

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON - Year C - 9 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)

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON

Sat 15 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	Richard Allen RIP
Sun 16 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	Matthew Bates RIP Private Intention
Mon 17 Nov	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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
Mon 17 Nov	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

Wed 19 Nov

There is no Mass in the Convent today

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 26 October & 2 November amounted to £1,756.23 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 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, Marilyn Warren, Andrew Henderson, Tony & Jacque Hopgood



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Gerard Carton RIP** who died this week. His funeral is on Monday 1 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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Malachi 3: 19 - 20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7 - 12

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence**

before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21: 5 - 19

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

If you would like Father John to bless a local grave for you please let the office know. This short service reminds us to honour the graves of our loved ones, and to pray that their souls are now with the Lord sharing His promise of eternal life. May they Rest in Peace.

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

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 Convent.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri 5 Dec	Thank you coffee 11:00am Convent
Sun 7 Dec	Children's Advert Workshop
Sat 13 Dec	Advent Retreat Day with Father Fergal McGuire SSCC

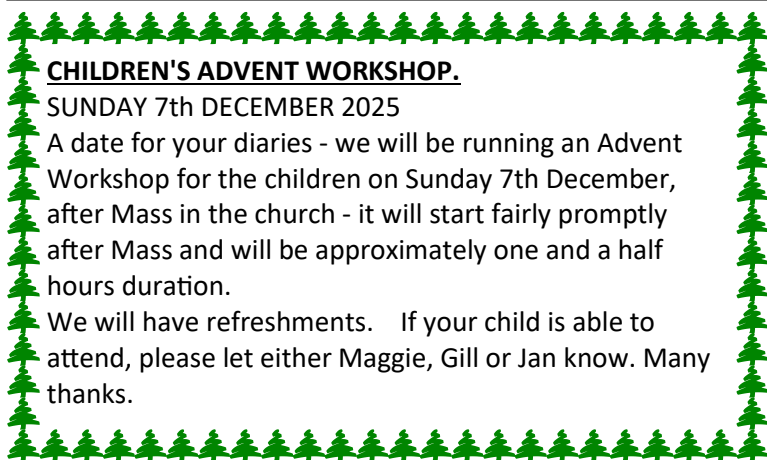
AN INVITATION TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

On Saturday 29th November, Catholic Mothers Portsmouth and Catholic Mothers Southampton invite Catholic Women, including those with babes in arms, to join them from 9.30am - 4pm at Sacred Heart Church in Waterloo (PO7 7SR) for a Women's Retreat Day. The speaker will be Fr Thomas Hiney. Lunch will be provided and a donation of £10 per person is suggested. See this week's e-News for details on how to book.

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.



Parish of the Sacred Heart – Advent Day of Reflection
Date: Saturday, 13th November | 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 November, or at the Masses over the weekend.

Warm regards,

Fr. Fergal Maguire SS.CC.

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

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

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – 2025 – Hook

Fit for Purpose. During the past week I was visiting Essex. I booked into a rather nice hotel called Orsett Hall. Beautiful oak doors, all mod cons, with a bathroom that gleamed at you when you opened the door! In the morning, I went to have a shower. As I approached the shower door, I noticed it was a little loose. I went to move it and the whole thing came away in my hand. I was a tad livid. Looked good but not fit for purpose.

Jesus was a tad livid in the Gospel today. The mission and purpose of the Temple was to reveal God to the world. The 'Court of the Gentiles', approximately half of the entire Temple complex, was designated for non-Jews to offer their own prayer to God. Yet this sacred space had been entirely hijacked by the traders. The Temple looked good – at least it did prior to AD73 - but it had forgotten its purpose, to reveal God to the world.

So, Jesus came to replace the unfit Temple with Himself, the Body of Christ, which is the Church. The risen Lord Jesus continues to reveal God's presence to and through us by Grace in countless ways. Our purpose, the purpose of the Church, is to reveal God most vividly in the world in which we live. Thus we – the Church, our parish, our families, as individuals too, continue to measure our life against the benchmark of Blessedness, the Beatitudes of last week. But do we?

We profess to be people who value God more than money preferring instead to invest in people. But do we? Blessed are we, the Church, when we invest in those who are suffering by our understanding, kindness and compassion. But do we? Blessed are you, Blessed is the Church, when gentleness speaks to power in hungering and thirsting after what is right. But are we?

Blessed are the humble. **'True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less,'** - CS Lewis. When we do this, we reveal God, which is the benchmark of Love that makes us **fit for heaven**.

John 2:13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So, he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

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>



ADoRE morning of spiritual renewal 22nd November. 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "PILGRIMS OF HOPE - SIGNPOSTS TO THE KINGDOM." How we can revitalise Parishes to show people the way and share our hope with the lost. Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Dr. Hannah Vaughan-Spruce. Register in advance for Zoom meeting 10.00-1.00 at bit.ly/ADORE22NOV2025 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

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@stellamarismail.org