

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - Year C - 23 November 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 22 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	Teresa Yurek RIP Thomas & Anna Hyland RIP Fr Don Clements RIP
Sun 23 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	Richard Allen RIP Celia Gallagher RIP Mynie Steffans RIP Sarah
	12:00 noon	Baptism	Evangeline Giles
Mon 24 Nov	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 29 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	Richard Coleman RIP
Sun 30 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	Tess Dunne RIP Intentions of Brian Smith
Mon 1 Dec	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	
	1:30 pm	Funeral Service	Gerard Carton 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 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

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, Marilyn Warren, Andrew Henderson, Tony & Jackie Hopgood



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Gerard Carton RIP** who died this week. His funeral is on Monday 1st December at 1:30pm in the Sacred Heart.

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

Rest in Peace. Amen



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

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading 2 Samuel 5: 1 - 3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 121

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 12 - 20

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 23: 35 - 43

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Father John will be visiting the local Cemeteries on the following dates and times, to bless the graves.

Saturday 29 November

1:00pm Odiham Cemetery

1:30pm South Warnborough Cemetery

2:00pm Greywell Cemetery

Sunday 30 November

1:00pm Hook Cemetery / St John's Cemetery

1:30pm Mattingley Cemetery

2:00pm Hartley Wespall

COFFEE MORNING

For all those who helped with the poppies, please join us for a thank you coffee on Friday 5th December at 11:00am in the Hall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 29 & Sun 30 Blessing of Graves

Sun 30 Nov Christmas Fayre

Fri 5 Dec Thank you coffee 11:00am Hall

Sun 7 Dec Children's Advert Workshop

Sat 13 Dec Advent Retreat Day with Father Fergal McGuire SSCC

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

During the month of November, a box for the request of prayers for the souls of loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. If you would like prayers for a deceased loved one, please write their name on one of the slips of paper and place it in the box. May they Rest in Peace. Please do not put money in the box, thank you.

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 of the Sacred Heart – Advent Day of Reflection
Date: Saturday, 13th December | Time: 10:30am – 4:00pm

Dear Friends,

My name is Fr. Fergal Maguire SS.CC., and I am a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. I come from Dublin, Ireland, and have had the privilege of ministering in Africa, Spain, the Americas, and within parish communities in the Southwark and Westminster dioceses. I have also served as chaplain at the Heathrow Detention Centre and currently have the blessing of serving as chaplain to the traveling communities for the Diocese of Westminster.

I am delighted to be invited to Sacred Heart Parish to lead your Advent Day of Reflection. I understand that the run-up to Christmas can be a busy time for us all, but I hope you will be able to join us for this special day. During the day, we will focus on themes such as “Finding Stillness in a Busy World,” “Meeting God in Solitude and Silence,” with talks titled “You Can’t Hurry Love.” And “The Naked Prophet”. Throughout the day we will pause, engage in reflective talks, and have opportunities for mindfulness and meditation, allowing time for personal prayer and reflection and have a shared lunch.

This day aims to help us prepare our hearts for Christmas, embracing hope, peace, and renewal as we journey through Advent.

The day will begin at 10:30am in the parish hall, where tea and coffee will be available. For lunch we will be serving soup & a roll in the hall. The reflection will conclude mid-afternoon, allowing time for a break before the evening Mass. If it’s more convenient, I will also celebrate Mass on Sunday morning at 10:30am.

I look forward to meeting as many parishioners as possible on Saturday, 13th December, or at the Masses over the weekend.

Warm regards,

Fr. Fergal Maguire SS.CC.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY & POPPIES

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a massive thank you to everyone doing their bit at the Remembrance Day commemoration last weekend. Once again, I was hugely proud to be a part of Sacred Heart Hook. We were evidently part of the wider village celebration, which was noted by many. A special thank you to all who tirelessly knitted the poppies, which presented an outstanding sign of our reverence for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. God bless you all.

Fr John

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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday 30 November at 11 am (The hall will also be open on Saturday 29th November at 7 pm)

We would greatly appreciate donations of the following items:-

Bottles for the tombola, Raffle prizes, Bric a brac, Children's toys/books

Cakes (on the Saturday and/or Sunday please)

Please could any donations be put into the Welcomers' cupboard at the back of church.

All moneys raised will be going towards the Parish for the purchase of
new albs for the Altar servers and Altar Cloths.

Many thanks

Deception. During one of my relapses with Long Covid four years ago, my liver started playing up. Whilst laid up in the presbytery, Mike knocked at the door and presented me with two bottles of red wine – a non-alcoholic Cabernet. The classically fashioned French looking bottles appealed. Corking sounded great. The burgundy wine poured beautifully. Then I tasted it. It was like drinking the bottom of a bird cage! The extremely convincing externals deceived me.

Some of the disciples were remarking on the magnificent externals of the Temple. Jesus said,

"...what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

This was inconceivable. How could such a massive edifice with a 450-foot-high retaining wall disappear? In people's minds the Temple was the embodiment of God's presence, completely entangled with it. The people had been deceived into believing they were one and the same.

In AD73 the Temple was no more. God's presence, as we heard last week, was now to be revealed in and through the Body of Christ, the Church, the People of God, where the risen Lord Jesus continues to reveal God's presence to the world, principally in Word and Sacrament.

Yet Jesus continues to warn us against deception. **Don't be deceived** by those who confuse the Body of Christ that is the Church, where God speaks, with a frail human organisation that increasingly prefers corporate speak, seemingly pointing us to itself more than Christ. When this happens, dear Brothers and Sisters, **don't be downhearted**. Even though we will be misunderstood, criticised, even betrayed for simply upholding the Beatitudes, Jesus says we are **not to fear** because

"...not one hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life."

Luke 21:5-19

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down." "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?" He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.

And so, you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life.

Fr John C

BASINGSTOKE CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

A new group for Catholic Men will be starting in January. Men of all ages are welcome from 18 upwards. The idea will be that Catholic men can come together to chat about issues that face us, enjoy fellowship and have time to pray. We will also arrange the occasional social night out. Sessions will run on Tuesday evenings at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke. To register your interest please use the QR code or sign up here: <https://forms.gle/ZUSxCHpMsoXuRvG48>



WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2026

We are delighted to announce our second annual ecumenical pilgrimage to Walsingham, taking place from 17th—21st August 2026, departing from Sacred Heart Hook.

This special journey offers time for prayer, reflection and fellowship with friends from different Christian traditions

A non-refundable deposit of £40 is required by the end of November to secure your place.

If you are interested please put your name on the list at the back of the church

SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Stella Maris ask for your support for their Christmas Appeal to help give Christmas chocolates to seafarers in Southampton this December. About 400,000 seafarers will be working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends. Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we are planning to collect hundreds of chocolate Christmas presents for seafarers visiting the Southampton ports in the days before Christmas. We invite local Catholic parishes and primary schools to donate chocolate tubs, which our chaplains and volunteer ship visitors pass on to seafarers coming into Southampton and Fawley ports. To support this appeal please email: gregory.hogan@stellamarisemail.org