

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C - 27 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)

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	

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 2 Aug	6:00 pm	Mass	James Michael RIP
Sun 3 Aug	10:00 am	Mass	Damian Maranzano RIP and Dermot Wallace RIP
Mon 4 Aug	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

WELCOME

Welcome to Father Peter Codd, who will be celebrating both Masses with us this weekend.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - TAKING A SUMMER BREAK!

Dear Parents,
Just to let you know that from Saturday July 19th to Saturday September 13th, the Children's Liturgy team will be taking a summer break, and will be back on Sunday 14th September.
Have a fab summer!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 2 August UCM Meeting 11am in the hall

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.

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading Genesis 18: 20 - 32

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137
**On the day I called,
you answered me, O Lord.**

Second Reading: Colossians 2: 12 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
**The word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 11: 1 - 13

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

AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

During August, the Holy Father asks us to pray for mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



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

CLERGY MOVES

Below are the new clergy appointments which are effective from 8th September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please keep in your prayers;

Fr. Samuel Alabi MSP becomes Priest in Charge of South Wight

Fr. Ryan Browne (newly ordained) becomes Assistant Priest at the Cathedral

Fr. Pedro Hernandez O'Hagan becomes Assistant Priest at St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

Fr. Inna Gade becomes Parochial Administrator and acting Dean of Guernsey

Fr. Tom Hiney, becomes the Assistant Priest at Waterlooville Dom Alban Hood OSB becomes the Priest in Charge of Ringwood and Fordingbridge

Fr. James Lewis becomes Parochial Administrator and acting Coordinating Pastor of Waterlooville, Horndean and Leigh Park

Fr. Alexander McAllister SDS becomes Priest in Charge of Southbourne

Fr. Benedict Ndkum becomes the Assistant Priest of Guernsey

Canon Christopher Rutledge becomes the Parish Priest and Coordinating Pastor of Andover

Fr. Benedikt Timpe, becomes the Assistant Priest of Fareham

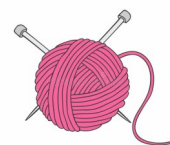
Canon Simon Treloar becomes the Priest in Charge of Cowes and East Cowes

Fr. Stephen Vooght becomes the Priest in Charge of Tadley.

We also give many thanks to God for the dedicated ministry of those Priests who will be retiring this Autumn.

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.



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

One thing is needed. I was on my way to the West Country late one night when I discovered a diversion sign. I decided to hit the road late to avoid traffic. Instead, I hit road works! I ignored the diversion as I had my Google Maps, which said continue straight on. So, I did, for a further 10 miles. I came across another 'Road Closed' sign. Google Maps said continue. Another couple of miles, barriers were across the road. A man in orange approached me. "What do you think you are doing?", he exclaimed. "Can't you read!" "What would you advise?" says I, tentatively, knowing I was at least 12 miles off course. "How about follow the signs," he sighed, rather loudly. Today's Gospel is principally addressed to those who believe in the Lord, those who live in God's presence, but ignore Him sometimes. **Don't ignore the Sign of Signs**, that is the person of our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ, the One who points us to heaven and, personally, takes us there.

As my road trip attested, we can be so arrogant as human beings sometimes. We pretend we can be self-sufficient. I have the proverbial sat nav, Google Maps. I have no need for the expert knowledge of one who actually knows the score. I don't need to listen to the Lord, to accept **His** direction. I know it all anyway. I shall continue relying on myself, getting on with the things that need doing. I'm too busy.

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one."

Our calling as Christians, above everything else, is to listen, to learn, and to follow the Lord. Good deeds, however beautiful, represent occasions when we allow God's Grace to work in our hearts and minds. We watch. We watch God working. Thus, we never take credit for ourselves, but good deeds can also be outward signs of one who loves and lives in Grace. Such a person will also recognise there is only **one thing that is actually needed**, to listen, learn and to follow the Lord.

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. ^[a] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Fr John C

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.