

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



## PALM SUNDAY - Year A - 29 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)

### 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	

### EASTER TRIDUUM

Thur 2 April	7:30 pm	<b><u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> <b>Damian Maranzano &amp; Vincent Licence RIP</b>
Fri 3 April	3:00 pm	<b><u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> of the Lord's Passion</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 4 April	8:00 pm	<b><u>HOLY SATURDAY</u> The Easter Vigil</b> <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
Sun 5 April	8.00 am 10.00 am	<b><u>EASTER SUNDAY</u></b> <b>For the People of the Parish</b>

### 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.

### 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



### **EASTER COLLECTIONS**

Any additional donations given on Easter Saturday or Sunday will be used to support the priests of the diocese. Every penny specifically donated over this weekend (together with any Gift Aid on qualifying donations) will be used to support your local priest. Donations can be given through the Contactless machine (in the church), online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hook-sacred-heart-catholic-church-easter-collection-2026> or in the plate during Mass. Thank you

### **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

### **WALK OF WITNESS—GOOD FRIDAY**

The Churches together in Hook are holding a walk of witness on Good Friday at 12 noon, from St John's CofE Church. With readings and speaking with any passers by. Please do try and join us.



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

If you would like to participate in the Washing of Feet at the Mass of Our Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, then please sign the list on the welcomer's table. Both men and women are invited to take part.

### **GOOD FRIDAY FASTING**

All Catholics aged 18-60 are urged to abstain on this significant day. To fast is to reduce the amount of food we eat. To abstain is to give up a particular kind of food, drink or form of pleasure.

### **BRITISH SUMMER TIME**

British Summer Time begins at 2am on Sunday 29th March, so don't forget to put your clocks FORWARD ONE HOUR before you go to bed on Saturday night so you are not late for Mass on Palm Sunday.



### **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

### **THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

Christ redeemed mankind and gave perfect glory to God principally through His Paschal Mystery; by dying He destroyed our death and by rising He restored our Life. The Easter Triduum (three days) of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire Liturgical year

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **PALM SUNDAY**



**First Reading** Isaiah 50: 4 - 7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 21

**My God, My god, why have you forsaken me?**

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2: 6 - 11

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death,  
death on a cross. But God raised him high  
and gave him a name which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**Gospel** Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66

#### **EASTER RAFFLE**

There will be a raffle of Easter Baskets and 2 Donated Easter Eggs after the 11 am Mass on Easter Sunday. The baskets were made by the Sisters and some of the UCM Knitting Group ladies. Tickets are £1 each and will be on sale after Mass on Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday. The proceeds of the raffle will go towards buying Altar linen for our parish.

#### **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. Many thanks.



## Fifth Sunday in Lent – 2026

**Living Life.** One of the hardest parts of supporting trainees is correction. I always feel a total hypocrite. I have permission to share this with you. A seminarian was scheduled to look after a cremation recently, under my guidance. He failed to attend the funeral. He assumed it was taking place at church. It's a mistake you make only once as a priest. I did exactly the same years ago. The hurt caused through a moment of carelessness like this can be as devastating as intentional, deliberate harm.

In response to my correction, he said "It's obvious... **It is my fault...I accept full responsibility.** Thanks for calling it out...**I'll take steps...**" I rejoiced in his reply as there were no excuses, no defences. God honours his honest humility. Felix exemplifies what it is to be a Christian. To accept my fault, to take full responsibility, to thank God for pointing me back to the Way. Brothers and Sisters, this is **how to live LIFE.**

Today, the Lord reminds us that there are NOT two lives to be lived: This life, and the one yet to come. No. Jesus says there is one life to be lived.

***"I am the resurrection and the life."***

**Jesus is The Key** to everything that matters in this world as well as the next. Life can only be humanly lived in relationship, in relationship to the person that is our Lord Jesus Christ, the Revelation of God's love. Now, this minute, we learn to love, we learn to live in heaven.

Truly loving anyone involves hard work, perseverance, a willingness to overcome and overlook failures, to reconcile, to get up again, and again, to keep reaching out, to keep on keeping on. Our relationship with God is alarmingly similar. We mess up. We pretend that we don't mess up. We do our own thing. Then we feel that nudge, to stop, to look at life differently.

***"I am the resurrection and the life."***

Do you believe this Brothers and Sisters? **Do you want to believe this?** If you do, walk the Way of Jesus, the Way of Repentance. Keep reaching out, keep asking for His Grace, keep receiving His forgiveness, healing and guidance. As Jerry said to me earlier this week after I had anointed him, "See you in heaven, Father John." **We are preparing for heaven.**

John 11:1-45

Fr John C

**The Veiling of Statues** - during Passiontide (the final two weeks of Lent) is an ancient Catholic tradition where sacred images are covered in purple cloth to focus the congregation's attention on the impending Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. The veils represent how Christ's glory was hidden as He entered His suffering and death. It reflects the Gospel of John (8:59), where Jesus "hid himself" to escape being stoned.

By removing beautiful art from view, the Church invites a "fast of the eyes," stripping away distractions to focus purely on the liturgy and the words of the Passion narrative. The purple cloth is a sign of penitence and grief. The absence of familiar images creates a sense of longing for the joy of Easter. Images are usually veiled before the First Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the **Fifth Sunday of Lent** (the Saturday evening before). **Crucifixes** are unveiled on **Good Friday** at the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion to emphasize the Sacrifice on the Cross. Statues and icons are unveiled during the **Easter Vigil** on Holy Saturday, signalling the Resurrection and the restoration of joy.

## EASTER 2026

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**



## **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 newcomers 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.

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

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. 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 a 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.**



### **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

