

SACRED HEART PARISH

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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)

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Sat 8 August	6:00 pm	Mass	Intentions of Teresa and Bogusz
Sun 9 August	10:00 am	Mass	Fen Wadhams RIP Anna Aliniab RIP Intentions of Rebecca Carter
Mon 10 August	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

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Sat 15 August	12 noon	Baptism	Ronan Kelly
	6:00 pm	Mass	Intentions of Luka Laski
Sun 16 August	10:00 am	Mass	Private Intention Intentions of Teresa and Bogusz
Mon 17 August	9:30 am	Confirmation Mass in the Convent	Sam Harrison

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Wishing Father John
a Happy Birthday
this Tuesday

BIRTHDAY WISHES

This weekend we will be meeting in the hall after both Masses to celebrate Father John's Birthday.

ADORE spiritual mini-retreat

22nd August 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "LOVE MERCY"

Responding to God's mercy to us by forgiving others.

Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker **Fr Gareth Leyshon**, Leader of the Sion Community.

Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAUG2026

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

PARISH HOLIDAY

The parish office will be closed from Monday 10 August to Monday 31st August. The phone and email will be checked daily.



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



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Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

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Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 131

**Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest,
you and the ark of your strength.**

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



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

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

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Please Pray for the following Priests who have been asked to take up a new appointment this Autumn

- Fr. David Bateman to Jersey as Assistant Priest
- Fr. Ambrose Chou to English Martyrs Reading as Assistant Priest
- Fr. Marcin Drabik to Guernsey as Parish Priest and Dean
- Fr. Mohanraj Edward to Gosport as Priest in Charge
- Fr. Oliver Ezeani to Cosham and Paulsgrove as Priest in Charge
- Fr. Michael Fava to Winchester as Parish Priest and Coordinating Pastor
- Fr. Inna Gade to Southbourne and Iford as Priest in Charge
- Fr. Mark Hogan to Abingdon as Parish Priest and Coordinating Pastor
- Fr. Darryl Jordan to Waterside as Priest in Charge
- Fr. Matthew King to Thatcham as Priest in Charge
- Fr. Innaiah Maddineni to Netley and Woolston as Priest in Charge
- Fr. James McGrath to Newbury as Parish Priest
- Fr. Paul Nwune to Newport & Totland IoW as Priest in Charge
- Fr. Ephraim Odhiambo MHM to Millbrook as Priest in Charge
- Fr. Jack Ryan to St. Edmund's Southampton as Assistant Priest
- Fr. Benjamin Theobald to Wokingham as Parish Priest
- Canon Simon Thomson to Lymington, Brockenhurst and Milford on Sea as Parish Priest and Coordinating Pastor
- Fr. Benedikt Timpe to St. Edmund's Southampton as Assistant Priest
- Fr. Andrew Wagstaff to Waterlooville, Horndean, Leigh Park and Hayling Island as Parish Priest and Coordinating Pastor

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Helping People. Nick believes in helping people. He does it repeatedly, sacrificially, to the point of taking seriously ill people on holiday with him. He never stops looking out for others. At the same time, he gets really confused when he sees Christians choosing not to help people. "It's all about helping people," Nick says.

The disciples came to Jesus and said,

"This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

The followers of Jesus wanted to pass the buck, understandably perhaps. I am sure they were concerned about the people getting hungry. Naturally, given the five loaves and two fish, they did not recognise an opportunity to help the crowd themselves. Yet Jesus instructed them,

"You give them something to eat."

They brought the loaves and fish to Jesus who supernaturally multiplied what they had to more than satisfy the thousands attending.

The disciples learned a lesson. We must learn the lesson. When we bring what we have to the Lord in the service of neighbour – helping people - miracles happen. What seems to be impossible at first glance, becomes a reality, supernaturally, by Grace. When we perceive needs out there, it's not someone else's job. The Church was founded to be a beacon of love where everyone sees God's Grace in action.

A thousand years ago England was full of thriving monasteries. The people massively supported them because they saw love in action. Monasteries founded our hospitals, schools, universities, farming, industry, then greed set in. Self-interest displaced service. Love disappeared. The monasteries disappeared. Their purpose had been forgotten.

When our churches return to being beacons of love, there will be no talk of amalgamation. Ten-Year plans will speak of growth, expansion, supernatural multiplication because we will be living in God's Grace.

I hope and pray our 75th Anniversary deliberations will be dominated by Grace, the mission to be a beacon of love in action for the people of Hook and beyond.

Matthew 14:13-21

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.

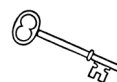
To support this, the Diocese have introduced a Volunteer Agreement. This also sets out what volunteers can expect in terms of training, insurance and expenses.

Over the next couple of weeks, you will be asked to sign an agreement, please check the table at the back for your envelope. Please check the website for the 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 .

VOLUNTEER



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.