

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 11 July 2026 - Page 102

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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)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 11 July	6:00 pm	Mass	Tracey Watts RIP
Sun 12 July	10:00 am	Mass	Intentions of Rita Saunders
	12:30 pm	Baptism	Elora DCosta
Mon 13 July	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	
Fri 17 July	7:00 pm	Confirmation Mass	

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 18 July	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sun 19 July	10:00 am	Mass	Pam Atkinson RIP
Mon 20 July	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
Give as you live Please see the QR codes in the church and in the newsletter.

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, Ken Musgrave, Sylvia Hosking, Fr Jean Patrice, Rosemary Armstrong, David Xavier, John Kidd, Anne Mitchell, Peter Ward, Sheila Barlow, Andrew Henderson, Maeve Crangle, Mairi Fraser & Kevin & Rita Saunders



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

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 21 & 28 June amounted to £1,608.23 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. **Thank you**

PASTORAL COUNCIL REVIEW

Thank you to everyone who stayed for the review after Mass last weekend.

The answers to the questions will be published next weekend.

Thank you

DIOCESE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Now published on the Diocese website: the report highlights the progress and many achievements of the year across the length and breadth of our Diocese, as well as explaining how our income sustains our Diocese, our clergy and parishes.
<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/document/annual-report-2025/>

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 themselves 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

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading Isaiah 64: 10 - 11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 64

Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop

Second Reading: Romans 8: 18 - 23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13: 1 - 23

POPPY APPEAL

Calling all knitters and crocheters! Last year we had a fantastic response to our poppy appeal. This year we hope to put at least two more panels up over the hedge, so if you are able to help, please speak to either Maggie Wood or Candy Head. We have patterns available and any donations of red wool would be much appreciated.
Many thanks



HOOK UCM

Tuesday UCM knitting and crochet group
2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30 in the tea room.

Save the Date - Table Top Sale:

Sunday 6th September 2026, monies raised for The National Autistic Society.



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

ADORATION FOR PEACE

Tuesday evenings 7:30—8:30pm
Everyone is welcome to all of the above

STELLA MARIS

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

PARISH NAME VOTE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone across our Pastoral Area who took the time to pray, discern and vote on the name of our future parish. We received an excellent response, with **just over 1,400 votes** submitted across our churches and schools.

The results showed three clear front-runners. The following names were by some distance the most popular choices:

- Christ Our Light
- Our Lady, Queen of Peace
- St Carlo Acutis

What is quite extraordinary is how close the voting was. All three names received very similar levels of support across the Pastoral Area.

These three names will now be submitted to Bishop Philip, who will prayerfully discern and choose the final name for our new parish.

This marks an important milestone in our journey towards becoming a single parish. In simple terms, this means that our churches will remain as St Joseph's, Sacred Heart, St Bede's, St Michael's and St Oswald's, while together becoming one parish, officially recognised by the Church and united by a shared mission and future as we seek to become missionary disciples together. Thank you for your participation, your prayers, and your continued support as we continue this journey together.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2026

"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

This familiar quote from the Lord speaks of His Grace, once again, and how it works in our lives, if we allow it. Three images come to mind that may assist.

The first occurred on the fifth floor of my hotel room, during the week. Seagulls. Have you ever watched them gliding. Their aviation prowess speaks to be second to none. They move great distances, extremely fast, effortlessly. They seem to know how to use the thermals in the air to great effect. God's Grace works very similarly. When we fly on the thermal that is the Holy Spirit, we are uplifted. Even the heaviest burdens turn out to be much easier to bear.

The second concerned Tracey. Tracey's funeral took place yesterday. The last couple of years were, by all accounts, very challenging. Yet she lived in joy, never without a smile, even in the face of extreme hardship. Tracey lived with God's Grace in her veins.

I received a letter from Ruby, one of our Confirmation Candidates, during the week. She writes,

"...as I have gotten older, I have found that sitting in Mass, and praying and feeling closer to God, has given me a sense of comfort and peace, and in times of distress or worry, I have always been able to pray. Even if that doesn't resolve my problems, or take them away, it has a way of making them seem easier."

Brothers and Sisters, we pray for Grace. We pray for gentle and humble hearts to receive it.

Matthew 11:25-30

Fr John C

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH E-NEWS

It is worth subscribing to the Diocese e-news for a wealth of information about pilgrimages, social action, liturgy, Catholic News in the Diocese and around the world and more.

See <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

NEW PARISH DATABASE SYSTEM - CHURCHSUITE

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.
Thank you to all those who have already registered.

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:



ADORE spiritual mini-retreat 25th July

10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "HIS BANNER OVER US IS LOVE."
Responding to God's invitation to His heavenly banquet.
Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker **Russ Fairman**, Member of the National CHARIS renewal team.
Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2026
Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

Week Silent Retreat at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre on the Isle of Wight - 21st - 28th August 2026. Time to be renewed, empowered, re-energised by being with and listening to God.
"Come to Me and you will live..." (Is. 55:3) For more info, please, contact
us: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com or www.uk.verbumdei.org.

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

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PHOTOGRAPHS

You may be aware that photos are taken at some of the church/parish events. For this purpose we need to know if there are any objections to these being put on the website or parish Facebook. If you do not want to appear in the above please make your objection known. Many thanks.