SACRED HEART PARISH

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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

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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	
Wed 18 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sat 21 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	**Intentions of Joanna** **Thomas & Anna Hyland RIP**
Sun 22 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	**Intentions of Bogusz & Teresa Laska** **Albert & Doris Bone RIP** **James & Iris Ferguson RIP**
Mon 23 Nov	9:30 am	Mass	
Wed 25 Nov	10:00 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 25th October and 1st November amounted to £1,815.33, received through Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless Giving and Mass Collections.
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

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Welcome to Father Fergal who will be celebrating Mass with us this Sunday.
Father John C sends his apologise for his absence this Sunday.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



33 Sunday in Ordinary Time
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 127

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.
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.
Father John will be visiting the local Cemeteries on the following dates and times, to bless the graves.

Saturday 21 November

1:00pm	Odiham Cemetery
1:30pm	South Warnborough Cemetery
2:00pm	Greywell Cemetery

Sunday 22 November

1:00pm	Hook Cemetery/St John's Cemetery
1:30pm	Mattingley Cemetery
2:00pm	Hartley Wespall Cemetery

Sunday 29 November

1:00pm	Yateley Cemetery

May they rest in peace. 🙏

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place on Sunday 15th November, after Mass in the hall.
Thank you for your support.

THE CHOSEN

There will be a screening of the chosen in the parish hall on Monday 23rd November at 11am. All are welcome.

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.*** 🙏

ADoRE ONLINE RETREAT: SATURDAY 28th November, 10am-1pm GMT on Zoom

The theme this month is "THE POWER OF LOVE- How to have victory in spiritual warfare".
Register in advance at: bit.ly/ADORENOV2026 More information at: www.altonrenewal.com

CHILDREN'S ADVENT WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2026



A date for your diaries. We will be holding an Advent Workshop for children on Sunday 6th December, immediately after Mass in the church. The workshop will begin promptly after Mass and will last approximately one and a half hours. Refreshments will be provided. If your child would like to attend, please let Maggie, Gill, or Jan know as soon as possible. Many thanks**.**

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.

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Getting Real. Last summer I attended a theological symposium in Oxford hanging on to the delusion that I might be some kind of academic. ☺ I stayed overnight out of town and was advised to catch the bus into the city the following day. I read the timetable. My timing to the bus stop was impeccable. As I was walking the bus passed me by. I had read the winter timetable! Despite my sprint, I missed the bus. Of course, I was late for the first lecture. **Reality dawned.** I was reminded that consequences flow from action, or inaction! The bus was missed.

The journey that is faith – growing in our understanding of God, theology – has often been described as something we 'do', rather than something thought about, studied or even read. Faith is essentially built on relationship, the ability to relate – in this context, to God – with mind, heart, soul and strength. Somehow, we are **to engage God with our whole being**, if we are to relate to Him at all.

Yes, the Lord reminds us today that our mission in life, if we are Christians, is to get to know God and become known by Him, thus avoiding the calamity,

'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

Yet the Lord also reminds us that the process of getting to know God, and becoming known by Him, also involves wise action. The five wise bridesmaids decided to take the necessary oil for their lamps with them to meet the bridegroom, faithfulness in action. Technically, faith might be present without action, but it has no purpose if it's not conjoined to love. **Faith dies when I stop loving**.

So, dear Brothers and Sisters, we are to get real with ourselves today, **to get real with God.** Yes, I might believe in Christ, but how does my belief in Him shape how I live, how I love? Today, we revere those who have gone before us who made the ultimate sacrifice. We pray for a similar spirit of heroism, following the only hero that can save, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Matthew 25:1-13 **Fr John C**

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

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

This weekend, 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.

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.

ON THE WAY - WEEK 7 - B.E.C.O.M.E.: EVANGELISING WITNESS

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 **final E** in **B.E.C.O.M.E.** is Evangelising Witness.

When people belong, encounter Christ, grow in faith, remain open to renewal and discover their part in the mission, something begins to overflow. Faith becomes visible in the way we live, serve, speak and invite.

Our Local Mission Plan recognises that personal invitation should become part of normal parish culture. Testimony matters too. People are often moved more deeply by hearing what Jesus has done in another person's life than by hearing an explanation of a programme.

Evangelising witness therefore includes both life and words. Love, hope, integrity, forgiveness and service can awaken questions. At the right moment, a simple account of why faith matters to us, an offer to pray or an invitation to come with us can help someone take a first step.

There is already considerable service beyond our church buildings. Parishioners support the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, usually known as CAFOD, the Church's Caritas network, the St Vincent de Paul Society, local food banks, vulnerable people, the sick and housebound, bereavement work, partnerships with other Christian churches and many other forms of outreach. Much of this good work, however, remains disconnected or almost invisible.

The developing Volunteer Hub is not a building, but a parish-wide way of understanding what is already happening and helping people find opportunities to serve. We also want to strengthen links with OneChurch Basingstoke, the local network of Christian churches, and other partners. By listening together, we hope to identify needs where the new parish might make a sustained difference, involve more young people and families, and deepen our response to Laudato Si', Pope Francis's call to care for our common home.

Our communications work describes a journey from Street to Door to Home to Sent. People first see something of parish life, find a door which is easy to enter, become known and cared for, and eventually discover how they themselves are called to serve and witness. When they are sent, their witness may become the beginning of another person's journey.

Bartimaeus receives new sight and follows Jesus on the way. That remains our pattern too.

Who might be encouraged by the hope you carry, the story you share or the invitation you offer?

Take heart. Get up. He is calling you.