



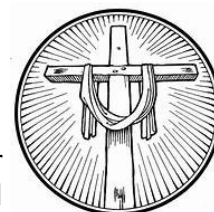
# St Margaret Mary Church

PARISH WEBSITE: [www.stmargaretmary.co.uk](http://www.stmargaretmary.co.uk)

## 18TH APRIL - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday". These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia.* General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, #22

### Wishing you all a blessed and Holy Easter.



Thank you so much for your generosity, it is humbling. Thank you for the Easter offering it is much appreciated. Thank you for all your personal gifts, cards and messages: these are so kind, supportive, encouraging and thoughtful. It is hard to express in words the utter joy of celebrating the Triduum as your priest in our parish. It was all quite surreal; a particular favourite was Good Friday. The only day there is no Mass. The liturgy starts in silence and the prostration, when I lay on the floor in front of the altar. Reliving the experience it is impossible not to recall my ordination to priesthood. I remember that day wondering where I would be posted or who I would be called to serve as priest. Traditionally you only find out *after* your ordination where your first posting will be, so it is foremost in one's thoughts. This Good Friday, whilst laying myself down for Christ, I got a real sense of "now you know who you are called to serve". So may God keep you and preserve you!

Finally, I need to thank everyone who helped prepare the Church, and all who assisted in the liturgy in so many ways, that contributed to making this Holy Week such a wonderful success.

Thank you everyone. God Bless you all.

Love from *Fr Robert.*

Next Sunday - 25th April- is **Good Shepherd Sunday**—the National Day of Prayer for Vocations for the Priesthood and religious life.



Pope Francis has released his message for this 58th day of prayer and it is titled 'Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation'. In his message the Holy Father focuses on three themes in St Joseph's life and illustrates how he can be a model of vocation. The themes are: the dream of vocation, the life of service, and the fidelity of vocation that leads to joy.

Click or copy the link to read this beautiful text: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco\\_20210319\\_58-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20210319_58-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html)

Advance notice: There will be a Second Collection for the Clergy Training Fund next Sunday

**Read the e-News** <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews> Sign up and read regularly. News from the Parishes, the Diocese & the Vatican; Information & Courses; Diocesan Calendar & Jobs; Reflections & Appeals; Prayer requests & Book recommendations..... And lots more!



#### Church Linen notice

In the current situation very little Altar Linen is being used (Communion under one kind and no Eucharistic Ministers). This is likely to continue for some time so a new rota will not be issued until this changes.

Thank you to all who have helped maintain the Church Linen - keep safe!

#### RED BOXES 2020: A Big Thank You!

In 2020, St Margaret Mary Parish raised £1,250.37 through our Red Boxes and direct donations to Missio & the Mill Hill Missionaries. Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Park Gate are supporting them through prayer and your generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked for their thanks and their prayers to be passed on to you all.

You can find out more at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or from Local Secretary Marguerite Boulter - 01489 575663

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



As these are unusual times, Bishop Philip has granted Fr Rob the faculty of confirming these young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 24th April** in St Margaret Mary Church. *Attendance by invitation.*

Jonah Diaper; Harry Dunbar; Aisling Foley;  
Joshua Inwards; Jowin Kullukaran;  
Amber McLaren and Callum Walford

Please pray for them, their Families, their Sponsors and their Catechists, giving thanks to God for their patience and resolve during this past year.

## THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

Matilde Biondi; Samuel Bonavia; Mikaela Medina;  
Cecilia Segatto Otero; Amelia Tomsett;  
William Le Grice; Zofia Gaca  
and Marta Travado-Giles.

Pray for them, their families and their Catechists.  
*Some of these are still waiting to receive the sacraments.*

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**Last call to Register** for the new Reconciliation and Eucharist preparation course which begins **Saturday 24th April**. The 22-week programme, called: **'I Want To Make My Home In You'**, takes place between **10 -11am on Saturday mornings** and is designed for children in the **current Year 3 (or above)**.

Email the Parish Office for a registration form

## Keep your Faith alive in your home and in your Family during this time.....



Sign up for the Cafod Children's Liturgy and then download the weekly resources.....

### CAFOD - CHILDREN'S LITURGY

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

### REDEMPTRISTS/DOMINICAN SISTERS:

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/celebrate-following-your-faith>

## COMING TO CHURCH DURING LOCKDOWN

**PLEASE COME TO WEEKDAY MASS IF YOU CAN - TO LEAVE THE PLACES ON SUNDAY MORNING FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO COME TO MASS DURING THE WEEK.** There are usually places available on Sunday evenings.

**Thank you to all our Stewards** for enabling us to come to Church safely.



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To keep *yourself* and *others* safe:  
**sanitise your hands, wear a face covering, keep a physical distance** and **'sign in'**.

Wrap up well - the Church is full of fresh air...

**OUTSIDE - We can now meet outside the Church with one other household or in a group of up to 6 people. Please observe social distancing - even if you, or they, have been vaccinated** - it is lovely to see them **but let us not put anyone at risk! Continue to wear your mask** until you are in your car or safely off the premises. **Remember we are visible to everyone.** *Our Church could still be closed if we break Covid-19 rules.*

## PARISH FINANCES

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW FINANCE TEAM

David Bonavia, Milton Hewins,  
Andrew Bray & Mark Hoban.

**GIFT AID:** As the Diocese is a Registered Charity, we are able to reclaim a **25% tax rebate** from HMRC on **all your offertory donations** provided you have completed a **gift aid declaration form**. There is **no cost to you** but your declaration must be kept up to date.

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**NEW NUMBERS ARE BEING ISSUED TO BE USED NOW.**

NB: NUMBERS ARE ONLY BEING ISSUED TO PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A GIFT FORM

**Are a tax payer? - could you sign a declaration and allow us to claim back tax you have already paid?**

Phone **Ken: 07583895323** or Email:  
**farehamgiftaid@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**

**A Gift Aid Declaration Form** can be emailed to you - contact the Parish Office - or pick up a printed version from the Church Porch.

*Thank you to everyone who has updated their Gift Aid Declaration*

*Our Offertory is an act of worship: It is part of the Mass. We offer back to God from what He has given us.*

**Thank you for all contributions to the Parish especially those of you who are 'Planned Givers.'**

**If you are new to the Parish** why not contact Ken and, in confidence, discuss the most effective way to make your offertory contribution.

### WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

#### BY CHEQUE:

**'P.R.C.D.T.R Parkgate St. Marg. Mary'**  
*(anything else will be refused by the bank).*

#### BY STANDING ORDER:

 Parish Bank account details:

**PRCDTR Park Gate St Margaret Mary**  
(Lloyds Bank) **Sort Code: 30-93-04 A/C: 00883663**

**BY BANK TRANSFER:** *details as above* Please send a copy of your Standing Order/BACS for our records: especially if you pay UK tax and wish to Gift Aid.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

	Totals to date
White Flower Appeal	£418.00
Good Friday: Holy Places	£301.60
Easter Offering for our Priest	£1936.50

*Thank you for your generosity*

### FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS/APPEALS

**Next Sunday 25th April : Clergy Training Fund**  
**2nd May: LEPR A Appeal**



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Parish - Our School - Our Priest  
All who are in need of healing prayer,  
whether sick, housebound, lonely or in need.  
All who have died recently, known or unknown  
to us, and we remember all who died during the  
Covid Pandemic, may they rest in peace, Amen.

All who work in our health services  
and everyone involved in keeping us safe.

Our teachers and school staff, as they  
prepare for the new term..

All who are preparing for Sacraments of Initiation:  
their Families, Sponsors, and Catechists.

Couples preparing for Marriage  
and those who embrace the single life.

All who are considering a Vocation to the  
Priesthood or Consecrated life.

#### A Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and  
courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

#### POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION

##### Fundamental Rights



During the month of April we pray for those  
who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental  
rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes  
and even in democracies in crisis. .



#### A Spiritual Communion

*composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori (18th century)*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there,  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

#### Going into Hospital?

Please remember to inform the Parish Office, or relevant hospital Chaplaincy, if you, or a member of the family, are in, or due to enter, hospital.

**University Hospital Southampton** -  
Chaplaincy Team 023 8120 8517

**Queen Alexandra Hospital Portsmouth** -  
Chaplaincy Team 023 9228 6408



### MAY SHE REST IN PEACE AND RISE AGAIN IN GLORY

In your charity please pray for  
the soul of the recently deceased

**Eileen Parsons**



*Life is changed not ended...*

*Please keep Eileen's family in your prayers.*



#### MESSAGE FROM SVP - We are here to help...

If you would like a phone call - just to for a friendly chat or if you need help in any way - give us a call:

**07487659277**

#### Portsmouth Diocese READERS' WORKSHOPS

If you would like to grow in confidence in your reading or would just like a refresher course, why not attend our free online Diocesan-run Readers' Workshop? The next TWO WORKSHOPS will take place on **17TH & 24TH APRIL**.

A Diocesan *Recognitio* will be awarded after attending *both* workshops *and* completing a reading practice, with a diocesan listener. For details check the Formation for Mission Web page: [www.pffm.org.uk/readers](http://www.pffm.org.uk/readers)

**Review:** "Despite having been readers for a number of years we both got a great deal out of this course."

#### St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

are looking for a part time caretaker from 4pm-6pm [Mon - Fri or Mon-Thurs].

General duties will include fixing things, locking the school, some cleaning, general maintenance and health and safety. More information can be found here: <https://www.saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk/vacancies-and-support-staff-application-pack/>

Or contact the School Office - *details on back page*.  
The closing date is **Monday 19th April at noon**



#### Readvertising - PARISH SECRETARY - Park Gate

As we are now on the road out of Lockdown, it is a good time to readvertise the vacancy for a part-time Parish Secretary to support Father Rob and the Parish of St Margaret Mary. This role (16hrs Mon-Thurs) will be based in the Parish Office. Please contact Maria Owen for details: **Job Description** and **Application Form**. Email: [parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

#### Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: 19th – 23rd July 2021

With the lifting of lockdown on the horizon and the successful rollout of Covid-19 vaccination programme Bishop Philip is inviting you on the pilgrimage to Lourdes. Last year's plans were postponed due to the pandemic and so we are looking forward to beginning our much-awaited pilgrimage. There are some places available - please send your booking forms & deposits asap to avoid disappointment.

Further details email:

[lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

or phone 07780 221686.



**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES THANKS TO OUR STEWARDS WHO ARE KEEPING US SAFE  
PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK AND KEEP SAFE DISTANCES**

**SUNDAY MASSES - *by invitation only***      **WEEKDAY MASSES *first come - first served***  
*Contact the Parish Office to reserve a place at Sunday Mass*

**18TH APRIL 2021**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Year B (*Psalm week 3*)

**10:15 MASS** The People of the Parish

**18:30 MASS** Francis Navesy RIP (*M. Raymont*)

**19th April** *Monday of the 3rd Week of Easter*      **09:30 Mass** Bridget Jones - birthday (*C Spacey*)

**20th April** *Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Easter*      **09:30 Mass** Maureen T - birthday (*C Spacey*)

**21st April** *St Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop, Doctor*      **09:30 Mass** Helen Mitchell RIP - 1st Anniversary (*J & P Hartle*)  
**19:00** *Rosary, Adoration, & Benediction*

**22nd April** *Thursday of the 3rd Week of Easter*      **19:00 Mass** Fr Rob's Intention

**23rd April** **SAINT GEORGE**, Martyr, Patron Saint      **09:30 Mass** Jean Hibberd - birthday (*C Spacey*)

**24th April**      **CONFIRMATION MASS - by invitation only**

**25TH APRIL**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Year B (*Psalm week 4*)

**10:15 MASS** The People of the Parish

**18:30 MASS** Pauline Skinner - in Thanksgiving

**Public Sunday & Weekday Masses - Live Streaming of All Masses - YouTube recording of Public Masses**

**CONFESSIONS - *please telephone***  
***Fr Rob to request an appointment.***  
***Leave a message and***  
***your contact details:***  
**01489 572797**



**MASS INTENTIONS** -to arrange a Mass please contact the Office (by email or 01329 661927). Please make your request in advance for a specific date. Mass Offerings can be made using a marked Envelope or by Bank Transfer (please identify using 'Mass Offering').  
*Please Note - the Mass Intention does not need to be read out during Mass for it to be a valid offering.*

**Parish Priest: Fr Robert Stewart**

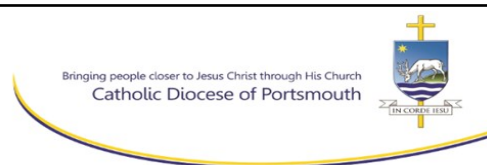
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**Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator:**

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**Parish Administrator:** Maria Owen (part-time)

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*Please make contact if you know anyone who needs a friendly phone call or of any families in need.*

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