

# 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 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)

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

|             |            |                     |                                      |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat 25 July | 6:00 pm    | Mass                | <b>For Finishing your 'A' levels</b> |
|             |            | Confirmation        | <b>Rosie Amodeo</b>                  |
| Sun 26 July | 10:00 am   | Mass                | <b>Kate &amp; John Daly RIP</b>      |
|             |            | Confirmation        | <b>Sam Harrison</b>                  |
|             | 12:00 noon | Baptism             | <b>Otilie &amp; Elodie Burt</b>      |
| Mon 27 July | 9:30 am    | Mass in the Convent |                                      |

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

|              |          |                     |                                                       |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 1 August | 6:00 pm  | Mass                |                                                       |
| Sun 2 August | 10:00 am | Liturgy of the Word | <b>Damian Maranzano RIP &amp; Vincent Licence RIP</b> |
| Mon 3 August | 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, David Xavier, John Kidd, Anne Mitchell, Peter Ward, Sheila Barlow, Mairi Fraser, Andrew Henderson, Maeve Crangle, 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](mailto:ppc@sacredhearthook.org) or drop them into the parish office.

The minutes are available from the welcomers table.

### **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).

### **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**

#### **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**First Reading** 1 Kings 3: 5, 7 - 12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 118

**Lord, how I love your law!**

**Second Reading:** Romans 8: 28 - 30

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Matthew 13: 44 - 52

### **SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST**

On Sunday 2nd Father John will be away, and we will be welcoming Deacon Tony from Basingstoke to celebrate a liturgy of the word with communion.

We will have Mass on Saturday evening and there are various Masses available at St Joseph's Basingstoke (9am and 11am) or St Bede's Basingstoke (9am and 11am). Also Mass is available at Hartley Wintney (8:45am) and Yateley (10:45am).

### **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. Please join the Sister's afterwards for a light refreshment. All are welcome.

### **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



### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026– Year A – Hook**

**Love Without Strings.** A couple of years ago I remember visiting a family who were at their wits end. Their son, in his early twenties, had ‘gone off the rails’. Yet, more than anything else, the couple feared what God might think of them because Mum and Dad had decided **NOT** to disown or reject their son, even though the path he was choosing was wrong. So, they asked me, “Father John, what do you think?” I responded by kneeling before both of them to say these words of Jesus,

*“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness.”*

Grace begets Grace, in other words. I imagine it must be one of the hardest aspects of being a mum or dad, watching your children go down a road that you know can only end in tears. In a very different sense, I watch and feel that too. Why do people seemingly choose what is clearly not the Way of Jesus, the Way of Love, causing needless pain to themselves and to others in the process? Answer. Because I make mistakes too. Because we all make mistakes! There for the Grace of God. A maxim we should never forget!

Thus, Christians do not write people off, cast out, exclude or excommunicate. God doesn’t rip us out of the field when we behave like weeds. He rather gives us the Grace and time – for as long as we are spared - to work through these things.

*“Let both grow together until the harvest.”*

And we do this ‘working through things’ - learning to love in other words - together, as a family should. The Lord asks of us two things in return. First, don’t waste time!! Second, we must pass on the Grace we receive to others, including our children. When do this lavishly, sacrificially, by the way we **love without strings**, even greater things happen. Grace begets Grace.

**Matthew 13:24-43**

**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 newcomers 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:



#### **The Fanning the Flame Summer Camp for 11-17 year olds - 17th - 21st August**

In the beautiful grounds of St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury.  
The theme this year is Allegiance - "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). As the baptised faithful, we are already aligned with Christ. Through an examination of the lives of the saints and fostering a growing love for the sacraments we will look at how we can come closer to Christ and stand up joyously for the life He invites us to, especially in such challenging times.  
The camp runs from 17th - 21st August, for 11-17 year olds and is £195. The camp includes daily sacraments, prayer of the Church, age-appropriate teaching, sports, team activities, craft, workshops and more. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in faith and make friends in Catholic fellowship and the camping is easy!  
For more information or to get in contact please visit [www.fanningtheflame.co.uk](http://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk).  
Please keep the camp in your prayers!

#### **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](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com) or [www.uk.verbumdei.org](http://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.