

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C - 4 May 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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 03 May	6:00 pm	Mass	Tom Whitman RIP
Sun 04 May	10:00 am	Mass	Jack Fèvre RIP
	12:00 noon	Baptism	Owen & Evan Kearney
Mon 05 May	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 10 May	6:00 pm	Mass	Sheelagh Hobbs MBE RIP
Sun 11 May	10:00 am	Mass	
Mon 12 May	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) - See the machine at the back of the church
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@sacredhearthook.org

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 Sister Mary-Doris know, we can then 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 and Sister Mary-Doris on 07899 653413

REPOSITORY

Please check out our repository in the porch. If there is anything you would like especially the new Missal, FHC and Confirmation items please ask Cecile

UCM 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.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: 18th–21st August

If you are on the list to attend, please email Shanthi with the information needed to book your rooms. Accommodation payments should be made directly to the Parish Office.

UCM Curry Night—PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

Saturday 17th May after Saturday Mass in the Hall for St Michaels Hospice
There is a sign up sheet on the welcomers table for those who wish to attend.

UCM MEETING

The next UCM meeting is on Saturday 24th May 10:30am in the Convent.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 10th May	PC & Finance Meeting 10:30
Sun 11th May	FHC Session 9am
Sat 17th May	UCM - Curry Night

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 welcomers table.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Third Sunday of Easter



First Reading Acts 5: 27 - 32, 40 - 41

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29

**I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.**

Second Reading: Apocalypse 5: 11 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!**

Gospel John 21: 1 - 19

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 UCM 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

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY TIME!

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd May. Please leave a message, both the phone and emails will be checked regularly!



CLERGY TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025:

The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the 11 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow.

SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES MASS: SATURDAY 21 JUNE:

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 21 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: **(Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass)**

St Bede's Parish Office
Popley Way
Basingstoke
RG24 9DX

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 themselves 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 C

ADMITTANCE TO HOSPITAL?

When a loved one is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Christian and would appreciate the Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

Caritas & CAFOD: Laudato Si' 10th Anniversary: Saturday 10 May 2025

Join CAFOD and Caritas in a joint celebration for the 10th anniversary of the publication of Laudato Si' at St Peter's, Winchester on Saturday 10 May from 10am-1pm. The session will be packed with practical information and opportunity to ask questions on how we can make a difference in our lives and that of our parish, including CAFOD's LiveSimply Award. More information and to register visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>. Everyone welcome.

COLLECTION FOR CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Collection on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to provide water, food, solar lights, mosquito nets and water purification tablets to those devastated by this disaster, amounted to **£990.64**.

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Sunday of Easter – 2025

Faith, Fear, and Freedom. Many of you will have experienced a general anaesthetic. You may prefer not to remember it! I recall being asked to count up to ten. Whilst counting, I made the Sign of the Cross. I noticed one of the medics followed suit!

There are perhaps few occasions in life – in this part of the world at least - when we are left completely reliant on others. When they arise, fear naturally sets in. We have a choice. Do we panic, or do we reach out to the One who has our backs, which is proved yet again in today's Gospel.

"..he showed them his hands and side."

Naturally, the disciples were fearful after the drama of the crucifixion. They gathered, together, in a locked room. Not a good look. Where was their faith in the Lord's promise that all would be well, that He would rise again? On the other hand, it was a very good look; the Church, the family of faith, coming **together** at a time of fear and adversity. The very first Acts of the Apostles Church, fostered this family idea that we continue to this day.

We buried Angela yesterday. Rachel described the faith of her mother, "not as guilt or fear, but kindness and trust." Fear, in the terror sense, does not belong in the realm of faith because it obscures the true image of God as our Father, the best of Fathers. Fear belongs to the language of religion. It works as a mechanism of control that takes our freedom away. Thus, it belongs to the work of the evil one.

Feelings of guilt can be useful, as they can draw our attention to something we should examine. But guilt is by no means objective or proportionate. Guilty feelings should be considered carefully, but always in the light of Holy Wisdom, God's Word and Tradition. Unfettered feelings of guilt only induce fear, restricting our freedom again. **Without freedom, we cannot love, or accept love**, from God or anyone else.

So, when you face fearful times, for what ever reason, don't panic! Just reach out to the One who always has your back. Look at His hands and side. We must also reach out to each other. This is **what faithful do**.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.