



# SOLENT PASTORAL AREA - UNITED IN CHRIST

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### IN FAREHAM AND PORTCHESTER



**23rd, 24th & 25th Sundays of the Year C Jubilee Year of Hope 7th, 14th & 21st Sept. '25**

#### ***Blessed Are You, Lord, God of All Creation***

The beautiful sunsets, the patchwork of colours decorating the landscape, the blue seas - all combine to lift up our minds and souls in prayer to the One responsible for it all. Immersed in this beauty, walks are like a daily retreat in God's beautiful garden that has no walls. Because of this beauty, I find myself drawn deeper into words of the offertory prayer at the Eucharist where God's priestly people bless the Creator of all: "Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation."

One of the most stunning discoveries of science made in the last century was that we are part of an expanding universe that had a beginning about 13.7 billions years ago. The implications of this discovery are immense. Whereas before, the universe was perceived by some scientists as being eternal, now it had a time of origin. Not only this, but because the universe is not static but expanding, it also had a point of origin from which everything emerged. If this is true then all creation has a common source and unity.

It is amazing that science is beginning to verify what believers have intuited for centuries, namely that all creation emerged from a common source or principle they called God. For our Jewish ancestors, [and] the authors of Scripture, God's fingerprints were on all he has created.

St. Paul makes an amazing confession of faith in God as Creator - the man Jesus of Nazareth who they had come to believe was divine, was the personification of this Word through whom all material and spiritual things were made and in whom all things are united: "For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth; everything visible and everything invisible...in him all things hold together" (Col. 1:16-17). This means that all of reality is somehow united in Christ and converges on him. The same idea is expressed in the Gospel of John who teaches Jesus entered into a world that had "come into being through him" (Jn 1:10). This means that when God assumed humanity in Mary's womb, God united himself through Jesus not only to all of humanity but to the material world and all creation. At the Incarnation, the invisible world of spirit and visible world of matter became one in him.

So often we think of the Incarnation only in terms of Jesus becoming a human being like us. This he certainly did, but in this broader vision of creation, the Incarnation also has a cosmic significance because through it, the immaterial God united himself with the material world.

We see this unity of the material and spirit worlds in the Gospels with Jesus himself where he often points to elements and processes in the natural world to teach

important spiritual truths about God and his kingdom. This was natural for Jesus, for he had come into the world "that had its being through him" (John 1:10).

Jesus was so connected to the created world that He walked on water as a sign of his Lordship over creation (Mk 6:45ff) and the earth quaked at his death (Mt. 27:51). With his resurrection, his material body rose with him, and at once transfigured the material and spiritual worlds in himself. This is why St. Paul invites us to become "a new creation" in Christ (Gal. 6:15; 2 Cor. 5:17) and become transfigured by his grace in body and soul. Jesus invites us to become participators in the divine life because we first participate in the created world that was made through him.

It is said that St Benedict contemplated the Word of God in two books - in Scripture and in the book of nature. St. Augustine urged his listeners to "question the beauty of the earth, question the beauty of the sea...question the beauty of the sky. Who made them if not the beautiful one who is not subject to change?" (Sermon 241). For Thomas Aquinas, creation tells us something about the One who created it: "The beauty of the creature is nothing other than a likeness of the divine beauty, participated in by created things" (De Div. Nom. 4:5.9).

For St. Bonaventure in the thirteenth century, creation is a revelation of God's glory, composed of many words that make up a book that describes its author. The world therefore is a kind of sacrament - a sign that leads to and points to what it signifies: the Trinity of creative and self-giving love. For this appreciation of creation, Bonaventure credits St. Francis of Assisi, and wrote of his spiritual father that "in beautiful things he contemplated beauty itself... out of them making for himself a ladder through which he could climb and lay hold of him who is utterly desirable" (The Major Legend of St. Francis). St. Francis described the earth as mother with fire, water, the moon, and stars named by him as brothers and sisters (Canticle of the Creatures).

In more recent times, Vatican II taught that "God provides humanity with constant evidence of himself in created realities" (Dei Verbum, 3) while the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "the whole of creation is ordered to the praise of God" (CCC 337). If creation is one, living, relational, and infinite, then faith in a God who is one, living, relational, and infinite is more plausible to human reason, not less. Many times on evening walks, the music of Louis Armstrong's song rang in my ears - indeed, what a wonderful world; but much more wonderful is the God who made it.

*Adapted from Billy Swan  
www.Word on Fire.org*

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## CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION (CA) LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

**Callum, Michelle and Dawid** wish to say thank you to the parish for sponsoring their fares as Young Helpers to the Hotel and Accueil Sick. It was noted by the CA how very dedicated they were to their duties, the liturgies and how much they brought to the Pilgrimage as a whole. They worked very hard and have done the parish proud.

Google [cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/Lourdes](http://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/Lourdes) for the reflections, pictures and homilies of each day!

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## WELCOME AND THANK YOU

To **Msgr. Cn. Vincent Harvey** celebrating Mass for us while Cn John is away leading a Vocations Roadshow.

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## ANONYMOUS GIFT

Thank you for the generous gift gratefully received for my pilgrimage to Lourdes. Many thanks. *Cn John*.

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## LADIES' GROUP

**Second Wednesdays, 7.30pm at St Philip Howard Hall**

Come and see! Getting to know each other, sharing our faith, and growing deeper in our relationship with the Lord. Every woman is so welcome - no age limit applies.

Contact Eloise at: [eloise@olimcomms.com](mailto:eloise@olimcomms.com)

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## UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS 'UCM' MEETING

**Every other Monday, 7pm at Sacred Heart Hall**

Next meeting: 15th Sept. 7pm for coffee/tea.

Meeting starts at 7.30pm, closing at 9pm. All welcome.

For more info contact: [lornefry1954@hotmail.com](mailto:lornefry1954@hotmail.com)

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## 'LITTLE TREASURES' TODDLER GROUP

**Every Tuesday, 9:30am - 11am at St Philip Howard Hall**

Just £1.50 for children to come and play with a lovely selection of toys and carers' refreshments. All welcome!

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## PARISH BEREAVEMENT "BETHANY" GROUP

**3rd Thursdays, 10am at Sacred Heart Hall**

For anyone who has lost a loved one. A welcoming and safe space to be. For info: [sacredheart.bethany@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheart.bethany@gmail.com)

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## CRAFT GROUP

**Tuesdays from 1pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall**

All are very welcome. And a "ploughman's lunch" too!

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## SCRIPTURE GROUP. FEASTING ON THE WORD OF GOD

**Friday mornings, 11.15am Sacred Heart Hall**

The aim is to spend time reading scripture and to then discuss it. We look forward to seeing you.

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## CONVERSATION GROUP

**Every other Thurs, 2pm - 3.30pm, Sacred Heart Hall**

Do you have APHASIA or communication difficulties after a stroke? Come and join our friendly group. Donation of £2. For info. contact Angela at: [amnally65@gmail.com](mailto:amnally65@gmail.com)

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## OFS MEETING. Sat 20th Sept, 12-4pm, S.Heart Hall

For info. contact John: [franciscansolent@outlook.com](mailto:franciscansolent@outlook.com)

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## REST IN PEACE - Please pray for

**Mahmoud Aysenov** who died recently. And those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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## PRAYERS PLEASE... 'Holy Spirit, the comforter'

For **Paul Docherty** recovering from major surgery, **Julie Nally** in hospital, **Fr John Doran and Paul Bone**. Also those feeling overwhelmed and are suffering mental health issues. May the Lord will restore and comfort them.

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## BAPTISM [www.catholicchurchfareham.org.uk/baptism](http://www.catholicchurchfareham.org.uk/baptism)

Please visit the parish website for details and to register online. Why not take part while "still expecting"?

### Next Preparation Pathway dates:

Meet & Greet - in person **Saturday 27th Sept, 10am**

Online Session 1 **Tuesday 30th Sept, from 8pm**

Online Session 2 **Tuesday 7th Oct, from 8pm**

The closing date is **Friday 12th September - midday**.

The following Pathway commences in November 2025.

## FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION - '26

Applications for 2026 are now invited. The programme is a commitment of 20 weeks.

The classes, for those who regularly attend Sunday Mass, will be on Saturdays 10am - 11am at St Margaret Mary's Park Gate. A starting date is to be confirmed.

For the application form, contact S. Heart Parish Office: [farehamportchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:farehamportchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Closing date for applications is Sunday 28th September.

## 'CHOSEN' - PASTORAL AREA CONFIRMATION GROUP

**Information Evening. Friday 26th Sept, 7-8.30pm**

**St Philip Howard Church Hall. "Come and see"**

Come and celebrate with the *Presentation of Certificates* to this year's Confirmands. Catch up, photos and find out about the programme ahead.

We invite all young people in Years 8 and above, together with their parent/carer to come along to find out more about the group.

**Session 1: Fri 10th Oct.** Beginning the journey. What is faith?

Contact the Parish Office with your details to register your interest and / or offers to help our wonderful Team.

**Sessions.** Take place on 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7-8.30pm.

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## PARISH REPOSITORY

Please note that, additionally to SH, there is a Repository now open at the entrance to the SPH Hall each Sunday from 10.30am, prior to the 11.00am Mass, and again after Mass. A range of religious items are available, including rosaries, medals, prayer books, missals, cards, and candles.

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## "SERVER OF THE MONTH" (August)

Well done to **Jonathan Cherian** who earned the most points and has been awarded the *Green Cincture of Honour*. Above all, *thank you* to all the servers and their families.

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**RCIA - ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH****Wednesdays, 7.15pm at Sacred Heart Hall****Starting Wednesday 24th September 2025**

For those wanting to know about the Catholic faith and coming into full communion with the Church. We talk about the evidence for the existence of God, how God speaks to us, the person of Jesus, Mary, Sacraments...

For details contact Dcn Larry Murawski on 01329 318 869 or email: [lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE REAL PRESENCE OF OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT****Tuesdays, 10:30am - 12 noon Sacred Heart Church**

Come & be with Our Lord, even if only for a few moments. Essential for growing in a personal relationship with Christ.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - '... ask the Lord.' Mt 9:38****Thursdays, 7pm - 8pm at Sacred Heart Church**

Please come and pray for workers in the Lord's vineyard.

**Mass Times, Intentions and Locations, including Adoration & Confessions****23rd SUNDAY ORD TIME  
Year C***Psalter Week 3*

Sat Vigil 6th	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	Brenda Taylor RIP
Sun 7th Sept	9am	Sacred Heart	Gerard Combes RIP (Anniversary)
	11am	St Philip Howard	For the People of the Parish
	6pm	St Philip Howard	For Holy Souls

Nativity Bl. Virgin Mary	Mon 8th Sept	-	Sacred Heart	<i>Sorry, no service</i>
Feria	Tues 9th Sept	10am	Sacred Heart	Ints. of Igor
Adoration	<i>Holy Hour</i>	'til Noon	Sacred Heart	Adoration - Silent prayer
St Jude's School Mass	Wed 10th Sept	<b>1.30pm</b>	St Philip Howard	Hugh & Pat Cooke RIP
Feria	Thur 11th Sept	10am	Sacred Heart	Private Intention
Reconciliation		...after	Sacred Heart	Confessions
Adoration	<i>Holy Hour</i>	7-8pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Hour for Vocations
Feria	Fri 12th Sept	10am	Sacred Heart	Private Intention
Reconciliation	Sat 13th Sept	5-6pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions

**THE EXALTATION OF THE  
HOLY CROSS***Psalter Week 4*

Sat Vigil 13th	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	Allan Jenkins RIP
Sun 14th Sept	9am	Sacred Heart	In Thanksgiving (Newman)
	11am	St Philip Howard	Dr. Mahmoud Aysenov RIP
	6pm	St Philip Howard	For the People of the Parish

Our Lady of Sorrows	Mon 15th Sept	-	Sacred Heart	<i>Sorry, no service</i>
Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	Tues 16th Sept	10am	Sacred Heart	Ints. of Sancta Maria Chiramal
Adoration	<i>Holy Hour</i>	'til Noon	Sacred Heart	Adoration - Silent prayer
Feria	Wed 17th Sept	10am	St Philip Howard	<i>Still available...</i>
Feria	Thur 18th Sept	10am	Sacred Heart	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Reconciliation		...after	Sacred Heart	Confessions
Adoration	<i>Holy Hour</i>	7-8pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Hour for Vocations
Feria	Fri 19th Sept	10am	Sacred Heart	<i>Still available...</i>
Reconciliation	Sat 20th Sept	5-6pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions

**25th SUNDAY ORD TIME  
Year C***Psalter Week 1*

Sat Vigil 20th	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parish
Sun 21st Sept	9am	Sacred Heart	Ints. of the Maber Family
	11am	St Philip Howard	<i>Still available...</i>
	6pm	St Philip Howard	<i>Still available...</i>

Feria	Mon 22nd Sept	-	Sacred Heart	<i>Sorry, no service</i>
St Pio of Pietrelcina	Tues 23rd Sept	10am	Sacred Heart	<i>Still available...</i>
Adoration	<i>Holy Hour</i>	'til Noon	Sacred Heart	Adoration - Silent prayer
Our Lady of Walsingham	Wed 24th Sept	10am	St Philip Howard	Anne Hine RIP
Feria	Thur 25th Sept	10am	Sacred Heart	<i>Still available...</i>
Reconciliation		...after	Sacred Heart	Confessions
Adoration	<i>Holy Hour</i>	7-8pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Hour for Vocations
Ss Cosman and Damian	Fri 26th Sept	10am	Sacred Heart	<i>Still available...</i>
Reconciliation	Sat 27th Sept	5-6pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions

**26th SUNDAY ORD TIME  
Year C***Psalter Week 2*

Sat Vigil 27th	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	<i>Still available...</i>
Sun 28th Sept	9am	Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parish
	11am	St Philip Howard	Ints. of Ada King & Family
	6pm	St Philip Howard	Alan Cassidy RIP

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**PORTSMOUTH VOCATIONS** [www.portsmouthvocations.org](http://www.portsmouthvocations.org)

Contact Canon John at 01329 318 869 or  
Email: [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Please pray for much needed Vocations**

*Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls  
who called the apostles to be fishers of men,  
raise up new apostles in your holy Church.  
Teach them to serve you is to reign; to possess you is to  
possess all things. Kindle in the young hearts of our sons  
and daughters the fire of real zeal for souls.  
Make them eager to spread your Kingdom on earth.  
Grant them courage to follow you,  
who are the Way, the Truth and the Life;  
who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.*

**"Seeker Saturday" 18th October 11am - 3pm**

Sacred Heart Hall and Church. *Pray, Decide & Don't Worry.*  
Fellowship, Discussions, Mass, Lunch and Adoration.  
For those with "that itch". Welcome!

**NEW PARISHIONERS! ST PHILIP HOWARD PARKING**

**Please remember** we have an automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) system at St Philip Howard car park. Car parking restrictions in place Monday to Friday, 7am to 5pm. If you are attending the church during these times please provide the parish office with your car registration number and we can add this to the system for future use. There is also a tablet located in the church foyer where visitors who have not pre-registered can enter their registration number for 'on the day' use of the car park. Blue Badge Holders must register their vehicle too.

**SUNDAY OFFERING** - *Thank you for your generosity*

**Collection: August average c. £2618.00**

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**PARISH MISSION. PRAYER WALKS - VOLUNTEERS**

Following on from the mini-mission, we are hoping to start several prayer walks where partakers can pray for the people who live, learn or work in the residences, schools and care homes viewed or who are encountered along the way.

***We are asking for several volunteers who could serve as coordinators for the different areas of the parish.***

A coordinator would be asked to plan a route, set a risk assessment / schedule, and assemble the walkers.

If you are interested in being a coordinator, please contact Dcn Larry;: [lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

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**CAFOD MEETING**

**Sat. 20th Sept. 10.30am-1.30pm. St Bede's Ch. Basingstoke**

Come and hear about the difference your donations are making and CAFOD's work with partners in Southern Ethiopia. A simple lunch will be provided so please book your place by emailing Jo: [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk)

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**CAFOD: RESPONSE IN GAZA** [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).

CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. Your donations have been a *lifeline*. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD has helped 1,400 households buy supplies in the last month and are feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Cardinal Pizzaballa (Patriarch of Jerusalem) says, "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there - crucified in the wound-ed, buried under rubble, and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering." *Thank you for your appeals & prayers for peace*

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**PARISH FINANCE**

**Dona Plates** Contactless giving made easy Gift Aid optional  
**Standing Orders** Please contact the Parish Office for details.

**BACS Transfer** Our bank details if you need them are:

***CDP Fareham Sacred Heart (Lloyds Bank)***

***Sort Code 30-93-04 Account 00877744***

**Cheques** Payable to 'CDP Fareham Sacred Heart'

**Gift Aid** Tax payers are encouraged to contact in confidence at: [farehamgiftaid@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:farehamgiftaid@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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