

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A - 17 MAY 2026

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Sacred Heart Church, The Priests House, London Road, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9LA

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)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 16 May	6:00 pm	Mass	Eddie Autie RIP Joanna's Intentions Shirley Henderson RIP
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	

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sat 23 May	6:00 pm	Mass	Laski Family Intentions Mary & John Gornall RIP
Sun 24 May	10:00 am	Mass	John Flanagan RIP
Mon 25 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@sacredhearhook.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 & Emrys Hughes



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading Acts 1: 12 - 14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26

**I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
In the land of the living.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4: 13 - 16

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!**

Gospel John 17: 1 - 11



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

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

MARY'S MONTH

As we begin the month of May, which traditionally among Catholics is known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when devotions are made in honour of the Blessed Mother. Let us pray for our Diocese, for one another and for peace.

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

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

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

Shanthy Fernando is our representative on the SLT

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

POPE LEO MAY PRAYER INTENTION

During May Pope Leo asks us to pray that everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



Sixth Sunday of Easter – 2026

To Have and to Hold. A week ago, we celebrated Natsha and Ryan’s wedding here at church. Later in the day I reflected on the celebration. I thought it had gone well. All of a sudden, I couldn’t remember whether I had said those words, ‘To have and to hold, for richer, for poorer...’. ‘Have I just performed an illegal marriage?? Thank God for Livestream!

‘To have and to hold’; poetic, yet rooted, words. Many have naturally accused me of being a bit rosy-eyed about marriage. Yet, the life of having and holding has very deep roots indeed because it is rooted in God.

“They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me...”

The ‘having’ refers to knowledge, a cerebral exercise, if left alone. The ‘keeping’ or ‘holding’ refers to the heart. We hold the Commandments, the Lord’s Command to love God, neighbour and self, close to our heart. This is God’s language, how God communicates with us, how we respond.

Too often ‘keeping the Commandments’ has been interpreted as an act of the will, a head thing. It’s a burden we wrestle every day, frequently failing, and getting depressed over. Yet keeping the Commandments, as Christ teaches, concerns the activity of loving, not wrestling. Love cannot be measured by checks and balances.

Yes, holding, keeping, loving, God, neighbour and self does involve hard work and sacrifice, but it happens because our whole beings, body, soul, mind and spirit, tap into the power of the Holy Spirit. God’s Spirit continues to advocate, enlighten, challenge, heal, strengthen and comfort us, as we co-work the Kingdom of heaven here on earth. Last week’s Gospel,

“...whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these...”

This is what we are here for, Brothers and Sisters. Having and holding the Commandments of God means we continue to do the works of Jesus. Even greater works are expected of us. I believe doing His work, even greater works, is entirely possible if we are seriously focused on the ministry of loving as Jesus did. Under the power of the Holy Spirit, we shall see great things.

John 14:15-21

Fr John C

UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

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@wheatshafmusic.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.