

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - Year C - 14 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)

### 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	

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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	

### 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 Peter, who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend.  
As Father John is away at a wedding.

### **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](mailto: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
Thurs 9 Oct	Charles De Foucauld 2.30

### **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 newcomers table.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**



**First Reading** Numbers 12: 4 - 9

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 77

**Never forget the deeds of the Lord.**

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2: 6 - 11

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**We adore you, O Christ,**  
**and we bless you;**  
**because by your cross**  
**you have redeemed the world.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 3: 13 - 17

### **DIAMOND JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE**

Thank you so much for your love and good wishes, for the beautiful card signed by so many, the singing, the flowers and tasty cake with our coffee.

May God bless you all. Veronica and Roger Chadwick.

### **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**

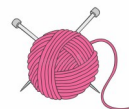
Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation along with the Liturgy Project team invites you to a formation day for Readers at St Bede's, Basingstoke on **Saturday 18th October**.

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](mailto: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.



### **APPEAL FOR CHAPLAINCY AT BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL, BASINGSTOKE**

Firstly, thank you so much for your warm welcome last week, when I came to tell you a little bit about Chaplaincy life at Bishop Challoner School. You shine with a lovely family feeling.

A large number of our Chaplaincy team members belong to families who send much of their wages to extended families in other countries. This means that they are unable to afford our Chaplaincy training and formation retreat day at Ladywell Franciscan Centre.

In June 2026, the Chaplaincy Team are also invited to come along to the Wintershall Life of Christ play. Again, many in our team will find this too much cost.

Your donations would allow these wonderful young, faith-filled and enthusiastic students to join us, to build memories and grow faith that will always remain with them. Thank you to all those who are able to donate something to enrich what we do. Please do hold us all in your prayers.

With my heartfelt thanks, Teresa

### **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](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Heart, Head and Feet.** I was waiting at the west end door for the bride to arrive. After five minutes had past, a white Fiat 500 pulled into the car park. Out stepped the bride from the driver's seat. Tottering on her heels she paced towards me. "Where's dad?" I enquired. She shook her head. "May I have the honour?" I asked. She grabbed arm. "We're doing it!" she exclaimed. Bride and Groom loved their families but now there was a greater priority. When you love someone - the right one - no-one, nothing, will be more important again. Thus, Marriage has the capacity to point us to a greater reality; how God is with us, and how we should be with God.

It is to this kind of single-minded priority the Lord points today,

*"If anyone ...does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.*

If we are disciples, the clarity of commitment to Christ we present to God, and to the world, will be such that every other commitment we have will appear secondary. Of course we love those we love. We do anything for them, but we have an even greater priority, if we follow Jesus. **I will be prepared** to give up everything.

But what of those we love? When we get our relationship with God right, above all else, all our other relationships will come right too. Better than right because God's Grace will be directly involved, like never before, given the Love of God and others are inseparable.

Discipleship, truly trusting in God, involves our hearts but it also involves our brains. I cannot choose to follow Jesus thoughtlessly. Can I be a follower of Christ by habit. No! Can I follow Jesus routinely? No! Can I be a follower of Christ by accident? No! Following Jesus requires thought, deliberation and decision because it is costly. If its not costly, it's not Christian! If you do follow Him, you will **feel it in your heart, you will feel it in your mind, you will feel it in your feet!**

#### **Luke 14:25-33**

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Fr John C

#### **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.



#### **CAFOD MEETING**

You are invited to a CAFOD meeting at St Bedes Church Hall Basingstoke on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jlewry@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