

# 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)

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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|---------------|----------|------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 22 August | 6:00 pm  | Mass | Intention of Lukas Laski                           |
| Sun 23 August | 10:00 am | Mass | Intention of Rita Saunders<br>Elizabeth Connor RIP |

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| Mon 24 August | 9:30 am | Mass in the Convent |
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### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Sat 29 August | 6:00 pm    | Mass    | Edward Hughes RIP                             |
| Sun 30 August | 10:00 am   | Mass    | Private Intention<br>Intention of Lukas Laski |
|               | 12:00 noon | Baptism | Maisie Pinto                                  |



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| Mon 31 August | 9:30 am | Mass in the Convent |
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### CONFESSIONS & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Father John will be available after Mass for Confessions and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.

### MASS INTENTIONS

### 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



### 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.

### 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. Please check the table at the back for your envelope. A copy of the Volunteer Handbook can be found on our website.



### BAPTISM

Welcome to the family of God.  
Ronan Kelly, who was baptised here in Sacred Heart on Saturday 15th August. **Congratulations.**

### 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 AREA COMMITTEE (BASINGSTOKE)

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Shanthi Fernando is our representative on the SLT

### THANK YOU

Dear Brothers and Sisters thank you so much for all your gifts, cards, best wishes and prayers for my 40th birthday.

God bless John

### LITURGY OF THE WORD



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**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 137

**Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
Discard not the work of your hands**

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 62

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

### 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

### 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**

## New Parish Name Announcement

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to share some very special news. Bishop Philip has chosen the name of the parish we are becoming:

### **The Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Peace**

To see a video message from Fr John Lee copy the URL <https://youtu.be/Zsan1NedMcg>

This is a significant and joyful moment in the journey we have been making together.

The consultation showed just how much thought, prayer and affection went into choosing a name for our new parish. The three leading names received remarkably similar levels of support, with less than two percentage points between them. Bishop Philip has now discerned Our Lady, Queen of Peace as the name under which our communities will come together.

These are exciting times. We are bringing together five churches, each with its own history, patronage, people and character, while beginning to see more clearly what God may be asking of us together.

We also know that change naturally brings questions. The identity of our individual churches is not disappearing. Each will keep its own name, patronage and story.

· St Bede's Church and Holy Ghost Church Basingstoke, Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Peace

· St Joseph's Church Basingstoke, Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Peace

· Sacred Heart Church Hook, Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Peace

· St Michael's Church Tadley, Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Peace

· St Oswald's Church Burghfield Common, Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Peace

We are not losing the stories of our individual communities. We are bringing those stories together within one parish and one shared mission. Our Mission Plan has never simply been about changing structures. It is about renewal and mission.

We want to become missionary disciples: people who follow Jesus and, through the way they live, help others to encounter and follow him too. That starts by meeting people where they are, listening well and helping each person take their next step in faith. It means learning to see more clearly, responding when Christ calls, discovering the gifts God has given us, growing in faith and following Jesus more closely. [reference to Bartimaeus]

There is much more to come. Bishop Philip will write formally about his decision when he returns from leave, and in October we will share a fuller update on the next stage of our Mission Plan, what happens next and how each of us can play our part.

For today, though, let us simply receive this as a moment of joy and thanksgiving.

God bless,

Fr John Lee

## **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady – 2026 – Hook**

**Bucket Lists.** A bucket list – a relatively recent idea sparked by ‘kick the bucket’ – is defined as a set of goals, dreams, and experiences that a person wants to achieve during their lifetime before they die. Being the age I am I found myself talking to chap of a similar ilk during the week. He eagerly leapt into mentioning his bucket list, which included a visit to the Grand Canyon and various other ‘experiences.’ Unbeknown to him I had just left the company of a young woman who has just days to live. Bucket lists did not feature in our conversation.

Yet, I believe we should all have bucket lists. Today, in the Magnificat, Our Lady - the first disciple of Jesus - teaches what should appear on the bucket list of every Christian, goals they want to achieve before they depart this world. ‘Experiences’ do feature by the way!

*“My Soul glorifies, magnifies, the Lord.”*

Mary uniquely revealed, magnified, God's life to the world like no other. Additionally, she shows us how to join her in carrying Christ to others. Mary says, fear the Lord, and His mercy will be extended to you. If you need mercy, fear Him, but what does this mean?

‘Fear of the Lord’ is not a paralyzing terror. It is a gift of Grace that enables us to have a genuine sense of awe and majestic respect for God's presence and power. It marks **the beginning of Wisdom**, the realisation that I can't go it alone; that I actually need God. It leads to humble submission, loving obedience, a constant turning, and returning, towards Him and away from evil. **A wise person understands and speaks the language of mercy.**

The Lord lifts high the humble. Humility means we attach more importance to others than we do to ourselves. Do I do that? God sides with those who are hungry and thirsty, spiritually as well as materially. Do I take God's side. The Christian Bucket List to achieve before I die, **fear the Lord, repent, be humble, be merciful.**

Luke 1:39-56

Fr John C

### **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:



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

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### **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.