

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C - 7 September 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)

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

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sat 13 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	Peter Chardry RIP Suzanne Chardry RIP
Sun 14 Sept	10:00 am	Mass	Mary Fox RIP
Mon 15 Sept	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

**On Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September Father John will be away at a Wedding.
Father Peter Codd will be celebrating Mass with us that 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, Tony & Jacque Hopgood

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***

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our next FHC programme will be starting soon. To join the programme your child should be: 7yrs old or over, a Baptised Catholic, resident in Sacred Heart Parish and attending Mass weekly.



For enquiries please email: office@sacredhearthook.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 13 Sept	PC & Finance Meeting 10:30am
Sun 14 Sept	Children's Liturgy returns
Sat 20 Sept	UCM meeting 10:30am

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2026

The dates for our next Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham are 17th—21st August 2026, more information to follow nearer the date.

UCM MEETING

The next UCM meeting is on Saturday 20th September in the hall at 10:30

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 9: 13 - 18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89

**O Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.**

Second Reading: Philemon 9: 9 - 10, 12 - 17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 14: 25 - 33

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

FORMATION DAY FOR READERS

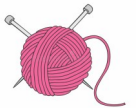
Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation along with the Liturgy Project team invites you to a formation day for Readers at St Bede's, Basingstoke on **Saturday 18th October**.

A Formation morning for **Readers** will take place on **Saturday 18th October** and all readers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. This day will include a session on Lectio Divina.

Anyone wishing to attend either day should register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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.



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>

The Knights of St Columba (KSC) 'Lucky Me' Draw

KSC Lucky Me Winner of £50 for August is Breda Buckley.

Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care?

We are a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and are currently looking for those who would be interested in training via our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course. We are reaching out early to give you the opportunity to benefit from a new and additional pathway we are offering - the option to volunteer with our marriage preparation service prior to the CRC selection. To find out more and to register your interest either for entry at this stage or prior to our CRC selection process in Autumn 2026 please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

'He was being carefully watched.'

I was carefully watching an elderly couple ahead of me, really struggling to push a wheelchair – with him in it - and a large suitcase up the hill towards Brighton Railway Station a few weeks ago. I passed them by. A few moments passed. A voice in my head screamed, "What are you doing, John?" I stopped, turned around and walked back towards the couple. "Can I help?" I enquired, as I reached for the handle on the top of the suitcase. "Are you trying to steal my case?" the lady asked. Not really. I "We're fine," she said, "but thank you anyway."

Today, Jesus warns us against the perils of over complicating, life, overthinking, which is the preoccupation of religion. These highly qualified Pharisees, experts in the law, the canon lawyers of the Lord's day, were asked two very simple 'yes/no answer' questions. Number One, is it a good thing to heal someone, if you have power to do so, even if it's on a Sunday? Number Two, if your child, or your ox, gets stuck down a well, also on a Sunday, should you fetch them out?

'They remained silent...they had nothing to say.'

Over complication, overthinking, happens when we take our eyes off the Way of Jesus. When I saw that couple, for the first few moments at least, I overcomplicated the situation. How might they react if I offer to help? Might they delay me for my meeting? For those moments, I blocked God's Grace. I failed to take a little time out to literally meet Jesus Christ, present in that man and woman.

Brothers and Sisters, we are being carefully watched. This coming week, **carefully watch, carefully notice people, carefully notice needs.** Be full of care. Don't allow anything or anyone to stop you assisting someone, when you notice a need. When you notice someone, you notice Jesus Christ, and you will be exalted for it. If you don't notice a need this week you're not looking hard enough!

Luke 14:1-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they remained silent. So, taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child^[a] or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" And they had nothing to say. When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Fr John C

CAFOD MEETING

You are invited to a CAFOD meeting at St Bedes Church Hall Basingstoke on Saturday 20th September from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Come and hear about the difference your donations are making to communities around the world and CAFOD's work with partners in Southern Ethiopia. A simple lunch will be provided so please book your place by emailing Jo on jlwry@cafod.org.uk.

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