

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY - Year A - 4 January 2026

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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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<b>Saturday 3 Jan</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 4 Jan</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	
Monday 5 Jan	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent
Tuesday 6 Jan	10.00 am	Mass	The Epiphany

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

<b>Saturday 10 Jan</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 11 Jan</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	
Monday 12 Jan	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Father John will be available after Mass for the Sacrament of the Sick.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### PARISH FINANCE

Dona Plates Contactless giving made easy with Gift Aid optional

#### 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](mailto:office@sacredhearthook.org)

#### SALT AND GRIT BIN

Just a reminder that there is a salt and grit bin by the side of the disabled parking bays, for use when the car park area is icy.

#### 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 welcomers table.

#### PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekends of the 22 & 29 December amounted to £1,798.51 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters**

***A very happy and blessing filled year to you all. Just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the prayers, good wishes gifts and cards I have received these past weeks. Unbelievable! It felt like being carried through it all. It really did. I am making really good progress. The wound - about 3.5 inches - is healing well. The medics did such a neat job that you can hardly see it, especially beneath the beard! I've had a little issue with breathing since the op, but overall that's improving too. The other significant tumour (attached to the Thyroid) is being scanned later this month. I shall know more about the plan for that after the appointment. So, I'm on track for returning on Ash Wednesday, if not before. Looking forward very much to being with you all again soon. God bless. Fr John***

**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

**The Epiphany**

Is a Holy day of obligation, we will be celebrating this Mass at 10am in the church. If you are unable to make the morning Mass St Bede's Basingstoke is celebrating at 7:30pm

**ILL AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL**

If you are ill and are unable to attend Mass, please let Jan know in the office, we can 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 or by email [office@sacredhearthook.org](mailto:office@sacredhearthook.org)

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**

**First Reading** Ecclesiasticus 24: 1 - 2, 8 - 12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 147

**The word was made flesh, and lived among us.**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1: 3 - 6, 15 - 18

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;**

**Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 1: 1 - 18



**THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI**

'A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For the journey, and such a long journey:  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter.'  
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.  
There were times we regretted  
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
A hard time we had of it.  
At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
Sleeping in snatches,  
With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
That this was all folly.



Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
With a running stream and a water-mill beating  
the darkness,  
And three trees on the low sky,  
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the  
lintel,  
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins,  
But there was no information, and so we continued  
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon  
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory  
All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down  
This: were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,  
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth  
and death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death,  
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should be glad of another death.  
— T. S. Eliot