

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A - 10 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)

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	

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 16 May	6:00 pm	Mass	Eddie Autie RIP Joanna's Intentions
Sun 17 May	10:00 am	Mass	Baby Sephan Joe Thoms RIP Laski Family Intentions
Mon 18 May	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

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



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for **Shirley Henderson RIP** (daughter in law of Juliet Henderson) who died this week. *May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God. Rest in Peace.*



LITURGY OF THE WORD



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 365

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14: 15 - 21

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

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

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.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 26th April and 2 May amounted to £1,726.46 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections.

Thank you

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Working with children and Adults at Risk Training must be renewed every 3 years.

The next face to face training is on Saturday 6th June 10:00—13:00 hours at St Bede's church Basingstoke.

To Book Direct email:

Safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

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

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

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2026 – Hook

Lean on me. Have you ever faced a challenge where you just had to ask for help? During my legal studies I found Property and Company Law almost impossible. I failed both exams, first time around. One of my colleagues, a woman called Reem noticed my struggle. **“Lean on me,”** she said. Throughout the summer preceding the resits in September, she travelled to Paddington Station meeting me every week to work through the blocks. I leant on her. Without Reem I would not have qualified. Simple as that.

*“You believe in God; **believe also in me.**”*

Jesus pleads with us today, believe in me, trust me, rely on me, **lean on me.** Jesus recognised faith in the Disciples, that they truly believed in God. Yet they struggled to see God in Jesus. They’re faith, their reliance, stopped short of the Lord. Where was the blockage?

Some of you may remember this song by Bill Withers. The second verse goes like this:

‘Please **swallow your pride**, if I have things you need to borrow. For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show.’

Pride, the sin of self-reliance, is probably a massive problem for most of us, particularly in the West. Independence is something for which we strive. Dependence, reliance, is something we resist and deny as something shameful. Yet we are instructed today,

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me...”

There is no other way, Brothers and Sisters. There is only one gate through which we enter God’s Kingdom, in this world as well as the next. Both worlds are in the process of being joined together. We have been called to get involved in the joint venture. It begins when I acknowledge my pride, when I honestly recognise my inability to go it alone. It begins when I humbly put my hand up to ask for help and accept it, from the One who pleads **lean on me.** It begins when we become Christ for another this coming week, when we say to them, **lean on me.**

John 14:1-12

Fr John C

UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Wednesday May 13th is WUCWO(World Union of Catholic Women’s Organisations) Day of peace.

To celebrate this special day, the UCM will be holding a prayer session for world peace at 11am in the Convent.

All are most welcome to join us

ENROLEMENT AND RECOMMITMENT

Enrolment of new members and recommitment of existing members is on Sunday 17th May during the 10am Mass.

A NAME FOR THE PARISH WE ARE BECOMING

Through the "You Will Be My Witnesses" Diocesan Mission Plan, and guided by our Local Mission Plan, our four parishes are coming together as one Parish, with a shared mission. A shortlist of 6 names has been carefully and prayerfully discerned, in line with the direction of the Diocese.

Vote for your preferred name. You are invited to approach this prayerfully. Let the Holy Spirit guide you.

Voting is available online (via link or QR code) or through paper ballots at your church.

Link: <https://forms.gle/thMgN5xoSpmBj1C19>

Voting closes on Corpus Christi Sunday, 7th June.



ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 23rd May 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "THE GIFTS AND FRUIT OF LOVE." How the Holy Spirit empowers us to be other Christs. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Dr. Maria Heath, Director of Mission Northampton. Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAY2026 Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

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>



THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

"An International Exhibition, 'The Eucharistic Miracles of the World' is coming to Wokingham from the 23rd May to 7th June 2026. We invite everyone to visit this exhibition at Corpus Christi Church, Sturges Rd, Wokingham RG40 2HE. Free Entry. This exhibition was designed and created by St Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), an Italian teenager and computer whiz kid, referred to as the "patron saint of the internet".

The Relic of St Carlo Acutis will also visit the church on 30th & 31st May 2026. A number of events are planned for these 2 days. More details can be found at www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org."

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.



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

We are seeking singers to join the choir for the **Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass** at St Bede's church on **Sat 20th June**.

If you can read music or hold a tune and would like to help make this a memorable celebration for the couples of our diocese, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Chris Olding at cjolding@wheatsheafmusic.co.uk for information

ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

run by the Verbum Dei Community on the Isle of Wight - 13th - 15th June. It wants to explore how Catholic families are called to be "...like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season." (Ps 1:3) Our couples' retreats want to give space for the couple to nurture their relationship in the love of God, to grow in their communication and explore their renewed purpose and mission.

For more info, please, contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com or www.uk.verbumdei.org.