

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A - 14 December 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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 13 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	Moloney Family RIP
Sun 14 Dec	10:00 am	Mass	Brian Strong RIP Piers Godfrey RIP
Mon 15 Dec	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 20 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	Richard Allen RIP
Sun 21 Dec	10:00 am	Mass	Damian Maranzano RIP Terry Wright RIP
Mon 22 Dec	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 9 November & 16 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

WELCOME

Welcome to Father Fergal Maguire who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend whilst Father John is recovering from his operation.

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, Andrew Henderson, Fr John Chadwick Tony & Jackie Hopgood

FATHER JOHN CHADWICK

Father John had his operation on Tuesday morning, and then spent the night in hospital.
He is now home and is feeling very tired but is recovering well.
If you would like to send him a card please pass them onto the office and I will deliver them to Father John.
Thank you for all your prayers and best wishes.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 8: 23 - 9: 3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26
The Lord is my light and my help



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 13, 17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 4: 12 - 23

ADVENT WREATH HYMN

During the lighting of the advent candle this weekend, we will be singing the Third verse of the Advent Wreath Hymn.


Light the Advent candle three
Think of Heavenly Harmony
Angels singing peace on earth
At the Blessed Saviours birth

Candle, candle burning bright
Shinning in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light

What does Gaudete mean?

Gaudete means “rejoice” in Latin. *Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday?* The Catholic Church uses the colour rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday’s counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

CHRISTMAS TREE

This Christmas as we remember all our dearly departed Family and Friends, you are invited to help us dress this year’s Christmas tree with the names of your loved ones. On the welcomers table and also to the side of the Nativity Scene you will find some silver and gold stars, please write the name of your loved ones on one of them and place the star in the basket provided

Please contact the office if you are unable to come to church but would still like a star filled in.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ON-LINE

The individual parish online donation pages for your Christmas Collections are now live on Give As You Live.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hook-sacred-heart-catholic-church-christmas-collection-2025>
Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 13 Dec	Advent Retreat Day with Father Fergal McGuire SSCC
Fri 17 Dec	Penitential Service at St Joseph’s
Sun 21 Dec	Carol Service 4:00pm

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 21st December at 4:00pm in the Sacred Heart Church.
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall (or coffee/tea/biscuits)
All Welcome

CAROLS ON THE WARDS AT BASINGSTOKE HOSPITAL

It will happen on Wednesday 17th December, all those who would like to take part are invited to meet at the Chapel in the hospital at 6 pm.
Refreshments available afterwards.

Deacon Tony Darroch

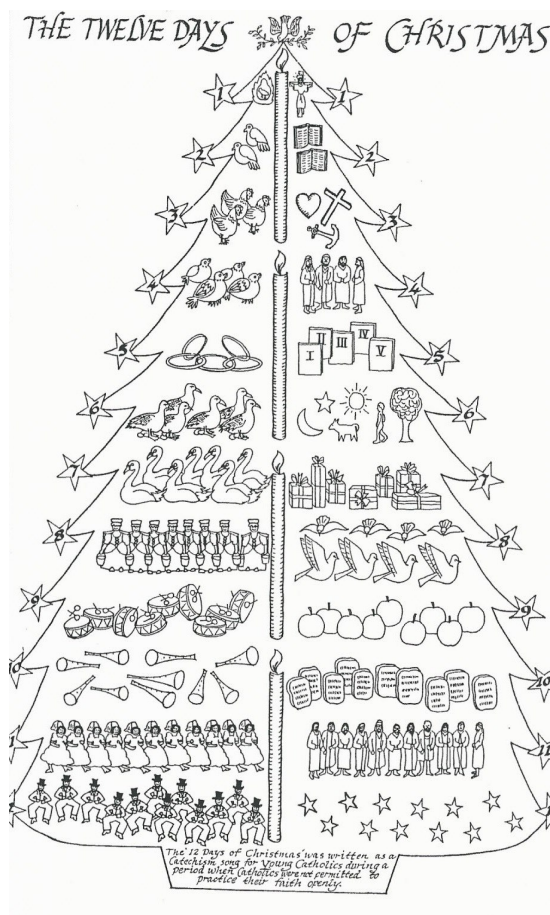
Parish of the Sacred Heart – Advent Day of Reflection

Date: Saturday, 13th December Time: 10:30am – 4:00pm

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 10:00am.

The 12 days of Christmas was written as a Catechism song for Young Catholics during a period when Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly.

- 1: Partridge in a Pear Tree
- 2: Turtle Doves
- 3: French Hens
- 4: Coley Birds
- 5: Gold Rings
- 6: Geese A-Laying
- 7: Swans A-Swimming
- 8: Maids a Milking
- 9: Drummers Drumming
- 10: Pipers Piping
- 11: Ladies Dancing
- 12: Lords A Leaping



- 1: Jesus
- 2: Old & New Testaments
- 3: Faith, Hope & Charity
- 4: Mathew, Mark, Luke & John
- 5: 1st 5 books of the Old Testament
- 6: Days of Creation
- 7: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8: Beatitudes
- 9: Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10: Ten Commandments
- 11: Faithful Apostles

DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During December, the Holy Father asks us to pray for Christians in areas of conflict. *Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.*

REPOSITORY

Please check out our repository in the porch.
If there is anything you would like especially Advent and Christmas items please ask Cecile

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

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

Advent - a word that means 'coming'

Advent Confessions

After Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses

Advent Services of Reconciliation

Friday 19th Dec 7pm at St Joseph's Church Basingstoke.



Christmas Carols

Sunday 21st December 4pm in the Sacred Heart Church

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine in the hall afterwards

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve (Thursday 24 December)

4:00 pm Children's Nativity Mass -

why not bring your child dressed as an angel or a shepherd? Some costumes are available in the church.

8:00pm Carol Service

8:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day (Friday 25 December)

10:00 am Mass During the Day



ADVENT CANDLES

Week 1 Purple - Hope

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and lost heaven but God promised to send a redeemer.

We Hope and believe Jesus will come in Glory.

Week 2 Purple - Peace

God chose Mary to be the mother of His son. The angel Gabriel wanted Mary to feel God's Peace and he said to her 'Do not be afraid'.

Week 3 Pink - Joy

Joseph and Mary were filled with Joy as they travelled to Bethlehem. We are joyful as His birth draws near.

Week 4 Purple - Love

When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem there was no room at the inn. In this final week of Advent we ask God to help us prepare for this coming by listening to His words 'Love one another as I have loved you'.

Christmas White - Jesus

Jesus Christ Light of the World came to shine in the darkness. He is the Way, the Truth and the Light.

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

PASTORAL AREA PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Pastoral Area Penitential Service is on Friday 19th December at 7pm and will take place in St Joseph's Church.

All are most welcome to attend.