



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Luke 24 v 35-48

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Frank Navesey RIP
	6.30pm	Private Intention
Monday 15th	9.30am	Joanne Sinclair Intention
Tuesday 16th	9.30am	Christine Normand RIP
Thursday 18th	7pm	Ashley Morrish Intention
Friday 19th	9.30am	Sandra Ong RIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21st April	8.30am	Maggie Lines RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	No Intentions

After the Sunday 10.30am Mass— Refreshments are served in the Parish Hall

Confessions

Please contact the Parish office at Fareham 01489 572797 to arrange an appointment or email office@stmargaretmary.co.uk



Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday so he is unavailable on this day. For urgent sick calls on this day, please contact Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869. The Church will still be open from 9am-1.30pm, for private prayer.

Fr Ansel's Easter Collection—this collection is still open until the middle of April.

One of the ways in which the Parish can thank Fr Ansel for his ministry is by contributing generously to the Easter collection. This is our offering to him and, together with the Christmas collection, forms a significant part of his income.

There are four ways in which you can give:

1. The collection on Easter Sunday
2. A bank transfer to the parish bank account
3. Contactless payment using the Dona machine at the back of church - there is an option marked "Fr Ansel Easter Offering"
4. Use our give as you live page - <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/park-gate-st-margaret-mary-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2024>

Thank you

Luke 24 v 35-48 — After Jesus had appeared to the Disciples on the road to Emmaus, they tell the good news!

So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

As they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them: This seems to be the same late Sunday meeting Jesus had with the eleven described in John 20:19-25. In his Gospel, John specifically wrote that Jesus appeared to them when the doors were shut (John 20:19). It seems that Jesus suddenly and perhaps miraculously appeared to the disciples in the midst of a closed room without making an obvious entrance.

These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Jesus almost said, "I told you so" by reminding them that all had happened just as He said it would. To help His disciples take it all in, He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

It was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day: Jesus wanted them to understand that the cross was not some unfortunate obstacle that had to be hurdled. It was a necessary part of God's redemptive plan for man, and that it would be in the name of a crucified and risen Savior that repentance and remission of sins will be brought to the world.

Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: Jesus first displayed His wounded hands and feet to the disciples. In this Jesus wanted to establish both His identity and His bodily existence, and that it was in a transformed state the same body He had before the cross, upon the cross, and set in the tomb.

You are witnesses of these things: Jesus solemnly told them that they were witnesses of these things. Not only witnesses of the events surrounding the work of Jesus, but also of the commission itself to spread the gospel. This was a work they were all mutually responsible for.

Mass Intentions.

To book a Mass intention/s please contact the Parish office by phone, email or in person. If you leave an envelope outside office hours please can you put all the details on the envelope, particularly your name and contact number. The most important thing is that the sacrifice of the Mass is offered, but we cannot guarantee the date.

Standing Orders and Gift Aid

Thank you for all you do to support your parish in many different ways.

If you haven't already done so, please consider donating via a standing order, and sign up for gift aid, in order to provide a more stable, and 25% extra, parish income. Forms available on the website, at the back of the church and from the Parish Office.

Contactless Giving—Available at the back of the Church.

Do you need our bank details?

CDP PARK GATE ST MARG MARY

Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 00883663

Park Gate Noticeboard For more information on all our activities, have a look on our web site:
www.stmargaretmary.co.uk

Please submit items for consideration to Heather in the Parish Office by Wednesday lunchtime.

Please note: The Parish office is closed until Wednesday 17th April. Any emails received since Friday 12th will be responded to asap on my return to the office.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is Sunday 28th April at 7.45pm in the Church. You are all most welcome.

For more information, please contact David Walford: walford101@hotmail.com

St. Margaret Mary Prayer Group.

The St. Margaret Mary prayer group meet fortnightly, on Friday's after Mass.

Meeting dates for the next two months are : 26TH APRIL. 10TH & 24TH May

All are welcome. If you would like any further details, please contact Bernadette Bray on 01489 603858.

SVP Notices



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

We are here to help. If you need help in any way, or are interested in volunteering some time to help, give us a call on 07487 659277.

Donation cheques to be made out to : B170413 SVP St Margaret Mary Park Gate

ST MARGARET MARY— Parish Lenten Charity

This year **Aid to the Church in Need** has been our **2024 Lenten Charity**. Aid to the Church in Need is dedicated to the service of Christians around the world. The final total of funds raised in aid of ACN will be published as soon as this is confirmed. Thank you again.

SAVE THE DATE - Men's night to be held on Saturday 18th May in the Church Hall @ 7pm.

There will be a two course supper for £15. Tickets on sale after Mass shortly.

Diocese—Free Will Scheme.

The scheme which was launched last month is here to stay! The Diocese have partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 basic simple or mirror Will **for free**. Whether parishioners would like to write their Will in-person, online or over the phone, they will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. They are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in their Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church.

Find more information here:- Make your **FREE Will**—Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, (portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Retreat Day—'Our Father in Heaven' - 4th and 5th May, ST.Peter's Church Pastoral Centre, Winchester.

Pope Francis has asked that his year, 2024, be a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. He has asked that there be a particular focus on the Our Father.

Why not join us on Fri 4th (evening) and Sat 5th May (all day) as Allegra Nutanda leads us in a time of prayer and recollection, helping us to explore what it means to pray 'Our Father in Heaven'? All are welcome. Once you have registered, you will receive further details nearer to the event. Attendance to be confirmed by Monday 29th April.

Register at:- www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-of-prayer-our-father-in-heaven-retreat-days-fri-3-pm-and-sat-4-may-tickets-877957062207?aff=oddtcreator

Trustee Vacancy with Marriage Care

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for Trustees to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit:

www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Vocations Sunday and 'The Conversation' on 17th April

Sunday 21st April is Vocations Sunday.

The National Office for Vocation has produced prayer cards, reflections and information around different vocations, whether God is calling us to married life, priesthood, religious life or single life, we need to listen to what is God calling us to. On **Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm** the National office are holding 'The Conversation' where a panel of guests discuss how they live out their vocation and the work they carry out in the Church. This will be run on Zoom and participation is free, registration however, is required. Details of the participants and how to book a place can be found through the link: [Vocations Sunday | National Office for Vocation England & Wales \(ukvocation.org\)](http://Vocations Sunday | National Office for Vocation England & Wales (ukvocation.org))



If you are unwell and would like a Eucharist Ministry team member to bring Holy Communion to you at home. Please contact Nick Sadler on 07834 923585

If you are going in to hospital, please get in touch with the relevant chaplaincy service:
Southampton General 02381 208517
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

Second Collections — April 2024

Clergy Training Fund—21st April.

The Clergy Training Fund is used to support the formation of Diocesan seminarians. There is no state funding for seminaries or for the formation of permanent deacons and so the money required to provide each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition for a number of years needs to be found from the generous support of people who contribute to this fund. The fund is also used to finance the on-going formation of diocesan clergy, whether it be for professional studies or to support the educational costs for those on sabbatical.

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Parish Office hours:

Monday to Wednesday 9.30am to 2pm Friday: 9.30am to 2pm

Out of hours please get in touch as below

Email: office@stmargaretmary.co.uk Tel: 01489 572797

Parish Gift Aid: Milton Hewins Email: accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact: safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Jodie McMenamin: 07768 751118 or Fran Slater: 07899 691094

Hall Bookings:

Email: hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Maintenance:

Email: facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Repository (Greeting Cards, Books, Gifts and more)

Email: repository@stmargaretmary.co.uk (please see www.cbcdistributors.co.uk for items you can order)

Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator: Ruth Attfield 023 9421 6486

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St Anthony’s Catholic Primary and Pre-School Headteacher:

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