

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE) - Year A - 15 March 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)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 14 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	Victor Okon Intentions of Ozi Obadaki Congratulations
Sun 15 Mar	10:00 am	Mass	Rupert Aldous RIP Anne Mountcastle RIP
Mon 16 Mar	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 21 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sun 22 Mar	10:00 am	Mass	
Mon 23 Mar	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	
Tues 24 Mar	10:00 am		

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.

LAY DOMINICANS

Margaret Doyle President of the Lay Dominicans will be joining the sisters on Tuesday 24th March for a talk about the The Lay Dominicans. The knitting group will be cancelled on this Tuesday. All are welcome to attend the talk.

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

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, Nikki Pink, Ken Musgrave, Sylvia Hosking, Fr Jean Patrice, David Xavier, John Kidd, Anne Mitchell, Peter Ward, Sheila Barlow, Andrew Henderson, Maeve & John Crangle



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Graziano Amodeo, who died last week. His funeral service will be at 10:15am on Wednesday 18th March at Basingstoke Crematorium.



Also for **Ursula Payne RIP** from Maryfield Convent who died last week, her funeral is at 3.30pm on Wednesday 25th March in the Sacred Heart

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God. Rest in Peace.

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women so that their example of faith and love may shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading 1 Samuel 16: 6 - 7, 10 - 13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel John 9: 1 - 41



LENT 2026

During Lent we are called to fast, to pray and to give alms. Have you begun to think about the way in which you will respond to God's Lenten call this year? Here are some of the things the parish will be offering to help you



Confessions: After Saturday & Sunday Mass
Stations of the Cross Friday at 12 noon in the church followed by a soup lunch
Stations of the Cross Sunday 4pm in the Church Followed by Benediction
Reconciliation Service Fri 27th March at 7:30pm in St Bede's Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross with Benediction led by Father John C on Sunday afternoons at 4pm during Lent. (1, 8, 15 & 22 March)

And on Friday at 12 noon followed by a soup lunch in the hall

APOLOGIES

Please accept my apologies for absence last weekend at the 10am Mass. I completely forgot to mention, in advance, that I would be preaching at All Saints Maidenhead last week to support a project for Iranian refugees there.

Fr John C

EASTER 2025

Thursday 2nd April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 3rd April

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 pm

Saturday 4th April

HOLY SATURDAY - 8:00 pm

Sunday 5th April

EASTER SUNDAY - 8:00am & 10:00 am

PASTORAL COUNCIL (SACRED HEART)

If you have any questions for the PC then please either email them to ppc@sacredhearthook.org or drop them into the parish office.

The minutes are available from the welcomers table.

PASTORAL AREA COMMITTEE (BASINGSTOKE)

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Shanthi Fernando is our representative on the SLT

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY MEETING

Next Charles de Foucauld fraternity meeting will be on the Wednesday 18th March at 2.30pm in the Convent. We start with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Fr Peter Codd will lead us to share the Gospel message of the upcoming Sunday. We end the session with fellowship and saying the 'Abandonment Prayer'.

Everyone is welcome

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

Third Sunday in Lent – 2026 – Hook

A Dose of Reality. I received a bit of a ‘wake-up’ call this past week. I found myself in a prison delivering some training. Part of the day involved an interaction with two of the women serving their time there. I was nervous. I had no reason to be. The prisoners – they actually chose the term to refer to themselves, rather than residents or service users - spoke openly, honestly and courageously about their lives. Absolutely no pretence, just reality. The women were real. No clutter. **Nothing got in the way of their truth.**

You will know that Samaritans were disowned as detested apostates by the Jewish People. Yet this Samaritan, a woman, **engaged reality.**

“You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?”

She recognised the truth of who she was in relation to Jesus.

“Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

She recognised the truth of her abject need.

“I have no husband...”

She recognised the truth of her frailty.

“I can see that you are a prophet...”“...I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything...”

She expressed the truth, that she believed in The Christ, who would be the answer to everything. **Thus,** Jesus declared, *“I, the one speaking to you, I am he.”*

So, this much-married woman from Godforsaken Samaria ended up being the one Jesus chose to reveal Himself, because **she told the truth.** Her honest, humble and courageous take on her own story flung her into righteousness. She was now, once again, in right relationship with the God who always loved her.

Lent is a time when we approach the mercy-seat of God honestly. This is how we meet the God who has always loved us. **Are you going to tell the truth this Lent? Happy Saint Patrick’s Day everyone.**

John 4:1-26

Fr John C

PARISH ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating St Patrick’s Day on Saturday 21 March at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us.

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening in the company of your fellow parishioners

We kindly ask those attending to please bring a plate of food and drinks to share.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church—please add your name and food you will be bringing

Thank you, and we look forward to celebrating together.

‘Musicians needed’

Contact Stephen on stephencolhoun@aol.com or call 07743318322 if you would like to join the band



CHILDREN'S LENTEN WORKSHOP.

SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2026

A date for your diaries - we will be running an Lenten Workshop for the children on Sunday 29th March, after Mass in the church - it will start fairly promptly after Mass and will be approximately one and a half hours duration.

We will have refreshments.

If your child is able to attend, please let either Maggie, Gill or Jan know.

Many thanks.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG APPEAL 2026

We will be collecting Easter Eggs again this year, to share with those who would otherwise go without.

NEW PARISH DATABASE SYSTEM - CHURCHSUITE

The parish is now using a new system called ChurchSuite, to manage our parishioner database and our communications like the newsletter. To do this we need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners. To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive communications from the parish, including the newsletter, please make sure you have filled out a new Registration Form. There is a separate adult and child registration form.

The Adult Registration Form is available by copying and pasting the following URL link:

<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/xgfxemn6>

or by scanning this QR code:



The Child Registration Form is available by copying and pasting the following URL link:

<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ury21p4z>

or by scanning this QR code:



Thank you to all those who have already registered. We strongly encourage everyone to register on this new database, ChurchSuite, as soon as possible. We are no longer able to use the old database.

PASTORAL AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Pastoral Area Lenten Reconciliation service will take place at 7.30 pm on Friday 27th March in St Bede's Church. A number of Priests will be available to minister the Sacrament Of Forgiveness. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Holy Week & Easter.



Called and Gifted - Save the Dates!

13, 20, 27 April and 11 May, 7.30 to 9.30pm, St Bede's Called & Gifted is returning to Basingstoke! Called and Gifted (C&G) is a process which helps you discern more clearly the spiritual gifts (charisms) that the Holy Spirit gave you at Baptism. The C&G journey is a bit like unearthing buried treasure. It will help you to grow spiritually, to appreciate your God given gifts, to become more fully the person God created you to be and to use your charisms more intentionally for the benefit of others. For a short video (1m 30s) from the authors of C&G, the Catherine of Siena Institute, see: <https://vimeo.com/322254299> . The four sessions will be led by our C&G team, incl Geoff Poulter, Gerry Penfold & Joan Kent. More information over the next few weeks. The cost per person is £30 which covers the learning, discerning and using stages above plus a comprehensive workbook that covers the whole journey and access to a library of online resources. **To register, please email Joan Kent at jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with your name, contact details and the church you attend.**

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 21st March 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "THE SPIRIT OF LOVE." The Holy Spirit transforms us by opening us to God's love. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker **Daniella Stephens**, dynamic young Catholic evangelist and conference speaker. Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAR2026 More information at www.altonrenewal.com