SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year A – 8 November 2026 - P. 152

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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

32 SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sat 7 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	**Intentions of Bogusz & Teresa Laska**
Sun 8 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	**Intentions of Heather Bone**
			Sheila Fletcher RIP
			John & Mary Bone RIP
Mon 9 Nov	9:30 am	Mass	

33 SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sat 14 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	**Deceased Catenians**
Sun 15 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	**Intentions of Joanna**
Mon 16 Nov	9:30 am	Mass	

CONFESSIONS & SACARAMENT 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**
- **There is also a machine at the front 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

Gift Aid: Taxpayers 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, Nikki Pink, 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 welcomer's 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

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 welcomer's table.

PASTORAL AREA COMMITTEE (BASINGSTOKE)
SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Shanthi Fernando is our representative on the SLT

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Maggie Wood and Jan Hughes are our representatives

PARISH COLLECTION

The Parish Collection for the weekends of 11th and 18th October amounted to £1,876.69, received through Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless Giving and Mass Collections.
A big thank you to all who contributed to the **raffle** on Saturday night. **Money raised was £330** which will be donated to **St Michael's Hospice**.
A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your continued generosity and support. It is very much appreciated

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Our next **First Holy Communion Programme** will be starting soon.For further information, or to register your interest, please contact the Parish Office by email: office@sacredhearthook.org

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th November at 2.30pm, starting in the church, followed by a gathering in the hall.

THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
we will remember them.
All: We will remember them
When you go home, tell them of us, and say:
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today'.



LITURGY OF THE WORD
32 Sunday in Ordinary Time



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62
For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.
Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

If you would like Father John to bless the grave of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. This simple and prayerful service helps us honour those who have died and entrust them to the Lord's loving mercy and the promise of eternal life.
May they rest in peace. 🙏

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place on Sunday 15th November. Donations of cakes and other baked goods would be greatly appreciated.
Please ensure that you provide a list of all ingredients with your donation so that we can cater safely for those with allergies and dietary requirements.
Thank you for your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 11th Nov	UCM Vigil 11am – 4pm
Sunday 15th Nov	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Sat 28/Sun 29 Nov	Xmas Fayre
Sun 6 Dec	Children's Advent workshop
Sat 12 Dec	Advent Day of Recollection

EMERGING PARISH OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

We have been asked to remove Father John's response to Bishop Philip from our website. I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We celebrate remembrance Sunday this Sunday.

We will be meeting up with the churches of Hook as they parade past the entrance to the Sacred Heart and join them at the war memorial for a short service, which starts at 10:50am.



HOOK UCM

TUESDAY CRAZY CRAFTERS - Please do join us on the Tuesday mornings at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - followed by the Holy rosary will take place in the church at 3pm on Fridays.

UCM VIGIL

The UCM is holding a silent prayer for peace throughout the world, much needed at the moment, and England to return to the dowry of Our Lady. The silent prayer session will run from 11am – 3pm in Sacred Heart Church and a least one member of the UCM will be present throughout. The event will finish with the Caplet of Mercy at 3pm. The hall will be open for tea/coffee and if you want to bring your lunch. We hope that you can join us even if only for a short period of time.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Come and connect with charities and parish project groups in the Caritas Charity Mass and networking day on Saturday 14 November 10:30-3pm at St Bede's Basingstoke. It is a day for thanksgiving, conversation, connection and inspiration and is open to everyone in the Diocese including clergy, parishioners, volunteers and charities. To register your interest register your interest.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

Throughout November, a box for prayer intentions for deceased loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. If you would like someone remembered in our prayers, please write their name on one of the slips provided and place it in the box. Please do not place any money in the box. ***May they rest in peace.*** 🙏

BASINGSTOKE CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL



The Community Furniture Project will be hosting the **Basingstoke Christmas Toy Appeal** this year. We are collecting new and unwrapped gifts for children of all ages, and young people up to the age of 19, form business and individuals throughout Basingstoke. Did you know that 1 in 10 children live below the breadline? During the festive period, thousands of families struggle as they are forced to choose between buying presents or paying bills. As a result, many children in our area receive no gifts. We hope you can assist us to bring the community together to support this project and help us help local families in need this Christmas. Sacred Heart Church will have a box in the porch during the **weekend of the 5th & 6th December** where toys can be left—thank you. **.**

BAMENDA SUNDAY

This weekend is Bamenda Sunday, a celebration of a partnership between our two dioceses where we learn, pray and support each other. An important part of the link has been the support we have sent over the years. Your generosity has made a huge impact on the lives of many of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Bamenda, and it most sincerely appreciated by them. You can read how your donations have supported Caroline and Stephen in the Bamenda Sunday newsletter. Please give as generously as your contributions really do transform lives. Follow this link or use the QR code to see the different donations options and gift aid if you can. Thank you

We will be having a second collection this weekend 7th & 8th November

PHOTOGRAPHS AND LIVE STREAMING

You may be aware that photographs are occasionally taken at church and parish events. These images may be used on the parish website and social media pages.

If you do not wish to appear in any photographs, please let us know and we will do our best to respect your wishes. Please also note that Sunday Masses are live streamed. We take care to avoid showing members of the congregation whenever possible. However, those seated in the first few rows on the left-hand side of the church may occasionally be visible on camera. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

On the weekend of 14/15 November, we will hold our first Second Collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. This is an opportunity to support the priests who have faithfully served our parishes and communities throughout their lives.

After decades of ministry, our retired priests deserve the security of knowing that the care and support they may need in later life will always be available. Your donation will help ensure that they can live with dignity and peace of mind in retirement.

Donation envelopes will be available with printed newsletters and at all Masses that weekend.

You can also give using the Dona contactless terminal in church by selecting Priests' Retirement Fund Second Collection.

If you would like to support the Fund on an ongoing basis, regular gifts by Direct Debit or standing order are especially valuable. To make a regular or one-off donation, and to read more about the Fund, please visit: portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work/priests-retirement-fund-2/.

There you can read Bishop Philip's message about the importance of supporting our retired priests and hear Fr John Nelson, Chair of the Priests' Retirement Fund Committee, explain how the Fund helps those who have dedicated their lives to serving Christ's Church.

Our retired priests remain a valued part of our Church family. Just as we would support our own loved ones in later life, we are invited to care for those who have cared for us. Please support this appeal as generously as you can.

We will have a second collection next weekend 14th & 15th November for the Priests' Retirement Fund

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday 29 November at 11 am (The hall will also be open on Saturday 28 November at 7 pm)

We would greatly appreciate donations of the following items: -

Bottles of alcohol for the tombola

Raffle prizes

New candles and toiletries

Cakes (on the Saturday and/or Sunday please)

Please could any donations be put into the Welcomers' cupboard at the back of church.

All moneys raised will be going towards the Parish to allow us to install new safer handrails to the parish hall.

Many thanks

ON THE WAY - WEEK 6

B.E.C.O.M.E.: MISSIONARY LED

If you are joining the series here, **B.E.C.O.M.E.** is our simple way of describing the journey from spiritual curiosity towards following Jesus and helping others follow Him: Belong in Community, Encounter Christ, Commit to Growth, Ongoing Renewal, Missionary Led and Evangelising Witness.

The **M** in **B.E.C.O.M.E.** is Missionary Led.

Missionary leadership begins with service. It is about helping other people hear Christ's call and giving them the encouragement, formation and trust they need to respond. Our parish needs priests, deacons, lay leaders and volunteers, each serving in their own role and sharing responsibility for one mission. Healthy leadership does not gather every task into the hands of the same few people. It notices gifts, helps people grow and creates room for new leaders to emerge. There are already encouraging signs. The Leadership Team has gradually moved from discussing the practicalities of becoming one parish and individual projects towards discerning the kind of parish we are trying to become. When leaders from different church communities work together, relationships grow and people discover gifts and experience in another community which can help their own.

The new Parish Pastoral Council, which will bring people from across the parish together for shared listening, discernment and advice, will be another important step. Beyond formal structures, our Local Mission Plan seeks a broader leadership culture. Alpha, where people can explore Christian faith, and Called & Gifted, which helps people recognise the gifts God may have given them, should increasingly connect people with volunteering and ministry, where potential leaders can be noticed, accompanied and supported.

Our volunteering work begins by understanding and valuing what already exists across all five churches. We will map ministries, identify local contacts, improve communication and build a parish-wide network. Over time, people should be better supported, properly safeguarded and able to share skills across the parish.

The aim is not simply to fill positions. It is to form servant leaders who help others hear and respond to Christ's call. A missionary leader does not only complete a task. A missionary leader helps another person discover that they too have a part to play.

Whose gifts could you encourage, and what part might Christ be asking you to play?

Next week: Evangelising Witness.