

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C - 21 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 20 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	Private intention Victor Okon Birthday Intention
Sun 21 Sept	10:00 am	Mass	Damian Maranzano RIP
Mon 22 Sept	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 27 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	For the Sick of the Parish
Sun 28 Sept	10:00 am	Mass	Vida Trehern 90th Birthday
Mon 29 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 COLLECTION

Collection for the weekends of the 31st August & 7th September amounted to £1,523.38 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Thank you for your generosity.

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 to Father Ryan, who will be celebrating Mass 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, Tony & Jacque Hopgood

REST IN PEACE

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



Also for **Noreen Clarke RIP**, who died on Monday morning. Funeral details to follow.

*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

Sun 14 Sept	Children's Liturgy returns
Sat 20 Sept	UCM meeting 10:30am
Thurs 9 Oct	Charles De Foucauld 2.30
Sat 11 Oct	PC & Finance Meeting 10:30am

UCM MEETING

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

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2026

The dates for our next Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham are 17th—21st August 2026.

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Amos 8: 4 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 8

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Luke 16: 1 - 13

MASS COUNT

Over the next four weekends, starting on Sunday 21st September, Parishes across all of the Dioceses of England and Wales will be undertaking their annual Mass count for the numbers of people in attendance at Sunday Masses. Thank you in advance to all our Priests, Welcomers and parishioners who will be facilitating this important endeavour.

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

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the Thursday 9th October at 2.30pm in the Convent. We start with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and 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

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

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. Look forward to seeing you.



ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat

20th September 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "PILGRIMS OF HOPE MINISTER TO ONE ANOTHER - helping people with gifts of the Holy Spirit." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Geoff Poulter. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADORESEP2025 More information at www.altonrenewal.com



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>

CHARITY THANKSGIVING MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS:

On Saturday 15 November 2025, on the weekend of the World Day of the Poor, Bishop Philip will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass for volunteers involved in social action throughout the diocese. The Mass is at 10:30am, at St Joseph's parish, St Michaels Road, Basingstoke RG22 6TY, for more information, contact Caritas at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CAFOD Update

With your support, CAFOD is still working with our partners in Gaza to deliver medical services, cash assistance and vital food supplies.

In the last month alone, the generosity of Catholics in England and Wales has:

- Supported 1,400 households with cash assistance, enabling families to meet their most urgent needs with dignity and choice.
- With a new supply of chronic illness medications available, helped ensure these life-saving treatments reach patients who need them.
- Helped Caritas Jerusalem to continue provide healthcare services to displaced families, despite recent damage to one of their buildings in Deir al Balah. Our support contributes to this resilience, helping ensure patients can still access treatment in the midst of disruption.

Will be helping to feed 2,000 people over the next month through one of our local partners who has sourced food supplies such as flour and rice. As starvation sets in, your donations are helping to keep people alive.

You may have heard that international aid organisations have faced blocks including new measures which further restrict aid getting into Gaza. Even with these barriers, our partners are still finding ways to help - providing care that doesn't always depend on bringing in goods.

We have also been urging the UK government to do all it can, joining the voices of Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Pope Leo XIV.

In this troubling context, we are so grateful for donations and prayers from the Catholic community for the people of Gaza. You can read more here about how donations have helped the people of Gaza over the period of the conflict.

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."

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 jlewry@cafod.org.uk.

SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During September, the Holy Father asks us to pray for our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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