

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A - 22 March 2026

**Priest in Charge:** Fr. John Chadwick  
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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)

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 21 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sun 22 Mar	10:00 am	Mass	<b>Ursula Payne RIP</b>
Mon 23 Mar	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	
Wed 25 Mar	3.30 pm	Funeral	<b>of Ursula Payne RIP</b>

### PALM SUNDAY

Sat 28 Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	<b>James Moloney &amp; Family RIP</b>
Sun 29 Mar	10:00 am	Mass	<b>Father Gabriel Imstept SMB RIP</b> <b>Angela Cummins RIP</b>
Mon 30 Mar	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.

### 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 **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 her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God. Rest in Peace.***

### **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](mailto: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

### **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. (22 March)

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

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**



**First Reading** Ezekiel 37: 12 - 14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 129

**With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 8: 8 - 11

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will never die.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**Gospel** John 11: 1 - 45

### **Called and Gifted - Registration Open!**

Called & Gifted is returning to our Pastoral Area. C&G is a great way to prayerfully discover your spiritual gifts (called Charisms) and use them in your everyday life. As a result, you become more fully the person that God created you to be, leading to deeper peace and joy and greater confidence in being a channel of God's love for others. For a short video (1m 30s) from the authors of C&G, the Catherine of Siena Institute, click here: <https://vimeo.com/322254299>

There will be four 90 minute sessions on Monday evenings, 13, 20, 27 April and 11 May from 7:30 to 9:00pm at St Bede's Hall. These sessions will enable you to learn about the charisms and get an initial insight as to which ones you may have. You will then have the opportunity to book a personal discernment meeting with a trained member of the Called and Gifted Team to deepen your discernment. Finally you will have the opportunity to join a small group of people with similar charisms to you to help you complete your discernment and start using your charisms. For more info on C&G, please see [www.calledandgifted.org.uk](http://www.calledandgifted.org.uk)

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](mailto:jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) with your name, contact details and the church you attend.**

## Fourth Sunday in Lent – 2026 – Hook

**Getting it Wrong.** During the week I visited a client at his place of work. He's a butcher. I drove into the car park immediately recognising the familiar red awning outside the butcher's shop and walked inside, confidently. Not recognising the lady behind the counter, I asked where Kevin was. Seconds later a tall man wearing a butcher's apron marched out. "The name's Mark, not Kevin! I've been here for 42 years!" Suddenly I realised that I was in the wrong town! I had so convinced myself that I was in the correct location, awning and all, that I had become blind, impervious, to the patently obvious. Thus, I was completely wrong.

This kind of blindness, choosing not to see the truth plainly, catastrophically affects everyone, people of religion, people of no religion. I cannot see because **I will not see.** We see it in Iran, Israel, London, Washington, Moscow, Kiev, Rome, Canterbury, Portsmouth, Hook. We see it in ourselves, when I fail to tell the truth like the woman at the well last week.

The clearest sign of spiritual blindness, that I am spiritually dying, is when I pretend to myself that I do not need to repent. I'm fine as I am. I carry on with my hardened heart, finding fault in others to disguise my own fault.

The antidote to this blindness is to stop for a minute, to take a moment to smell the coffee, to recognise myself as a sinner that desperately needs God's mercy just like everyone else. To stop and begin to think like that means Grace is flowing. My heart begins to melt, I begin to recognise the truth of my failures, perhaps painfully. At exactly the same time, the voice of God will be heard. Our Father in heaven loves us, despite our frailty.

God so loves us that He chooses to save us, through the actions of His only Son. Do you want to be saved? Do you believe you need saving? If you do, you will believe in Jesus Christ. Repent every day, not just in Lent. **Don't get this wrong!** Remain not in blindness. Accept His Grace

*"... so that the works of God might be displayed..."*

**in you!**

**John 9:1-41**

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](mailto: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.

### 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

### 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. This is a modern parish database management system that allows Parishes to more effectively store parishioner information, communicate with parishioners e.g. Newsletter distribution, organise church rotas, manage Gift Aid, etc. It enables all parishioner information & data privacy consents to be safely secured in one place & provides full compliance with GDPR Privacy Law. It has been sourced & provided by the Diocese & is currently being adopted across all Parishes in our Pastoral Area.

As a result, we therefore need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners. Therefore, to ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive communications from the Parish, including the Newsletter, please do kindly fill out a new Registration Form at the earliest possible opportunity. There will eventually be a cut-off date when Newsletters will only be sent via CHURCHSUITE & this will be announced in advance. Please note the following:

There is a separate adult and child registration form.

Printed forms are available on the welcomers table, for Parishioners who have difficulty in accessing the internet. Please kindly return your completed forms to the Parish Office.

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/ury2lp4z>

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.



**ST MARY'S CHURCH  
HARTLEY WINTNEY**

Presents

**Charlotte Bronte's  
JANE EYRE**

*Passion, mystery and resilience brought to life in a bold new adaptation - with traditional folk music woven throughout - of Charlotte Bronte's timeless classic.*

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026  
at 7:00pm**

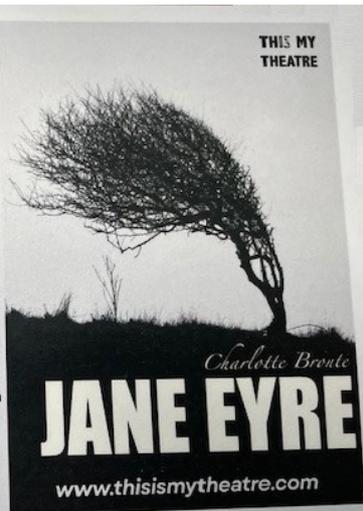
Performed by:

**This Is My Theatre**

Saleable wine bar will be available from 6pm



To purchase tickets please scan the QR code or head to the 'This Is My Theatre' website



### ST MARY'S CHURCH

The 12th century St Mary's Church Hartley Wintney will open on Easter Sunday and each Sunday to the 27th September 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

A member of FOSM will be there to help and assist you during your visit.

Our on going appeal is the upkeep of the church. To make a donation go on line at "Go fund Me St Mary's Church Hartley Wintney"  
Thank you

