

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
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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)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 1 August	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sun 2 August	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word	Damian Maranzano RIP Vincent Licence RIP
Mon 3 August	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	
Fri 7 August	5:45 pm	Mass	St Dominic

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 8 August	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sun 9 August	10:00 am	Mass	Fen Wadhams RIP Intentions of Rebecca Carter
Mon 10 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 19 & 26 July amounted to £1,812.14 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections.

Thank you

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to Rosie Amodeo who was confirmed on Saturday 25th July here at Sacred Heart.



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

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 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

Welcome to Deacon Tony from Basingstoke who is here today 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).

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading Isaiah 55: 1 - 3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144

**You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires.**

Second Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37 - 39

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!**

**Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 14: 13 - 21

BAPTISM

Welcome to the family of God.

Ottillie and Elodie Burt, who were baptised here in Sacred Heart on Sunday 26th July. **Congratulations.**

ST DOMINIC

The Sister's would like to invite you to a Mass on Friday 7th August at 5:45pm in the Church. 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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Next weekend Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August we will be meeting in the hall after Mass to celebrate Father John's Birthday. All are welcome

Father John's birthday on 11th August and he will be 21 again.

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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2023 – Year A – Hook

All Embracing. I remember the feeling when I bought my first car. JFX465V, a gold metallic 1.1 Ford Fiesta with no head rest! My Grandmother actually paid for it, but I remember saving like mad from my wages to fund the running costs. The cause was all embracing.

Both the prospector and the merchant in the first two parables sold all they had, joyfully, to buy the treasure-bearing field, the pearl, an all-embracing cause. **Living in God's Kingdom is all embracing**, embracing God's will on earth as in heaven. Grace leads us to find it by our intentional seeking after it, or 'accidentally' stumbling into God following a significant life event. The light bulb goes on, and we discover there is nothing more valuable than to live in God's life.

That's the theory. I don't know about you, but I don't appear to be there quite yet. Yes, I accept there is nothing more important than allowing God's will to govern my life. Yes, I believe that God has my best interests at heart and His will is the way to go. Yet, I still find myself wrestling with other treasures and pearls, which I know through experience never deliver. The repetitive predictability of it all can lead to hopelessness, even depression.

I believe the Lord is speaking to this scenario too. There was a man, fully human, who willingly decided to give up everything to buy a treasure-bearing field, a precious pearl. The treasure, the pearl, was the human race. Jesus literally gave everything, including His own life, to purchase our freedom; our liberation from distracted and compromised wills, which are all too often linked to hopelessness and depression.

One of the greatest perils in trying to live a Christian life is self-obsession. Doing 'good' or 'bad' alike can lead to introspection. It so easily becomes all about me! Both represent pride. We stop looking outwards. A Christian looks outwards. Christians should never obsess about what s/he has done. **Christians embrace all that God has done.**

Matthew 13:44-52

Fr John C

VOLUNTEER AGREEMENTS

The Diocese have asked that all volunteers in the Parish sign a volunteer agreement, it doesn't matter how long you have been volunteering.

Many of our volunteers generously give their time in roles that involve handling confidential or personal information. To help keep everyone safe and supported, it is important that this information — whether it is a door code, details of financial donations, or personal data — is kept confidential and not shared or used inappropriately either during or after volunteering.

To support this, the Diocese have introduced a Volunteer Agreement. This also sets out what volunteers can expect in terms of training, insurance and expenses.

Over the next couple of weeks, you will be asked to sign an agreement and will receive a volunteer handbook.

We are also looking at who has keys to either the church or the hall. If you have keys could you please let the office know .



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:



DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY – PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Saturday 10 October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's, Basingstoke

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. Inspired by Jesus' words, "*Go therefore and make disciples...*" (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend.

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 : verbumdei.iow@gmail.com or www.uk.verbumdei.org.

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SACRED HEART CHURCH
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.