

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C - 28 September 2025
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C - 5 October 2025

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Sacred Heart Church, The Priests House, London Road, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9LA

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 27 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	Michael Fitzgerald RIP (25th Anniversary)
Sun 28 Sept	10:00 am	Mass	Vida Trehern 90th Birthday
Mon 29 Sept	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 4 Oct	6:00 pm	Mass	Michael Fitzgerald RIP (25th Anniversary)
Sun 5 Oct	10:00 am	Mass	Vida Trehern 90th Birthday
Mon 6 Oct	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 14th & 21st September amounted to £1,504.80 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

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 & Jackie Hopgood



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

Thurs 9 Oct	Charles De Foucauld 2.30
Sat 11 Oct	PC & Finance Meeting 10:30am
Sun 12 Oct	Young Adults Lead Mass

PARISH HOLIDAY

The parish office will be closed from Monday 29 September to Monday 6th October. The phone and email will be checked daily.



FIRE MARSHALLS

Could you help as a Fire Marshall in the Church, during Mass. Please talk to Jan in the office for more information.

MASS COUNT

This weekend will be the second of four Autumn Mass counts.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

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 newcomers table.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading Amos 6: 1, 4 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11 - 16

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord.**

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 16: 19 - 31

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Habakkuk 1: 2 - 3; 2: 2 - 4

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6 - 8, 13 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 16: 19 - 31

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 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**.

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

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Please keep this date clear for Safeguarding training which will be held at St Bede's Church hall. Training will cover both children and adults at risk from a church perspective. The training will last 2.5 hrs, starting at 10am to 1pm. The course is for all volunteers or staff members who wish to secure Diocese approved safeguarding training which will be valid for three years.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 12th October at 11am in the Sacred Heart Hall. Last year, we raised £404, so please join us to raise money for this very worthwhile cause. Any donations of cakes on the morning would be very much appreciated.



YOUNG ADULTS MASS 12th OCTOBER 2025

We are hoping to have a Mass on Sunday 12th October 2025 that heavily involves our Young Adults, and to do that, we need to have a bit of a planning session, which we have arranged for after Mass on Sunday 28th September in the church. We will be organising music, readers, greeters, bidding prayer writers and we would really like to see you there! If you have any queries, please contact Maggie Wood or Gill Byrne. Thank you.

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.

ARE YOU A GOOD STEWARD?

Are you a good steward?

Are you?

The answer to this question comes down to what we mean by the term 'good steward.'

A good steward in the eyes of our world may be someone who saves their money well, has a good pension scheme, is astute with their resources and uses all in their ownership in a responsible manner.

A good steward in the eyes of heaven makes a step further. Yes, it is someone who is responsible with all that is under their care, but who is not infatuated with their resources, and uses their resources to help and care for others.

The Prophet Amos in the first reading tells us that God doesn't forget the deeds we commit, especially if we "trample on the needy." We hear again in the psalm, "praise the Lord, who raises the poor." "From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dung-heap he raises the poor." Indeed, in the Collect at the beginning of Mass we heard, "O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour."

It is easy with the readings of today to go straight to the easy option – money. But stewardship goes much, much more deeper than economic means. It's too easy simply to hand out a fiver or a tenner to someone just to send a poor person on their way. For a lot of us these days, money is the not the easiest thing to keep a hold of, especially with the increasing cost of living. But stewardship is far more all-encompassing. Stewardship refers to all things that God has blessed us with. For example, what about our time? Our prayer? Our thoughts and intentions? Our abundance of clothes? Our cars? Our care and protection for the environment? I could list many more resources – you know what God has blessed you with in terms of resources and responsibilities.

Let me say a word about time and prayer. The other day I was rushing around before a funeral at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth and the doorbell went. Our parish secretary called me over to ask if I could speak to a lady, who referred to herself as a missionary. She was called Danielle. I must say that on first impressions, I found her a little strange. But we sat down anyway with a cup of tea, and she told me she had walked from Austria and was passing through Portsmouth on her way to Knock shrine in Ireland. She has been walking for five months. She told me all about her mission to tell people to return to Our lady, Queen of Love. She believed that a world war would come soon. Now, I don't know whether she is right, bonkers, or just totally off the mark. However, she left me a letter at the house and she wrote, "only the association of love with my Catholic Church will open a new space of love for the people."

After reading her letter I felt bad for my initial judgements. It doesn't matter whether she is right, wrong or bonkers. She is giving of her time and resources to urge people to love. To love our Lady, to love God and to love all human life. Her resource is all the energy she was using to walk over Europe and tell people this message. In a way, she teaches us something about stewardship.

Are we working to build up our treasures and resources here on earth? Or are we working for something much greater, to build up the treasures of love for an eternal inheritance in Heaven?

Considering all of this, ask yourself the question honestly. Are you a good steward? Are you a good steward?

Father Ryan Browne

DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS THROUGH MARY.

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins **Monday 20th October at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* beginning Monday 20th October at 7.30pm and continuing every Monday for 8 weeks, leading up to Advent. For more information or to register for the study, email Joan at jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

