

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C - 31 August 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)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 30 Aug	6:00 pm	Mass	Edward Hughes RIP Good Estate Alisha Straughter
Sun 31 Aug	10:00 am	Mass	Kevin Green RIP
	12:00 pm	Baptism	Martin McDonagh
Mon 1 Sept	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 6 Sept	1:00 pm	Baptism	Harry Roper
	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sun 7 Sept	10:00 am	Mass	
Mon 8 Sept	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	
Wed 10 Sept	10:00 am	Mass	Fr Kevin Delaney RIP

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, Fr Jean Patrice, David Xavier, John Kidd, Anne Mitchell, Peter Ward & Sheila Barlow



FELIX O

Dear brothers and sisters of the much cherished Sacred Heart Parish, Hook. I appreciate this opportunity to introduce myself to you as a permanent deacon undergoing formation under the Diocese of Portsmouth. I am also receiving further training on fundamental aspects of being a deacon, with Fr John Chadwick. I, my wife and kids, moved circa two years ago, to Hook, from Basingstoke. While we still have an maintain roots with St Bede's Parish, we are swiftly establishing new roots in Hook, Sacred Heart Parish and its various communities.

As my training overall and particularly with Fr John progresses, I earnestly look forward to meeting, knowing and serving you all, as my brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

God's blessings be with you always.

Yours
Felix O.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Anne Smyth RIP** who died this week. His funeral is on Wednesday 24th September at 11:30 am in the Sacred Heart,

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God.

Rest in Peace. Amen



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 13 Sept	PC & Finance Meeting 10:30am
Sat 20 Sept	UCM meeting 10:30am

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3: 17 - 20, 28 - 29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67

**In your goodness, O God,
you prepared a home for the poor.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18 - 19, 22 - 24

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
And my Father will love him,
And we shall come to him.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14

EMERGENCY ALERTS TEST ON SUNDAY 7TH SEPT

The Emergency Alerts system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby including extreme weather. Since the first national test of the system in April 2023, five alerts have been sent, including during major storms when lives were at risk. There will be a second national test on Sunday 7 September 2025 at 3pm.

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

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 17th & 24th August amounted to £1,472.54 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

CAFOD: Response in Gaza

Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East. As Cardinal Pizzaballa (Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem) says, "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there - crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble, and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering."

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.



ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 30th August 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "PILGRIMS OF HOPE FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER - Jubilee is above all a time of forgiveness." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Fr Paul Leonard. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAUG2025. More information at www.altonrenewal.com.

What is ADoRE?

ADoRE (Alton Day of Renewal) is a monthly meeting of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal formed in 1975 and blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit ever since. We are now one of the longest continually running Charismatic Days of Renewal in Britain, dedicated to the encouragement of a personal relationship with God through his Son, Jesus Christ, and the charisms of his Holy Spirit. We provide spiritual refreshment through a programme of prayer, Eucharist, adoration, praise, prophecy, inspired teaching and healing ministry.

This year our programme focuses on the lifelong Pilgrimage of Hope, with a particular emphasis on joy in the blessings and gifts of the Holy Spirit for revitalizing the Church.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Priority, not an option. I was in a pub recently when I found myself tuning into a conversation between two of the female bar staff. They were talking, rather loudly, about their respective boyfriends. In closing the chat down one said, "Yes, I told him. I need to be a priority, not an option."

Making our relationship with God a priority in life is making

"...every effort to enter the narrow door..."

As Jesus instructs today, the door is Himself, the only way into the Kingdom of heaven. Having a relationship with anyone means we get to know the other, and to become known by them. The house owner, God, answers the strangers at the door saying,

'I don't know you or where you come from.'

The strangers respond, but

'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

Eating and drinking, even listening to the Lord teach, is not enough. Coming to Mass, vital though it is, doesn't replace getting to know the Lord, or becoming known by Him. I cannot become known by the Lord by 'going through the motions'. We cannot have any relationship worthy of the word by going through motions. Knowing, and becoming known, involves my whole heart, soul, mind and strength.

We must, therefore, rid ourselves of any tick box mentality that might be lurking. Tick box mentalities, holy habits, transactional thinking, all constitute religion. The evil one uses such to prevent us forming a relationship with God, knowing and becoming known by Him. But when we commit our whole heart to God, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, we become people of faith. Then we will get to know, trust and love the person that is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and become known by Him. This week we pray for the Grace to make **God a priority in our life, not an option.**

Luke 13:22-30

Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

Fr John C

RELICS OF KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

The Knights of St. Columba proudly safeguard the revered relics of St. Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret. Once again this year local Knights have been helping bring these sacred relics to locations across the country, inviting pilgrims to partake in their spiritual legacy. We are blessed to have the relics of the Knights of St. Columba coming to St. Joseph's here in Basingstoke. Parishioners from around the Pastoral Area are warmly encouraged to come and venerate the relics on Saturday 20th September. There will be a short liturgy at 2pm to welcome the relics. Thereafter, there will be opportunity for silent prayer and veneration of the relics interspersed with gentle music throughout the afternoon. The relics will be displayed until after the 6pm Vigil Mass. You are welcome to make known any prayer intentions

SAVE THE DATE: Fatima Relics at the St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth – 4th to 5th October The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Team are organising the visitation of the two National Pilgrim Statues & the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to all Cathedrals and Catholic shrines in England and Wales between May 2025 and October 2026. Further details: <https://www.worldfatima/englandwales.org.uk/events>

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.

