

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



EASTER SUNDAY - Year A - 5 APRIL 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)

EASTER TRIDUUM

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 11 Apr	6:00 pm	Mass	Mary Cornall RIP & Int of John Cornall
Sun 12 Apr	10:00 am	Mass	Noelle Mulville RIP
Mon 13 Apr	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.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters. A very happy and blessing filled Easter to you and your families!
God bless you all. 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, 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

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be available after the Good Friday Liturgy at 3pm



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

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.

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

Alleluia HE HAS RISEN,
He is **ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**
Risen **WITH PRAYERS TO YOU**

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

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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD



EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading Acts 10: 34, 37 - 43

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117

**This day was made by the lord;
we rejoice and are glad**

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1 - 4

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!**

Gospel John 20: 1 - 9

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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 22 & 29 March amounted to £1,777.60 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections. **Thank you**

Why is the Tabernacle empty and the door open at the start of Mass on Maundy Thursday

The Tabernacle is empty and its door open at the start of the Maundy Thursday Mass to signify the departure of Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane, marking the start of his Passion and the end of his presence in the Eucharist at that location. It symbolizes the "self-emptying" (kenosis) of Christ and sets a solemn tone of anticipation and emptiness before the Resurrection.

Key Reasons for this Tradition:

Symbolic Absence: The empty space represents that Jesus has been betrayed and is no longer present in the main tabernacle, leading to his agony and crucifixion.

Emptying for Repose: All hosts previously consecrated are typically removed before this Mass, ensuring the tabernacle is vacant. The Blessed Sacrament for Holy Communion on Good Friday is consecrated on this night and carried in procession to a different "Altar of Repose," leaving the main tabernacle empty for the rest of the Triduum.

The Triduum Fast: The empty tabernacle symbolizes the Church's "fasting" from the celebration of the Eucharist, lasting until the Easter Vigil.

Preparation for Good Friday: Along with the stripping of the altars, it highlights that on Good Friday, Christ is stripped of his dignity and life.

Why we remove the Holy Water?

Holy water is removed from fonts after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to mark the beginning of the Triduum. This action signifies a final, intense period of purification and fasting before the Easter Vigil, creating a "dryness" that highlights the anticipation of new water blessed for Easter.

The removal of holy water reflects a period when the Eucharist is not celebrated (Good Friday/Holy Saturday), emphasizing a time of sorrow and preparation. The fonts are refilled with water freshly blessed at the Easter Vigil, symbolizing new life and baptismal renewal.

The Holy Oils:

We ask God to bless and consecrate the three Holy Oils used in the Church's pastoral ministry. These oils flow from the pierced side of Christ hanging on the Cross of Calvary. They are oils that are medicinal, that repair and restore, that give strength and new life:

- the Oil of Chrism used in Baptism, Confirmation and the ordination of a priest and a bishop, a perfumed oil that imparts the Holy Spirit and His seven-fold gifts;
- the Oil of the Sick used in the Sacrament of Anointing, as a remedy for those suffering serious illness, as a strength for those facing an operation, and as a comfort to those on their last journey; and
- the Oil of the Catechumens used to exorcise evil spirits, to deepen Christian faith, and to help get ready those about to be baptised.

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 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.

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

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 with your name, contact details and the church you attend.



ST MARY'S CHURCH
HARTLEY WINTNEY
Presents
**Charlotte Brontë's
JANE EYRE**
Passion, mystery and resilience brought to life in a bold new adaptation - with traditional folk music woven throughout - of Charlotte Brontë's timeless classic.
Wednesday 22nd 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
www.thisismytheatre.com

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

