

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 18 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)

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 17 Jan	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 18 Jan	10.00 am	Mass	Intentions of Lukas Laski
Monday 19 Jan	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 24 Jan	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 Jan	10.00 am	Mass	Private Intention
Monday 26 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

If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Jan in the Parish Office.

### 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)

### WELCOME FATHER FERGAL

Welcome back Father Fergal who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend, whilst Father John continues to recover from his operation.

### 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.

### **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 & Maeve & John Crangle



### **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

### **HOOK CHURCHES TOGETHER: UNITY SERVICE**

**Sunday 18th January 2026 - 6:00pm**

Hook Churches together for a service of unity – this year the service is at St John's Hook. After the service we join our friends from the other churches in fellowship with a bring and share with nibbles/finger foods. All Welcome

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please pray for all our First Holy Communion Candidates who start their journey this weekend.



### **CANDLEMAS**

Some of you might be wondering: why is the crib still up? Isn't it usually taken down after the Twelfth Night, at Epiphany? We'd like to share why we are keeping the crib in place until Candlemas, which is celebrated on 2 February. Candlemas gets its name from candles, which are used on this day to celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World. In many countries, it's traditional to keep Christmas decorations up until this Feast, marking the true end of the Christmas season. Even St John Paul II followed this tradition. Each year, after evening Mass on 2 February, he would make his final visit to the crib in St Peter's Square. Only after that would the crib be taken down. Candlemas remembers an important moment in Jesus' early life. Forty days after his birth, Mary and Joseph brought him to the Temple in Jerusalem. They offered a sacrifice, as the Jewish law required, and Mary was ritually purified. It was there that they met Simeon, a holy man who had been promised by God that he would not die before seeing the Messiah. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Simeon recognised Jesus, took him in his arms, and praised God, saying that his eyes had seen salvation 'a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of Israel.' Candlemas is also a turning point in the Church year. It's the moment when we begin to turn from the crib to the cross. We remember that Jesus didn't just come into the world to be born among us, but to give his life for us. The crib reminds us where the story began and Candlemas reminds us why it matters

### **POPE LEO JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION**

During January Pope Leo asks us to pray for prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



### **ADORE ONLINE MINI RETREAT**

May we wish you every blessing for a joyful New Year and introduce you to our exciting programme for 2026: "The greatest gift is Love – the transformative power of God's love." Each month this year we explore the foundational truths of our faith, and how they reveal the amazing and powerful love of God. On 24th January from 10am to 1pm we launch the programme with "GOD IS LOVE." The Mass celebrant and guest speaker, Fr. Chris Thomas, will lead our mini retreat on Zoom and remind us how Jesus taught that God is loving and merciful and we should relate to him as "Abba," our perfect Father. For more information please visit [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

### **ONLINE GIFT CARD FRAUD**

Gift card fraud is an increasingly common way of tricking victims into purchasing gift cards and sharing their details, leading to financial loss. Please be aware that there have been scam messages circulating which appear to come from priests or diocesan staff, asking people to buy gift cards or provide financial help urgently. The Diocese and its clergy will never ask for money, gift cards, vouchers, or personal details by email, text message, or social media. If you receive a message of this kind, do not respond and do not send any money. Please report it to your parish office so that we can alert others. Thank you for your vigilance and for helping to protect our parish communities.

### **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

### **MARYFIELD CONVENT**

#### **FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING**

First Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting—Tuesday 5th December 10:30am  
in the tea room

### **ADORATION FOR PEACE**

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

### **TEN YEAR MISSION PLAN**

Over the next few weekends members of the PPC will be talking at Mass about the Pastoral Area Ten year plan which includes Basingstoke, Hook and Tadley. The Team lead by Father John Lee has produced a flip book which can be found at <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/fae88b7530.html#page/1> and also some prayer cards which will be handed out at Mass over the weekends. There will be a limited number of hard copies available if you would like a hard copy of the flip book please sign the list at the back of the church.