

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 13 September 2026 - P. 128

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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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 12 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 13 Sept	10:00 am	Mass	Intentions of Luka Laski Father Gabriel Imstepf SMB RIP

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 19 Sept	12:00 noon	Baptism	Archie Gillett
	6:00 pm	Mass	Dolores Warren RIP Michael & Virgilius 60years anniversary
Sun 20 Sept	10:00 am	Mass	Our Brothers and Sisters Intentions of Teresa & Bogusz Anniversary Mary Fox
	12:30 pm	Baptism	Nicholas Franklin

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,
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.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 16 & 23 August amounted to £1,804.74 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. **Thank you**

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



CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to
Felix and Scarlett
Who were married in
The Sacred Heart Church
on Saturday 5th September

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

MISSION RED BOX THANK YOU AND APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Father Brian Oswald MHM to give an Red Box appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit support the Church around the World where it is young or in need. There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit. Please keep the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. To find out more: www.missio.org.uk

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102

**The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Our next FHC programme will be starting soon. To join the programme your child should be: 7yrs old or over, a Baptised Catholic, resident in Sacred Heart Parish and attending Mass weekly.



For enquiries please email: office@sacredhearthook.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 3rd Oct Curry Night

Sat 28/Sun 29 Nov Xmas Fayre

MARYFIELD CONVENT

Please note that from **Monday 14 September**, all services and parish activities taking place in the **Convent Chapel and Dining Room** will be suspended. These services and activities will recommence on **Monday 19 October** and will take place in the **Church or Parish Hall**. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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



CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

"Christians Against Poverty are delighted to be returning to St Bede's Church, Basingstoke to deliver a Money Coaching Course. This has been run successfully for the past few years. The course and all materials are free and there will be a free meal at the start of the evening too. Places are filling up, to book your free place please visit this link www.capuk.org This year's course takes place on Thursdays 15th, 22nd, 29th October and 5th November. Each evening starts at 7pm.

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REPOSITORY

Exciting new stock will be arriving over the next few weeks, so be sure to check back regularly.

Christmas is coming to Sacred Heart!

ADoRE

On **Saturday 19th September 10.00-13.00** there is another opportunity for your parishioners and communities to join us on Zoom for the next session in our ADoRE 2026 programme exploring God's amazing love. This month we focus on the theme: "HEALING - LOVE IN ACTION"- stepping out in love and faith to pray for people. This month's guest speaker will be **Ros Powell**, a Catholic Evangelist with a healing, deliverance and prophetic ministry, she is a frequent keynote speaker at New Dawn Conference. **Anyone can attend free of charge**, but they will need to register in advance here: bit.ly/ADORESEP2026 to participate in the next Zoom meeting. A reminder invitation email will also be sent out a week before the meeting.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF OCTOBER IN-PERSON MEETING

We hope many of your Community will also be able to join us in person for our October 24th meeting in Reading, if within reach. Anything you can do to publicise this event is appreciated. More details www.altonrenewal.com/2026.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2026

Being Shut Out. Occasionally, I visit other churches to be a worshipper just like you. This particular church - not close by - had a Holy Hour and Benediction, so I drove over. I was a few minutes late into the hour when I parked up and headed for the front door. Immediately I saw quite a few people in the pews as I reached for the handle. I pulled and pulled again. The door was locked... I gazed upon the Lord through the window, genuflected and left. It felt like I had been shut out, that I was somehow unrelated to these apparently devout brothers and sisters. No relationship.

Today the Lord reminds us that we are to live in relationship if we follow Him. The experience of 'Two' seems to be key.

Sort your difficulties out

'...just between the two of you... take one or two others along...'

'...if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.'

There is a sense that the Holy Spirit, Holy Wisdom, is particularly evident when we work and live as two or more. God works in relationships because God is relationship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is literally made of love lived in relationship. Love cannot substantially exist as a 'one'.

Two points here. First, sin. The influence of sin seduces me to intentionally serve myself, first, and to believe everyone else matters less and routinely shut others out. Yet, Jesus teaches us that this path leads to the destruction of self, rather than its promotion. It shuts out the possibility of loving and being loved, which is the Divine economy.

Second, living as two in good human relationships, crowned – but not restricted to - the Sacrament of Marriage, brings us into direct contact with God. God's Wisdom is revealed when we live and breathe as two, not one. So, strive to **live as two**. **Don't shut people out!**

Matthew 18:15-2

Fr John C

Parish Database System - ChurchSuite

Thank you to all those who have already registered. We strongly encourage everyone, especially families whose children will be receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, to register on this new database, ChurchSuite, as soon as possible. If you have problems with the links please email the office.

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/RFGROzEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FORMATION DAY FOR READERS

- Saturday 17th October, St Peter's

Pastoral Centre, St Peters, Winchester - 9am to 1.30pm.

Talks and Reflections.

Bring your own sandwiches, tea/coffee provided.

To book email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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HOOK UCM

The next UCM meeting is on Saturday 19th September in the Parish Hall

TUESDAY KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP

Please do join us on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.

We are hoping to make hats/blankets, etc to go to hospitals and care homes or anyone in need, so do please come along. All welcome. If anyone has some spare wool, they would like to donate to the group it will be gratefully received.



VOLUNTEER WITH MARRIAGE CARE

Join us in continuing to make the world of difference to thousands of couples - many of whom say our service helped them rebuild their relationship and keep their family together! Whether you can spare a few hours a month or much more, and whether you want a front-line role or prefer to work 'behind the scenes', there's a volunteering opportunity to suit you and a welcoming community for you to be a part of.

To find out more please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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.