SACRED HEART PARISH

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
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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 21 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	**Intentions of Joanna**
			Thomas & Anna Hyland RIP
Sun 22 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	**Intentions of Elcia Ballentine**
			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	

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 28 Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	**Intentions of Bogusz & Teresa Laska**
			Our Brothers and Sisters
Sun 29 Nov	10:00 am	Mass	
Mon 30 Nov	9:30 am	Mass	
Wed 2 Dec	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, Peter Wallis, 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

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

FAITH SHARING – in the hall the last Wednesday in the parish hall.

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

THE CHOSEN

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

AN APOLOGY TO THE PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART.

I owe all of you a heartfelt apology. I am so sorry that you came to Mass last Sunday and found that no priest had arrived. It should have been me. Jan asked me on my last visit and I agreed, and then I completely forgot. I have no excuse to offer, and I am truly sorry for the disappointment and inconvenience it caused.
I know this will be small consolation, but I have offered Mass for the intentions of the people of the parish. I would also be very happy to come to hook again, as you are such a welcoming community.
With my sincere apologies and every blessing.
Fr Fergal Maguire.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
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

2:00pm	Yateley Cemetery

May they rest in peace. 🙏

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to everone who donated cakes, time, and money to the Macmillan coffee morning last Sunday. We raised just over £300 on the day, with more coming in via the QR code. If you missed it last week, there will be another chance to donate this weekend.
I shall update you with the final figure in due course.
Once again, many thanks Candy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 28/Sun 29 Nov	Xmas Fayre
Sun 6 Dec	Children's Advent workshop
Sat 12 Dec	Advent Day of Recollection
Fri 18 Dec	Reconciliation at St Joseph's Church

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**.**

REPOSITORY

Please do have a look Christmas items are in stock.

Beautiful cards for all occasions, candles, statues, rosaries, medals, crucifixes and crosses. We have a range of Mass books and prayer books for children, especially suitable for those thinking of their First Holy Communion.

Please see Cecile or Jan in the office if you can't find what you are looking for.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 2026 – Hook

Letting Go. A couple of years ago I had a chat with my Dad. It was a serious conversation about my sister's predicament; namely, her family were facing eviction from rented accommodation again, even though my nephew had just started the local secondary school. My grandmother's home in Kent had been left to my father. It had immense sentimental value and enabled him to visit his friends locally at will. Within minutes he had gone round to see Clare to tell her he was going to sell the house so they could buy their own. The cost to my dad of letting his former home go was huge. Yet, he managed to disentangle the substantial attachment he had to see the bigger picture.

Today's very well-known Parable of the Talents speaks of the bigger picture. Jesus teaches us to look beyond our immediate perspective, to look beyond the restricted view of our abilities, to see the picture that is God's Kingdom, where His ability shines and transforms. When we take the risk of investing in others before we invest in ourselves, Grace flows, unstoppably.

The man with the five talents understood that he was being entrusted by the investor to make good use of the talents had been given. You could say he had a vested interest in ensuring that he played his part in producing a healthy return. The man who buried his talent revealed a different vested interest, himself, because he lived in fear of the investor. It was all about himself in other words.

Thus, the Lord strongly advises us to review all we 'possess' – we don't actually possess anything as we can't take it with us – our abilities too, to **let go and let God.** We are to recognise possessions, abilities and the opportunities life presents against the bigger picture that is the Kingdom of God, rather the narrow-minded picture of self-centredness that so often obscures our view of what really matters.

"To whom much is given, much is expected."

Matthew 25:14-30 **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

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.*** 🙏

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2027

Join us for our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham from 16th–20th August 2027, staying at the Anglican Centre, for a time of prayer, fellowship and reflection.

A £40 deposit per person is required to secure your place (children under five are exempt). Please leave your name at the back of the church and pay your deposit at the parish office.

The full balance is due 14 days before arrival. Cancellations within 14 days will be charged in full.

For further information, please contact the parish office.

ON THE WAY: CHRIST AT THE CENTRE OF EVERYTHING

Over the past nine weeks, we have explored our Guiding Star, the vision inspired by Bartimaeus, and our B.E.C.O.M.E. journey.

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we return to the heart of it all: Jesus Christ.

His kingship is unlike any earthly power. He leads through love, serves rather than demands to be served, and gives Himself for others.

That is the kind of Church we are called to become.

Our vision is not simply about bringing five churches together under one name. It is about creating communities where people belong, encounter Christ, grow in faith and discover the joy of serving others.

Bartimaeus heard Jesus calling, threw aside his cloak and followed Him. His story reminds us that faith is never simply about where we have been, but where Christ is inviting us next.

As Advent approaches, our journey enters a new chapter. Our Parish Pastoral Council will begin its work in early December, helping our clergy listen, discern and look towards the future.

There will be important decisions ahead. But this feast reminds us of something that must never be lost amid the changes:

Christ is our King. Our parish exists to follow Him and help others discover His love.

Next week: Looking Towards the Horizon.

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.

CHOCOLATES FOR STELLA MARIS

Each week, approaching Christmas, there are requests for donations to charities – rightly so, a time of loving and giving as generously as possible.

The seafarers, supported by Stella Maris, spend Christmas time separated from family and friends, often in miserable conditions, bringing to us the goods we want and need. If you can, please donate some chocolates (tubs, tins, boxes, pouches) to the seafarers visiting Southampton,, via the box in the porch or the Convent, to give them some cheer and let them know we are thinking of them and wishing them well during this season. Many thanks.

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

THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING: ST BEDE'S HALL, 25TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM

Come along, watch the film, join the discussion.

We were called by Pope Francis, in his Laudate Si encyclical, to "hear the Cry of the earth and the cry of the Poor." Pope Leo XIV continued that message to us throughout the season of Creation in October; stewardship is our collective responsibility.

One way we can respond is to face the truth of our current situation and reflect. This 50-minute film helps to appreciate Laudato Si in a new way. For more details about the event and to sign up for a free ticket, visit: https://buytickets.at/peoplesemergencybriefingstbedesbasingstoke

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.