

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 20 September 2026 - P. 131

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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 19 Sept	12:00 noon	Baptism	Archie Gillett
	6:00 pm	Mass	Dolores Warren RIP Michael & Virgilius 60th 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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 26 Sept	6:00 pm	Mass	Intentions of Shavkat & his family Maria Manuela & Fernando Vale Costa RIP
Sun 27 Sept	10:00 am	Mass	Intentions of Lukas Laski Intentions of Betty Wynne Mairi Fraser RIP

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.

THANK YOU

Sam and Jackie Harrison would like to extend a huge thank you to the UCM for their hard work during last week's Table Top Sale in aid of the National Autistic Society, which raised a fantastic amount. The fundraising event was inspired after Sam spoke at Mass about living with autism. Lauren Bartlett from the NAS fundraising department also expresses her gratitude to everyone who supported this event on behalf of the families this generous donation will help.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Home mission Sunday is the day parishes are asked to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support this vital work through a second collection. Weekend of 19th and 20th September.

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

MISSIO-MILL HILL APEAL

I just wanted to say a big thank you for the wonderful response to the Missio-Mill Hill appeal. A total of 13 people signed up to become red- box holders. Several people took home direct debit forms to fill out at home - one of which was handed to me before I left. In addition, £246 was given in cash donations, with another £100 in card reader donations. Well done and thank you for your support of Global Mission.

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

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!



CURRY NIGHT

**Saturday 3rd October
7:30pm (hall open from 7pm)**

Bring your own drinks.

Raffle tickets available after Mass
and on the night

Ticket Cost: £10

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144

The Lord is close to all who call him.

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!**



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

Sadly, due to an inability to achieve the standards required by current regulations – Fire, Health and Safety and Insurance coverage, we are no longer able to welcome members of the Parish into the Convent Chapel. Going forward, thanks to Sacred Heart Church, we will continue to offer a daily week-day service in the Parish Hall. We look forward to resuming the services on Monday 19th October at 9.30am and we hope to see you there.

God Bless

The Dominican Sisters of Malta

STELLA MARIS

Here at Sacred Heart we are supporting Stella Maris, the seafarers charity, at their Southampton Office. Seafarers can spend around nine months at a time away from their homes, families and friends, while ensuring that we receive food and other goods from around the world. Stella Maris chaplains provide practical, spiritual and emotional support.

For nearly two years we have been knitting woolly hats (really welcome for your head if you are on a ship in cold weather). We have collected chocolates for Christmas and Easter eggs and, more recently, we have been making small woollen toys that seafarers can take home for their children on their return. Our annual money collection for Stella Maris takes place on Sea Sunday in July.

We are now starting to collect boxes/tubs of chocolates for this Christmas (please ensure the 'Best before' or 'Use by' date stretches into 2027!) If you would like to knit hats, copies of the pattern will be available from the Welcomers Table (or online at <https://stellamaris.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Stella-Maris-Woolly-Hat-Patter1.pdf>). Small soft toys (maximum length about 10 inches) would also be very welcome (there are a wide variety of knitting and crochet patterns on the Internet!). Please leave all contributions at the back of the church or with the Sisters in the Convent. If you have any questions, please contact Brita (Saturday) or Penny (Sunday) after Mass or via the Office. Many thanks for your help, prayers and contributions, Brita, Penny, the chaplains and the seafarers.

ADORE

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.

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.



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



ON THE WAY: OUR PARISH RENEWAL, ONE STEP AT A TIME

What is our Guiding Star?

As we become one parish, there will be many decisions, opportunities and changes ahead. Some will be straightforward. Others will be messy because change can be difficult, especially when it touches things we value deeply. Whether the route is easy or difficult, we need to know what we are steering towards.

That is the purpose of a Guiding Star.

A Guiding Star is a fixed point that gives us direction. We return to it again and again to ask whether what we are doing is taking us towards the kind of parish Christ is calling us to become.

Our Guiding Star is the story of Bartimaeus.

Bartimaeus is sitting by the roadside when Jesus passes. He cries out. At first the crowd tries to silence him. Then Jesus stops and calls him. The crowd changes too:

"Take heart. Get up. He is calling you."

Bartimaeus throws aside his cloak, comes to Jesus, receives new sight and follows Him on the way.

Our Guiding Star statement

As one parish, we answer Christ's call with openness and trust, helping one another encounter Him, letting go of what holds us back, receiving His healing and new sight, and following Jesus together as missionary disciples.

Next week: what does this story mean for us personally, for our families and friends, and for the way our parish makes decisions?

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/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FORMATION DAY FOR READERS

Formation Day for Readers: 17th October 2026

It is not too late to sign up for the Formation Day for Readers being organised by the Diocesan Liturgy Team on 17th October 2026 at the Pastoral Centre in Winchester. All the details can be found on the attached PDF. Anyone wishing to attend is kindly asked to email liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org

MASS COUNT

Over the next four weekends, starting on Sunday 20 September, Parishes across all of the Dioceses of England and Wales will be undertaking their annual Mass count for the numbers of people in attendance at Sunday Masses.

Thank you in advance to all our Priests, Welcomers and parishioners who will be facilitating this important endeavour.

HOOK UCM

The next UCM meeting is on Saturday 19th September at 10:30am 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.