



# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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## John 10 v 11-18

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21st	8.30am	Maggie Lines RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Sandra Ong RIP
Monday 22nd	9.30am	Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 23rd	9.30am	Jean Hibberd Intention
Thursday 25th	7pm	Matt O'Sullivan RIP
Friday 26th	9.30am	Margaret Mary Holland RIP

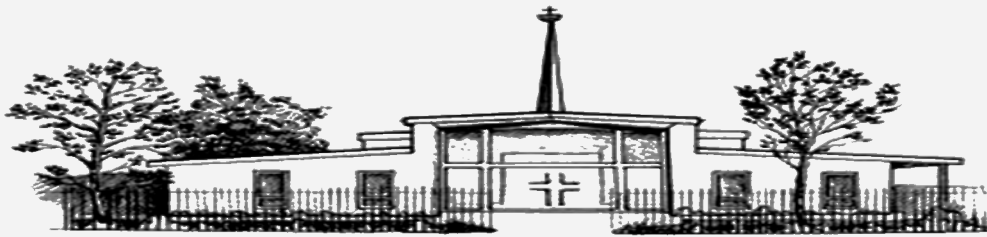
### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28th April	8.30am	Pauline Walford & Family Intention
	10.30am	Nolan Family Intention
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

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](mailto: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.

**Dear fellow parishioners,**

As you know at the beginning of Lent, we were invited as part of our Lenten observances, to pray, to offer the fruits of our fasting, and also to give alms to the Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in need. As well as learning more about the activities of the charity and their work of supporting Christians across the world, especially in the Holy Land, it was also an opportunity to learn more about the growing persecution that Christians are facing across the world, and hopefully we had the opportunity to share this information with others. Thanks to your most generous donations and efforts, I am pleased announce that as a parish, we have managed to raise £1898.70. I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to the fundraising committee for organising the parish quiz in support of the charity, to all the volunteers who helped to organise and serve the spring lunch, to the Knight of St Columba who organised the Mother's Day cake/bake sale, and to the Line Dancing group for supporting this initiative. Given the recent events in Gaza and Israel, let's continue to pray for peace in the region between all religions and cultures, and that the conflict maybe brought to end. Lastly, lets continue to offer support to our fellow Christians across the world who continue to suffer for their faith in Jesus through our prayers and penitence, and by continuing to raise awareness of this issue. With every blessing, Fr Ansel

**'You Will Be My Witnesses : The Ten-Year Plan' - Next steps in delivering the Bishop's Vision**

As many of you will be aware, over the past two years, the Diocese has engaged in a wide-ranging consultation process, with both clergy and laity, to develop the bishop's 10-year plan to deliver his vision for a renewed Diocese by 2032. An update is available this week on the notice boards and has also been sent on email with the weekly newsletter. The representatives from Park Gate who are helping with this transition and process are Fr Ansel, Fiona Hoban, Gaye Perry and Rob Arde.

**What Does 'I Am the Good Shepherd' Mean? - This weeks' Gospel John 10 v 11-18**

"I am the good shepherd." Throughout this passage of John 10, Jesus, the Good Shepherd is trying to make a certain point to the Pharisees. While Jesus does attempt to explain, they meet Him with doubt, so much doubt that they want to stone Him (John 10:31-33). They figured He was disrespecting God as opposed to being God Himself, made flesh. The concept Jesus was trying to illustrate through His metaphor was salvation. Throughout this passage, He contrasts a good shepherd with that of a hired hand (John 10:13). The hired hand runs when the flock is in trouble because they do not love the flock as Jesus, the Good Shepherd, does. And in effect, Jesus is saying literally and metaphorically that He is present to save humanity. In His teaching, he refers to the flock being attacked by a "wolf," which could symbolize the Devil or any natural adversity that people face, including people themselves (John 10:12).

Though not everyone understood or accepted Jesus in this passage, there were those who did believe Him. Some recognized the miracles He performed (John 10:21). Others recognized that what John said about Jesus was true (John 10:42). This passage draws a comparison useful even in modern society. There are those who believed Jesus, some after seeing miracles, and others just took Him at His word. And there were others who did not believe. The same is true today. While we are not able to physically watch Jesus perform miracles, we still have the choice of believing His word and joining His flock. From His words, given to us by John, we are able to see the loyalty he upholds for those who follow Him.

**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](http://www.stmargaretmary.co.uk)

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

### 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](mailto: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

### Vinnie's Cafe

Don't forget Vinnies Drop-in on Saturday 27th April 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Come along and meet old friends, or make new ones, over a hot drink, cake and biscuits. Free, but donations welcome.

### ST MARGARET MARY— Parish Lenten Charity

This year **Aid to the Church in Need** has been our **2024 Lenten Charity**.  
A grand total of **£1,898.70** was raised, thank you for your support and generosity.

**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.

**Would you like to 'Go Deeper' in your faith, grow in prayer and develop your spiritual life?** Why not join our Carmelite Group that meets on the third Saturday monthly for mutual support in spiritual growth. We have times of liturgical prayer and silent prayer, discussion of a Carmelite text and social time. We meet from 10.30-3pm at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Waters, Romsey, Hampshire.  
For more information contact Samantha Harris on 07840 756078 or [samanthaharris218@gmail.com](mailto:samanthaharris218@gmail.com).

### ROSARY RALLY - Saturday 27th April at 3pm Commercial Road, Portsmouth

Parishioners from churches all across the Diocese will be attending a Rosary Rally by The Marian Franciscans next to the QE2 Silver Jubilee Fountain in Portsmouth City centre, to combat these difficult times that we find ourselves in and to make reparation. Please come along. Now is the time we pray, offer sacrifices and to act for the salvation of souls!

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

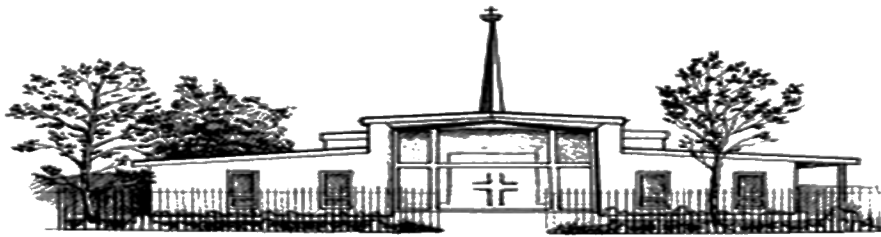
Pope Francis has asked that this year, 2024, be a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. He has asked that there be a particular focus on the Our Father.

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](https://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)

### Jesus Youth UK— Adoration

Jesus Youth UK will be holding their Adoration event at ST.Margaret Mary's from 10am after morning Mass on Friday 17th May through to 9am on Saturday 18th May. Local Jesus Youth members will make sure there will be volunteers throughout the 24 hrs in the church before the blessed sacrament, however, we like to seek maximum participation from the members of the parish as well. We had great support during the last two years from the parish community and many people volunteered to spend the time before blessed sacrament both during the day and night hours. Sign-up sheets will be made available for anyone who can support this time.



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 Priest: Fr Ansel D’Mello**

Tel: 01489 572797

**Parish Administrator: Heather Skittlethorpe**

**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](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) Tel: 01489 572797

**Parish Gift Aid:** Milton Hewins Email: [accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact:** [safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

Jodie McMenamin: 07768 751118 or Fran Slater: 07899 691094

**Hall Bookings:**

Email: [hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Maintenance:**

Email: [facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Repository (Greeting Cards, Books, Gifts and more)**

Email: [repository@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:repository@stmargaretmary.co.uk) (please see [www.cbcdistributors.co.uk](http://www.cbcdistributors.co.uk) for items you can order)

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