

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 27 September 2026 - P. 134

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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-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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 3 Oct	6:00 pm	Mass	Our Brothers and Sisters Joanna's Intentions
Sun 4 Oct	10:00 am	Mass	Intentions of Teresa & Bagusz Laska Intentions of Joan Duckworth Ann Woods 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.

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

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

QUINQUENNIAL

We recently had our 5 year inspection of our church, hall and priest's house. The report has now been published and can be found on our website. www.sacredhearthook.org

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekend of the 13 & 20 September amounted to £1,779.82 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. **Thank you**

BAPTISM

Welcome to the family of God. Archie Gillett and Nicholas Franklin who were baptised here in Sacred Heart last weekend. **Congratulations.**



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.**

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.

For enquiries please email:
office@sacredhearthook.org



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 3rd Oct

Curry Night

Sat 28/Sun 29 Nov

Xmas Fayre

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2026 – Hook

Bargaining Power. On the 3rd June 2013, I was admitted as a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales. The following day I was called into the office by the Partner, Kevin, whom you've now met. "How much do you think we should pay you?" he asked. A tad embarrassed, I beat about the bush and failed to answer the question. "How can I expect you to advocate on behalf of our clients if you are not prepared to advocate for yourself?" Kevin retorted.

On the face of it the hired hands in today's Gospel would have attracted praise at Hennessy and Hammudi Solicitors for standing up for themselves, standing up for fairness, as they saw it, equality, justice, all of which come into play in the earthly kingdom. Yet, the context of the parable, concerned the Kingdom of Heaven where God operates. We are reminded that God operates differently, thank God, from the mirage that purports to be justice in the hands of humans.

So how does God operate? In relation to every single person, past, present and future, God showers generosity. His Grace is offered, given and received simply because God loves. We receive Grace in a 'state of Grace', in a state of profound humility, gratitude and love. Grace cannot be measured or quantified any more than love can be measured or quantified. When we start measuring, questioning worthiness, when we start judging, as we all sometimes do, we are choosing to live in the Kingdom of this world instead of the Kingdom of Heaven; choosing to reject Grace in favour of grind and grief in other words.

So, we are reminded today of the unbridled, unfettered, gratuitous way God operates towards His children, you and I. He is the gift that keeps on giving, given in the hope – by Grace – that we will become more like God's one and only Son. If, this coming week, you find yourself giving without any hope of return, forgiving seventy times seven times, loving without reference to measure, check or balance, you know you are living in the Kingdom of heaven. **Do not bargain with God. Love him.**

Matthew 20:1-16

Fr John C

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



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.



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

What does our Guiding Star mean for us?

There is something in that story for every one of us.

Sometimes we are Bartimaeus. We need healing, courage, a new beginning or simply the confidence to take another step towards Christ. Sometimes it is one of our children, someone in our family, a friend or somebody we care for who needs encouragement.

Sometimes we are the crowd. We can make another person's journey harder, or become the people who say: "Take heart. Get up." And sometimes we have our own cloak to throw aside: something familiar or comfortable that is holding us back. This is why almost everything in our renewal comes back to the Guiding Star: worship, Alpha, young people, volunteering, communications, leadership, our buildings, our finances and the way our five communities grow together.

The question is always essentially the same:

Is this helping us, and the people entrusted to us, hear Christ's call, come to Him and follow Him?

The Guiding Star gives us our direction. The Local Mission Plan helps turn that direction into action.

Next: B.E.C.O.M.E. and a very personal question:

What is my next step towards Christ, and how can I help someone I love take theirs?

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

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.

ADOREMUS 2026

Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Congress initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen devotion to the Eucharist and encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be an Eucharistic Procession in the grounds of St Bede's School on the afternoon of Friday 9th October, starting at 2pm, leading into all night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Bede's Church through to 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended when exposed, so we are asking that people sign up for an hour's slot (or more) sometime through the Exposition. Please sign up using the link: <https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/idxppxa1>

ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

I will give you hidden treasures (Is 45:3) – 16th – 18th Oct. – at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre on the Isle of Wight. For more info, please, contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com, www.uk.verbumdei.org