approaching Lent – what better way to prepare our hearts and mind for Easter than to join in fellowship and reflect, and mediate on the deeper aspects of faith and explore deeper the message of Easter. In this 4 week online course via zoom we will be reflecting on uplifting and practical insight into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in Heaven, contemplating John's revelation in the cave of Patmos and how we can help people experience the joy of hope.

The theme of Hope runs through all four sessions, so you will get the most out of the course by attending all four evenings. However, each of the four sessions is standalone so if you can't attend them all, please still sign up and attend the sessions you can. The sessions will run from 7.30pm to 8.45pm, starting with prayer followed by an engaging video then we will break out into small group discussions led by an experienced facilitator.

10 March - Session 1 - Hope in the Risen and glorified Jesus

17 March - Session 2 - Heaven, the fulfilment of our deepest longings

24 March - Session 3 - Heaven on Earth

31 March - Session 4 - The Holy Spirit, the River of Life.

What better way to start the year and reflect on how we could live joyfully with the hope of eternal life. We hope you can join us and together journey as pilgrims of hope. Please EMAIL Joan Kent at

jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you wish to join us for this Lenten course. Please see below a trailer for the course if you wish to find out more. Please feel free to invite your friends and family and anyone else who you think may be interested in joining us. <https://vimeo.com/788226129>

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 21st June at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch.

It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please contact **YOUR PARISH SECRETARY** or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return.

Please note the email address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX

Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass



Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in *hope*. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

CAFOD
Just one world

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

POPE FRANCIS FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

During March Pope Francis asks us to pray for families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each others gifts even in their differences.