

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



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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 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)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fri 17 July	7:00 pm		Confirmation Mass
Sat 18 July	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sun 19 July	10:00 am	Mass	Pam Atkinson RIP Intentions of Betty Spiller
Mon 20 July	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 25 July	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sun 26 July	10:00 am	Mass	Kate & John Daly RIP
	12:00 noon	Baptism	Otilie & Elodie Burt
Mon 27 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 5 & 12 July amounted to £1,643.93 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections.

The retiring collection for Sea Sunday raised £276.20

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



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Wisdom 12: 13, 16 - 19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 26 - 27

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13: 24 - 43

CONFIRMATION

Please keep in your prayer our confirmation candidates who were confirmed on Friday 17th July here at Sacred Heart.

Congratulations to Seoras, Hamish, Elspeth, Alma, Edith, Eibhlin, Norah, Ruby, Abigail, Maria, Marcus, Annabelle, Pheobe & Ottilie, .

A huge "thank you" to our dedicated Catechists.



PASTORAL COUNCIL REVIEW

A booklet of the questions and answers is available at the back of the church, and on the website (PC minutes page).

BAPTISM

Welcome to the family of God.

William Wyatt, who was baptised here in Sacred Heart on Thursday 9th July and Elora Jade Dcosta, who was baptised here in Sacred Heart on Sunday 12th July. **Congratulations.**

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

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



ST DOMINIC

The Sister's would like to invite you to a Mass on Friday 7th August at 5:45pm in the Convent Chapel. To celebrate their Saints Day. There is a sign up sheet on the welcomer's table if you would like to attend.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2026 – Hook

Dirty Glasses. I was doing some domestics around the flat. I noticed I was bumping into things, edges of doors, furniture. I was getting a little bit ratty, then I suddenly realised. I couldn't see a thing out of my glasses. Out came one of those cloths. A new beautiful world was revealed! Still a mess, but a less bumpy mess.

Today Jesus is prompting us to clean our spiritual glasses, regularly, so that our souls can understand that the Kingdom of God is very near, and that we need to allow God to reign on earth as He does in heaven. But this isn't particularly easy.

"The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away."

This past couple of weeks I discovered some rocky ground. Something awful happened to me. It really hurt me. It was so unjust, unfair and untrue, that I had to seek legal advice. The whole thing enveloped me. I was just about to shell out a significant sum to my lawyers when something, or rather someone, stopped me. I remembered. I am a Christian. Suddenly, Grace broke into my self-absorbed world! Yes, I have suffered a grave injustice, yet again, but they are still my brothers and sisters. Yes, I am still to love them as my family. So, this week I'm going to write a letter to end the dispute, and to tell them why. Because I, hopefully we, believe in the Lord.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, don't let

"...troubles, persecutions...worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth..."

distract you from the message that the beautiful world that is God's Kingdom is extremely near. Let Christ reign in your heart, in your life, like never before, and you will be fruitful, a hundred, sixty, thirty-fold, depending on how you cooperate with His Grace. **Clean your glasses!**

Matthew 13:1-20

Fr John C

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.

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

Silent Retreat at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre

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.

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Where everyone is warmly welcome

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:
Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September 2026, monies raised for The National Autistic Society.

A few weeks ago Sam gave a very enlightening talk on his autism and how he deals with it in everyday life. Many parishioners commented on it, so the UCM is going to hold a Table Top Sale; after Mass on Saturday 5th September and Sunday 6th September to raise money for the Autistic Charity—a very worthy cause.
But we need your help !!
We would be very grateful for donations of new and nearly new clothes and accessories as well as Bric and Brac items. These can be left at the back of the church.
There will also be a cake stall and we would be delighted if you could offer to make cakes and biscuits for us to sell. (and include a full list of ingredients).
A plant stall—so anyone with green fingers we'd be very pleased with any contributions.
God bless and Thank you.

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.