



SOLENT PASTORAL AREA - UNITED IN CHRIST

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
IN FAREHAM AND PORTCHESTER

Sacred Heart Church, Portland Street, Fareham. PO16 0NF. St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham PO14 1ND
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23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR A 6th September 2026

MASS INTENTIONS, CONFESSIONS & ADORATION

Masses at St Philip Howard Church are Livestreamed

Saturday 5th September – St Teresa of Calcutta

10-11am Confessions SH Reconciliation

SUNDAY 6th September - 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Sat 6.30pm Vigil Mass SH Hugh Johnson RIP
Sun 9am Mass SH Peter Szymanski RIP
11am Mass SPH Ken Burrows RIP
6pm Mass SPH For the People of the Parish

Monday 7th September - Feria

Sorry, no Mass SH

Tuesday 8th September – Nativity of the Bl Virgin Mary

10am Mass SH In Thanksgiving (M Wilson)
'till Noon Adoration SH Silent prayer

Wednesday 9th September - Feria

1.30pm St Jude's Mass SPH In Thanksgiving (St Anthony)

Thursday 10th September - Feria

10am Mass SH Hugh & Pat Cooke RIP
after... Confessions SH Reconciliation
7.30pm Adoration SH Silent prayer for Vocations

Friday 11th September - Feria

10am Mass SH Private Intention

Saturday 12th September - Feria

5 - 5.45pm Confessions SH Reconciliation

SUNDAY 13th September – 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sat 6.30pm Vigil Mass SH In Thanksgiving (H. Okoye)
Sun 9am Mass SH For the People of the Parish
11am Mass SPH Ints of Anne Thompson
6pm Mass SPH Ints of Sarah-Jane

"LIVING STONES" PARISH PARTY (1 Pt 2:4-5)

St Philip Howard Hall. Saturday 17th Oct. 12.30pm – 3pm

Our parish is blessed with so many generous people whose dedication and warmth bring our parish to life. To say thank you we are hosting a special parish celebration. All are warmly invited.

To book your place please scan the QR code or complete a sign-up sheet located in each church



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

'Could you not watch one hour with me?' Bathe your soul in the light and love of the real presence of Christ.

Tuesdays; after 10am Mass – 12 Noon

Thursdays; 7.30 – 8.30pm

PORTSMOUTH VOCATIONS www.portsmouthvocations.org

Contact Canon John at 01329 318 869

Email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

"SEEKER SATURDAY" 12th September 11am - 3pm

Sacred Heart Hall & Church. 'Pray, Decide & Don't Worry'

Fellowship, Discussions, Mass, Lunch and Adoration. For those discerning priesthood or religious life. Welcome!

DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY – PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Sat 10 Oct, 9:30am–1:30pm, St Bede's, Basingstoke

Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer and formation. All catechists, experienced or new, are warmly invited. To register your interest please go to: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGROzEzDh>

Or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DIARY AT A GLANCE. The coming week: Sat 5th September – Sunday 13th September

	Meeting	Location	Time	Contact
Sat	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions	SH	10am-11am	
Sun	Children's Liturgy	SH	Sunday 9am Mass	
Tues	Little Treasures Toddler Group	SPH Hall	9.30am-11am	£1.50 'Stay & Play' – Parish Office
	PEG Recycling Team	SH Hall	10.30am-12pm	Parish Office
	Craft & Chat Group	SH Hall	1pm	Parish Office
	QA Hospital On Call	QA	4.30-8.30pm	Switchboard
Wed	St Jude's School Beginning of Term Mass	SPH	1.30pm	
	Formation Group (RCIA)	SH Hall	7pm-9pm	tomjharper@hotmail.co.uk
	Ladies' Prayer Group	SPH Hall	7.30pm-9pm	eloise@olimcomms.com
Thurs	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions	SH	after Mass	
	Parish Finance Committee Mtg	SH Hall	1.30pm	
	Holy Hour for Vocations	SH	7.30pm - 8.30pm	
Fri	Scripture Group	SH Hall	11.15am-12.15pm	Parish Office
Sat	'Seeker Saturday' – Vocations Discernment	SH Hall	11am-3pm	vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions	SH	5pm - 5.45pm	
Sun	Lourdes Pilgrimage – Young Helpers' Talk	SH/SPH	Sunday Masses	

CHURCH INITIATION SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM See www.catholicchurchfareham.org.uk/baptism
Register online. Why not take part while “still expecting”?

Preparation Pathway dates: Closing date: Fri 11th Sept.

Meet & Greet Introduction **Sat 26th Sept**

Online Session 1 **Tues 29th Sept, from 8pm**

Online Session 2 **Tues 6th Oct, from 8pm**

ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)

Enquirers' Group Are you a non-Catholic who wants to come into full communion with the Church, or a “resting” Catholic wanting to “return to the practice of the faith” email Dcn Larry: Imurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Weekly sessions: Starting 7th Oct. Our Lady, Stubbington.

Formation Group For those who have completed the Enquiry Stage and want to continue their faith formation journey. Weekly sessions start Weds 9th Sept. 7pm. Sacred Heart Ch. & Hall. Contact Tom: tomjharper@hotmail.co.uk

Please pray for the ministry of our two groups.

CONFIRMATION ‘CHOSEN GROUP’

Information Evening - Friday 25th Sept 7pm,
Immaculate Conception Ch, Stubbington

Calling young people in years 8 and above from the Solent Pastoral Area. Would you like to know more about Jesus? Would you like the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027?

To register your interest or for an answer to questions, please contact Dcn Andrew Collins on 07485 422 473, or acollins@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or your parish office.

The first session for **Chosen 2026-27** for new and returning members will take place on Fri 9th October. Venue t.b.c.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Children in Year 4 and above are invited to join the First Holy Communion programme beginning in January at St Margaret Mary, Park Gate. Sessions run on Saturdays, 10.00 to 11.00am. Application forms are available from the Parish Office. Closing date: Sunday 27th September.

ALTAR SERVERS' 10 PIN BOWLING AND PIZZA EVENING

Friday 16th October. Save the date!

PARISH FINANCE

Dona Plates Contactless Giving available in the foyers

Standing Orders Please contact the Parish Office for details.

BACS Transfer The parish 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 Payers are encouraged to contact in confidence at:

farehamgiftaid@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR The sick & those who care for them...

Mary M., Ninette, Paul D., Chris H., Nikki P. Simon D., Sr. Veronica OP, Bernard K., Sarah D. and Richard.

LADIES' GROUP A chance to say what is inside you.

2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. At St Philip Howard Church Hall

Contact: eloise@olimcomms.com

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL – PETITION

2nd Reading of the Bill is this week on Fri. 11th September

Visit cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide

Contact your MP as a matter of urgency to express your views on this Bill, even if you have written previously.

Right to Life UK. Visit www.righttolife.org.uk/sept11vote

A simple online tool. Send it directly to your MP.

(ACN) AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – PETITION

Sign our Article 18 Petition | Aid to the Church in Need

Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Please support ACN's petition calling on the UK

Government and the United Nations to protect religious freedom. Signatures are now being collected.

LOCAL PILGRIMAGE TRAIL ALONG THE MEON VALLEY

In the Footsteps of St Wilfrid. The Meon Valley was among the last parts of England to receive the Christian faith.

Between AD 681 and 686, St Wilfrid ministered among the Saxons and Jutes, founding churches that still stand beside the River Meon today. www.wilfrid-meon-pilgrimage.co.uk

ST PAUL CENTRE 25. Free digital content

Know and understand Scripture with trusted scholars

#1 <https://my.stpaulcenter.com/play/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass> with Dr Scott Hahn; 11 episodes, 3hrs 22min.

SUNDAY OFFERING - Thank you for your generosity

August average: £2589 per week

CAR PARKING AT ST PHILIP HOWARD CHURCH

If your vehicle is not registered with the Parish Office, please sign in on the foyer tablet. Regular Wednesday Mass attendees may arrange permanent vehicle registration through the Parish Office.

REGULAR GROUPS www.catholicchurchfareham.org.uk

Bethany Bereavement

Confirmation CHOSEN

Craft & Chat

Little Treasures Toddlers

PEG (Ecology Group)

SVP (St Vincent de Paul)

Teams (Married Couples)

Bible Study

Conversation Group

Ladies' Prayer Group

Men's Prayer Group

Prayer Walks

Enquirers' Journey in Faith

UCM - Union of Catholic Mothers



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Parish Administrator: Mrs Pauline McNamara. Mon-Fri 9.30am-12.30pm **Parish Finance:** farehamgiftaid@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding: Stephanie Campbell 07414 685 955. Email: safeguarding.fare@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding: Ruth Attfield. Email: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish SVP Group: 07435 880 190 - Call in confidence, any day between 8am - 6pm

St Jude's Primary School: Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Wall. 01329 235 131 Email: admin@st-judes.info