

SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 04 October 2026 - P. 137

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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 Church and Grounds for security purposes.

MASS TIMES

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 3 Oct	2:00pm		Sacramental Care Afternoon for MCT
	6:00 pm	Mass	Our Brothers and Sisters
			Joanna's Intentions
Sun 4 Oct	10:00 am	Mass	Intentions of Teresa & Bogusz Laska
			Intentions of Joan Duckworth
			Ann Woods RIP

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 10 Oct	6:00 pm	Mass	Intentions of Teresa & Bogusz Laska
Sun 11 Oct	10:00 am	Mass	Joanna's Intentions
			Intentions of Rama
	12:30 pm	Baptism	Mary McDonagh

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

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



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



CURRY NIGHT

Saturday 31st October

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

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 them selves 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 79

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call our friends, says the Lord,

Because I have made known to you

Everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

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

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	PC Meeting
Sat 31st Oct	Curry Night
Sat 28/Sun 29 Nov	Xmas Fayre

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2026

Distraction. A couple of weeks ago I attended a Charity Fayre in London to publicise the work of the Margaret Clitherow Trust. Next to our stand was another charity. I got talking to one of their team. She took me to one side to tell me that Sue, her colleague, was the cousin of Sir Paul McCartney no less! I immediately approached Sue to very gently touch her arm! Before I knew it, half an hour had passed, and I had completely forgotten why I was attending the fayre!

For the past weeks the Lord has been reminding us how the Kingdom of God works. Today - presuming we want to live in God's Kingdom under His rule – we are reminded of our role, our common vocation, within it, which is to bear fruit for God the Landowner.

God literally created us to produce fruit, Brothers and Sisters. We are given the gift of life, time and opportunity, to be fruitful. But what does fruitfulness actually mean? In a nutshell, fruitfulness just happens when we are connected to the risen Jesus, when we are connected to God's Spirit, when we found our lives on the Cornerstone that is His life, Grace in other words. When we are connected, electricity flows, the light shines, great things happen and we watch. Our vocation is to watch God at work, and to give Him thanks and praise for so doing.

Which begs the question, why don't we see God at work so much? Two points, at least, here. First, God is at work, but often in the most unsuspecting places. We need to allow God's Grace to enlighten us, give us Wisdom – Holy Sophia – to recognise his presence and influence all around us. Second, as always, we need to repent. We need to be humble enough to accept we do get distracted, we do get greedy, we do seek self-importance, we do – at times – tragically reject time and opportunity to build God's Kingdom in favour of our own.

'They will respect my son...'

Today we choose not to be distracted! Today we choose to respect the Landowner's son. Today we choose to not just to respect God's Son. **We choose to love Him.**

Matthew 21:33-43

Fr John C

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—WEEK 1—THE B.E.C.O.M.E. JOURNEY

Much is changing as our five church communities move towards one parish. Alongside the practical work of amalgamation, our Local Mission Plan asks a deeper question:

What kind of parish is Christ calling us to become?

The story of Bartimaeus has become our Guiding Star. He hears Jesus passing by, calls out, throws aside his cloak, comes to Christ, receives new sight and follows Him on the way. The crowd changes too. Those who first try to silence him become the people who encourage him: "Take heart. Get up. He is calling you."

Alongside Bartimaeus we have developed **B.E.C.O.M.E.**, a simple way of describing the journey from spiritual curiosity towards missionary discipleship. It stands for Belong in Community, Encounter Christ, Commit to Growth, Ongoing Renewal, Missionary Led and Evangelising Witness.

B.E.C.O.M.E. is not intended to place people into categories or suggest that everybody follows the same route. It helps us keep one pastoral question in view: **what is the next step for this person?**

Our Local Mission Plan is beginning to connect welcome, worship, opportunities to explore Christian faith and ask questions, ways of learning and growing, work with young people, volunteering, leadership, service and communications around that journey. The aim is not simply to offer more activity. It is to help people become known, encounter Christ, grow in faith, discover their gifts and eventually help others do the same.

There are already encouraging signs. When people from different church communities work together, relationships grow and we begin to discover gifts and experience which can help the whole parish flourish.

Over the next six weeks, On the Way will look at each part of **B.E.C.O.M.E.** and at some of the ways our Local Mission Plan is helping us support the journey more clearly.

Where might Christ be inviting you to take your next step?

Next week: Belong in Community.

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? 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

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

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

The UCM would like to thank our parishioners, the Sisters from The Maryfield Convent and friends from the wider community for their fantastic generosity and support for the Table Top Sale for this vital cause, The Autistic Society. £700.00 was raised.

In addition to this £262.02 was raised at the Maryfield Convent. The two totals have now been donated to The Autistic Society. We are grateful to the Sisters at the Maryfield Convent for their support, time and kindness. Also a big thank you to all who made the lovely cakes, contributed the items for sale and helped to set up and clear up. Last but not least, thank you Fr John for blessing this cause at the start.

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.

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

