SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C - 20 July 2025

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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.

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)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 19 July	11:00 am		Ordination Father Ryan Browne (Cathedral online)
	6:00 pm	Mass	

Sun 20 July 10:00 am Mass Howard Jones RIP

Mon 21 July 9:30 am Mass in the Convent

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 26 July	6:00 pm	Mass

Sun 27 July 10:00 am Mass Good estate Lynne O'Sullivan

Mon 28 July 9:30 am Mass in the Convent

CONFESSIONS & SACARAMENT 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

<u>Dona Plates</u> 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, Fr Jean Patrice,
David Xavier, John Kidd, Anne Mitchell, Peter Ward &
Sheila Barlow

ST DOMINIC

The Sister's would like to invite you to a Mass on Friday 8th August at 6pm in the Convent Chapel. To celebrate their Saints Day.

There is a sign up sheet on the welcomer's table if you would like to attend.

ORDINATIONS

Congratulations to Rev Ryan Browne who was ordained by Bishop Philip on Saturday 19th July at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

Please also keep in your prayers Emmanuel Chituh and Richard Martin as they prepare to be ordained as Deacons on Saturday 26th July.

ST MARY MAGDALENE SERVICE

Sunday 20th July at 4:00pm in St Mary's Church, Hartley Wintney



POPPY APPEAL

In November, Hook Village is adorned with knitted/Crochet poppies, and this year, we thought we would arrange our own display at Sacred Heart. If anyone is willing to help knit or crochet poppies, that would be a great help. You can use your own pattern, or we can provide one.

Alternatively, if you would just like to donate some red wool, that would be much appreciated.

For further information, please speak to either Maggie Wood or Candy Head.

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Genesis 18: 1 - 10



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 14

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 24 - 28

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Luke 10: 38 - 42

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thurs 24 July Charles De Foucauld

Sat 2 August UCM Meeting 11am in the hall

JULY PRAYER INTENTION

During July, the Holy Father asks us to pray for formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



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

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekends of the 6th & 13th July amounted to £1,670.77 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Thank you for your generosity.

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 C

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 26th JULY 10.00-1.00 on Zoom.

"PILGRIMS OF HOPE – FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker John Hesketh. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2025



More information at www.altonrenewal.com

CHILDRENS LITURGY - HELPERS NEEDED

Sacred Heart Church has a small team of volunteers who help our children to grow in their love and understanding of the life of Jesus, and we are looking for more volunteers to join us. Ideally we hope you will have a love of children and a willingness to share your faith with others. If you would like to know more, please contact either Gill Byrne or Maggie Wood at the Parish Office. Thank you.

CAFOD are hiring.

Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. **Closing date 27 July 2025.** See cafod.org.uk/work-with-us

UCM TUESDAY KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP

We have been running for a few months now, and our numbers are growing, and the group is evolving. You don't have to be a member of the UCM to come along. Everyone is welcome just drop in. We meet on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of every month in the Convent after 10 am service. Donations of spare wool would be very much appreciated. Look forward to seeing you.



CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the Thursday 24th July at 2.30pm in the Convent.

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2025

The Ministry of Awkwardness. I had an awkward situation the other day. I was waiting at a T-Junction behind a van. For no apparent reason he rolled back causing a crunch. His tow bar went through my front grill. We got out of our vehicles. I was in my collar. He was mortified. I just wanted the whole thing to go away. It was so awkward. We exchanged details and went our respective ways. Then I thought. This is another T-Junction. I could sting him for £550, the cost of a new grill, or I could give him a break, especially as there was little noticeable damage. So, I stung him for £1100! J Awkwardness can lead to forwardness. It can be the first step in recognising an opportunity to love, which is the way that leads to life. So, I let him off, as God has done for me oh so many times.

Unlike the priest and Levite, the Samaritan – an apostate, a non- believer, not 'one of us', an enemy of the chosen people – was the one who had pity on the injured man. Pity is not a thought or behaviour. It's an emotion. It concerns the heart, the core of our being, which is designed to be moved, deeply. So, these two card carrying religious men, men of the Law, were the ones to fail. They failed to love. Thus, they broke the first and second Commandments.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and 'Love your neighbour as yourself."..."Do this and you will live",

If you love, you will already be living eternally. Loving God means you also love the van man who has just run into you. Loving God means you are also loving God present in every person. This the only way to live, eternally. Failing to love a neighbour through exclusion, rejection and alienation, especially if I claim to love God, is the way to die, eternally.

Brothers and Sisters, choose the Way of living. If you have a moment of awkwardness this week, seize the moment. **Awkwardness can lead to forwardness.** It's a T-Junction, a chance for God to shine.

Luke 10:25-37 Fr John C

THANK YOU

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday last weekend. Our Parish raised £400.42. Your generous gift will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

CARITAS

Jenny LeLean, Head of Caritas Portsmouth, shares some things you can do to support families in your parish and wider community during the summer holidays Children, particularly those whose families live with financial instability, are at risk of social isolation and loneliness during school holidays. The long break can put extra pressure on tight family budgets with the loss of free school meals, costs of extra childcare or a dependency on grandparents/other family members, who themselves can struggle. Here are some things you can do to support families in your parish and wider community.

- Host a Holiday Club. These are a really simple way to start supporting people in your local community. They
 bring children together, help make new friends, see old ones, to play, enjoy a meal and learn something
 new! Clubs can be whole days, half days or a whole week and we have everything you need to know to run
 one in your parish.
- Free activity list. Put a list together of all the free activities that are happening locally, pop your list on your parish noticeboard, website/facebook page. You may find other local community groups do this that you can help to share.
- Host a free family day. Not quite as demanding as a holiday club, but an opportunity for families to pop in and try some different activities.
- Create holiday activity packs. These can include activity ideas, craft supplies, colouring and puzzle books or run a toy or book swap from your parish.
- Contact your local foodbank. The summer can see a drop in food donations and many foodbanks do additional food bags for struggling families and need extra food or specific treats.

For support in any of the above including all the information needed to host a holiday club, contact Caritas on: caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.