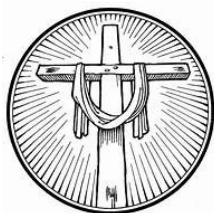




St Margaret Mary Church

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmargaretmary.co.uk

4TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY / 11TH APRIL - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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.

The Easter season celebrates new life and a rebirth in Jesus Christ. We have celebrated and meditated on Our Lord's Passion and death. In a real sense, with God's grace, we see the need for God's mercy in our lives. Through the Resurrection we live as people of Hope, confident and joyful in the promises of Christ and our eternal life: our true end, to reside with Him for all eternity—the only reason we were created. Most of all, during Holy week, we have marvelled at God's sacrificial love for mankind throughout all of time. This underpins the Joy of the Season.

In the last twelve months life has changed in so many ways and for so many people. We too are waiting to emerge, as restrictions are lifted and the successful vaccination programme continues, into a new way of life. It is uncertain for us, individually or as a nation, what that near future may hold - what we do know is that it will be different. However, our future has always been uncertain. The disciples too, returning from the empty tomb, were shaken and unsure of their future. They too knew that from then onwards their life would be different. In the hope of the Resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit, they set fire to the world and from that day onwards the Church has not stopped growing.

Through the grace of this season, may the Lord grant you all the grace to face the future as disciples of Christ. May we be confident in our Faith and reborn anew in Hope and Joy. As we all venture into this post-pandemic new life, may we be eager to serve our Lord Jesus Christ with confidence of His supporting presence in an uncertain world.

As for me, your priest: this time last year I was appointed (during the pandemic) to work in Hospital Chaplaincy. This meant that for Easter I was not attached to a parish and, along with all my brother priests (and all the Faithful), was forced to celebrate Holy Week privately. However - a year on, to be the parish priest of Park Gate, to be *your* priest *and* to celebrate Holy Week, although restricted in numbers, is a source of great joy.

Thank you, to everyone who has worked so hard preparing the Church for Easter.



God bless you and may the grace of Christ in this Easter season inspire us all to live a new life in Him. Happy Easter. *Fr Robert.*

Instead of a Pastoral Letter this Easter, Bishop Philip has written a Letter to everyone living in the area of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. It is called "**An Offer that will Change your Life**" and the link is on our Parish website (and in the e-news).

As not everyone has access to the internet, there are a few printed copies available - please take one and deliver it, together with a copy of this newsletter *and* a Viva Voce (the Diocese magazine), to that person who you know will appreciate them. Thank you.

Have *you* taken your Easter copy of **Viva Voce**? Look out for the article from one of our parishioners.

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!



NB: Double Newsletter this week.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



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

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

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

Registration is still open for this year's Reconciliation and Eucharist preparation beginning on Saturday **24th April**. 'I Want To Make My Home In You', a 22-week programme, will have sessions from **10-11am** on **Saturday mornings**. It is designed for children who are 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.....



Why not sign up for the Cafod Children's Liturgy and download the weekly resources.....

CAFOD - CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

Also the **DOMINICAN SISTERS** have a Children's Liturgy on the Redemptorist publication website. <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.



← 2 METRES/ 6 FEET →



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

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

If you are a tax payer please check

that you have *completed a form in the past 3 years.*

*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

NEW NUMBERS WILL SOON BE ISSUED - FOR USE FROM 11TH APRIL (FIRST SUNDAY OF NEW TAX YEAR).

NB: NUMBERS WILL ONLY BE ISSUED TO PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A GIFT FORM

Meanwhile, please continue to use your existing numbers

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 TO CONTRIBUTE:

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Good Friday - 2nd April - for the Holy Places
Easter Sunday - 4th April - for our Priest

UPDATE ON PARK GATE PARISH OFFICE

The advertisement for an additional part-time Parish Secretary did not attract much interest, so it will be re-advertised after Easter.

The Office is currently 'staffed' on Mondays and Fridays (except over Easter). Letters and Messages can be put through the letterbox and emails can be sent 24/7. Response time is good - Telephone messages might take a bit longer.

When leaving brief messages on the Answerphone for Fr Rob - your Name and Telephone number are important.



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 a well-deserved holiday.

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

Portsmouth Diocese - Formation for Mission

Sr Hyacinthe, Leader of our Formation for Mission Team

announces that the FFM Team has a new website...



"Our team is very excited to launch our new website, which is still a work in progress, but which will allow you to find out everything our team currently offers for the formation of adults, catechists and readers in our parishes." You can find it here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>.

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS Fr John Cooke & Fr PJ Smith on

their New Appointments for the Diocese.

Bishop Philip has invited them both to join the Cathedral Chapter of Canons.



"It was an unexpected honour to be asked and, despite feeling unworthy, I have graciously accepted this role. I will be invested as a 'Canon' at the next Cathedral Chapter Mass, which is due to take place sometime in the summer (tbc). May all we do be for God's glory and the building of His Kingdom." *Fr John*



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

The Catholic Women's League - CWL

is still active in the Pastoral Area: Monthly Meetings by Zoom. New members welcome.



The Knights of St Columba - KSC

are still active and meet (via Zoom) on the 2nd Thursday of each month. New members always welcome.



St Anthony Solent Order Franciscan Secular

Fraternity Currently meets by zoom and welcomes new members.

Contact the Parish Office to contact any of the above.

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

are looking for a part time caretaker working from 4pm-6pm each day [Mon - Fri or Mon-Thurs]. General duties include fixing things, locking the school, some cleaning, general maintenance and some 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



**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*

4TH APRIL 2021 EASTER SUNDAY

(Year B)

(Office Proper)

10:15 MASS

The People of the Parish

NB: NO EVENING MASS

Easter Collection for Our Priest - Fr Rob Stewart

5th April *Monday within the Octave of Easter* **09:30 Mass** Chai Shui Ho (*Ip*)

6th April *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter* **09:30 Mass** Helen Mitchell (1st Anniversary) (*E Holmes*)

7th April *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter* **09:30 Mass** Lenka Jerabkova & son, Matyas (*D.Labancova*)
19:00 *Rosary, Adoration, & Benediction*

8th April *Thursday within the Octave of Easter* **19:00 Mass** Zofia Orłowski RIP (1st Anniversary) (*J.Orłowski*)

9th April *Friday within the Octave of Easter* **09:30 Mass** Holy Souls

11TH APRIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OF DIVINE MERCY (Year B) (Office Proper)

10:15 MASS Peter O'Mahony RIP (*B. O'Mahony*)

18:30 MASS The People of the Parish

12th April *Monday of 2nd week of Easter* **09:30 Mass** Kenneth Ian Deacon RIP (*D.Labancova*)

NB **13th April** *Tuesday of 2nd week of Easter* **No MASS**

14th April *Wednesday of 2nd week of Easter* **09:30 Mass** Intentions of the O'Mahony Family (B. O'Mahony)
19:00 *Rosary, Adoration, & Benediction*

15th April *Thursday of 2nd week of Easter* **10:00 Funeral Mass for Eileen Parsons RIP**

19:00 Mass Brian Tattersall RIP (*M Boulter*)

16th April *Friday of 2nd week of Easter* **09:30 Mass** Sue Forer RIP (1st Anniversary)

18TH APRIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B) (Office Proper)

10:15 MASS The People of the Parish

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

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.
Please Note - the Mass Intention does not need to be read out during Mass for it to be a valid offering.

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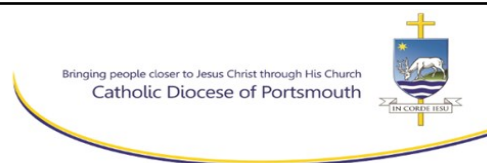
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Parish Gift Aid: Ken Wilson email: farehamgiftaid@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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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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