

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A - 3 MAY 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)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 2 May	6:00 pm	Mass	Edward Hughes RIP Joanna's Intentions
Sun 3 May	10:00 am	Mass	Laski Family Intentions
Mon 4 May	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	
	12:30 pm	Wedding	Ryan and Natasha

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 9 May	12:00 Noon	Baptism	Benjamin Payne
	6:00 pm	Mass	Laski Family Intentions Ed Autie RIP
Sun 10 May	10:00 am	Mass	Joanna's Intentions
Mon 11 May	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thurs 14 May	10:00 am	Mass	
	7:00 pm	Mass	

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 & Veronica Chadwick



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading Acts 6: 1 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32

**May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4 - 9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'I am the way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.'**
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14: 1 - 12



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.

Please pray for Veronica Chadwick who is seriously ill at the moment. The family are most grateful for all the thoughts and prayers being offered at this time.

Fr John C

MARYFIELD CONVENT

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Divine Mercy chaplet followed by the Holy Rosary will take place in the Convent Chapel at 3pm on Fridays.

FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING

First Tuesday of the month.

At 10:30am

in the tea room

TUESDAY UCM KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP

2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of the month

At 10:30 in the tea room

ADORATION FOR PEACE

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm

Everyone is welcome to all of the above

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 14th May is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses here at Sacred Heart 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.



OTHER LOCAL CHURCH, SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Joseph's, Basingstoke

Rev Paul Leonard

Masses at 6pm Sat / 9am & 11am Sun

St Bede's, Basingstoke

Rev John Lee

Masses at 9am, 11am & 6pm Sun

St Michael's, Tadley

Rev Stephen Vooght

Masses 6pm Sat / 9am Sun

St Oswald's, Burghfield

11am Sundays

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 12th & 19th April amounted to £1,859.04 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. The Lenten lunches raised £505 for CAFOD, thank you to all who supported it. **Thank you**

FORMATION MORNING

FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION 9TH MAY

9 am to 1.30 pm Pastoral Centre, Winchester Talks & Reflections (Bring own sandwich, tea/coffee provided)

If you wish to attend, please register via

liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PASTORAL COUNCIL (SACRED HEART)

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

The minutes are available from the welcomers table.

PASTORAL AREA COMMITTEE (BASINGSTOKE)

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Shanthy Fernando is our representative on the SLT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 14th May The Ascension of the Lord

Sun 17th May UCM enrolment of new members

Sun 7th June Corpus Christi Procession and BBQ

Fri 12th June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 10am

THE SACRISTY

Is a place of prayer and contemplation and should be an oasis of calm, before and after Mass. The Priest and Servers need time and space in order to prepare them selves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. **Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.** Unless there is an emergency, of course.

THE CHURCH—BEFORE MASS

Many have asked me that we try and keep our voices down before Mass so that we can all offer our prayers to God in relative peace before Mass begins. We are a beautiful family of faith at Sacred Heart, therefore very important we chat and catch up. But if we can try and leave this until after Mass it would be much appreciated.

Many thanks. Fr J C

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Fourth Sunday of Easter – 2026 – Hook

It wasn't me. At the age of seven, for reasons best known to my mother, a box of sugar cubes was kept in my bedroom under my bed. Having a very sweet tooth I found the temptation too great. I started to take one or two cubes at a time. For a remarkably long time I managed to rearrange the remaining cubes in such a way that the top layer appeared to be entirely complete. One day I came home after school to be presented with the box. The top layer had collapsed. I was asked for an explanation. I uttered the immortal words, "It wasn't me."

Many of the Pharisees Jesus was addressing today pretty much said the same thing. Their sacred calling to amplify God's voice to guide, strengthen and heal the sheep was not happening. Another voice was being heard. Their vocation had been compromised. Their lives pointed to themselves rather than God. They just didn't, or wouldn't, understand the Lord's teaching.

Jesus, The Good Shepherd, reminds us how the voice of God, His Grace, is recognised by us, the sheep. God's Grace fundamentally seeks to protect us from harm. The ministry of Jesus continues to protect us. Middle East shepherding – with much smaller flocks and no fenced fields – necessarily involved shepherds 'knowing' their sheep and calling them by name. The shepherds lived among their flock. During the night they slept across the entrance of the pen to protect the sheep from roaming predators. During the day the shepherds led the sheep into safe pastures where the flock were nourished and nurtured.

In the life and ministry of our Jesus, we see Godly shepherding par excellence. Yes, the Lord teaches us, the sheep, how to follow the Way, how to hear His voice. Yet He also teaches us about shepherding, how God protects us, through the sacrificial, personal, ministry of shepherds.

Every Christian is called to be a shepherd. This expectation is doubled for those who dare to serve in church leadership. You are entitled to experience that in us, in me. If or when shepherding is communicated impersonally, or without sacrifice for the sheep, you know this is not the voice of God speaking. You will know yet another Pharisee is speaking. God give us the Grace to say **yes, it was me**, I was personal and sacrificial, in the way I followed Jesus, the Good Shepherd, whatever our calling.

John 10:1-10

Fr John C

St Mary's Church Hartley Wintney

Join us for a celebration of Musical theatre and Classical Repertoire
featuring Students and Alumna of Music from

Queen Mary's College

Saturday 6th June 2026 7:00—9:15pm

Refreshments available from the bar at 6:00pm and during interval

A 'musical journey' through the most memorable,
heartfelt moments of Broadway and the West End

Escape from the ordinary and lose yourself in a classical repertoire.

Tickets: <https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/whats-on/a-summer-evening-of-music>



NEW PARISH DATABASE SYSTEM - CHURCHSUITE

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.

A NAME FOR THE PARISH WE ARE BECOMING

There is much to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

Over the coming weeks, we will hear more about the Local Mission Plan and the vision it sets before us. As part of this, we will soon be invited to help **discern a new name for the parish we are becoming**.

At its heart is a simple Gospel moment. Like Bartimaeus, we are called to hear the voice of Jesus and respond:

“Take heart. Rise. He is calling you.” Mark 10:49

This is the invitation for us. To become a parish where people truly belong, encounter Christ, and grow in faith, together.

As we move towards becoming one parish family, our individual church names, like The Sacred Heart, will remain unchanged. Alongside them, **a new parish name will be given**. A shared name that reflects who we are becoming and the mission we share.

Key dates:

- Sunday 10th May (Sixth Sunday of Easter): Shortlist of six names shared
- Sunday 7th June (Feast of Corpus Christi): Voting concludes
- Bishop Philip will make the final decision.

For now, take heart, listen, and pray for where the Lord is leading us.

Take some time to read the Local Mission Plan magazine using the link below

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/fae88b7530.html>

Or point your phone camera at the QR code below.



Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20th June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please contact your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), in Bishop's Office. Thank you.

