

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
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BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Year A - 11 January 2026

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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)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 10 Jan	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 11 Jan	10.00 am	Mass	Intentions of Lukas Laski
Monday 12 Jan	9:30 am	Mass	In the Convent

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

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

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.

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 & 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

ORDINARY TIME

On Monday, 12th January, the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church begins the period of the Liturgical Year known as 'Ordinary Time', the Sundays and weekdays per annum. The liturgical colour is green, symbolising new life and hope.

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

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.

UCM Meeting

The next UCM Meeting is on Saturday 17th January at 10:30 in Maryfield Convent.

Feast of the Epiphany – 2026 – Hook

One for the Road. Over Christmas many of us will have felt that desire for just one more, another sprout at Christmas lunch - maybe not - a second helping of whatever. This human trait of yearning after things, all too often directed toward material things, is in fact a Divinely inspired instinct. Properly informed, it can lead us directly into the Father's Kingdom. This Divine instinct was planted in us to seek that which beyond ourselves, which must happen if we are to find God.

The Magi, the three men from the East were noted for their wisdom and knowledge. Yet they allowed themselves to be challenged in search of more. Their yearning led them to find 'God With Us', Emmanuel.

The Magi teach us something. First, they allowed that yearning instinct to move them, literally. We must allow the same yearning we have access all areas of life, to travel and change in our journey to heaven.

Second, the Magi bowed down. Do I literally bow down to God? Yes, this relates to my reverence in church, the place of prayer – time with God - at home, how I receive the sacraments etc. But it means much more. It speaks of the primacy God enjoys in our lives, if we really believe what we profess. I bow down with my life not just my head!

Third, the Magi presented their treasure to the Lord. Do I routinely present the first and the best of my treasure, what I have, to God? The Wise Men presented their treasure to Jesus because they recognised who He was. Their giving also recognised the justice of it, that their treasure had first been given to them by God.

Finally, the Magi returned home. Gifted with the Grace they had received, they continued to model the Way of Wisdom where they lived, worked and had their being. We are to model the very same: How **we yearn and move towards God** in faith; how **we bow down to Him** in worship; how **we present our treasure** in living the Way of Love. This is wisdom. Let 2026 be the year we **grow in Wisdom**.

Fr John C