



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28th	8.30am	Pauline Walford & Family Intention
	10.30am	Nolan Family Intention
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 29th	9.30am	Ann-Marie Jordan Intention
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 30th	9.30am	Private Intention
Thursday 2nd May	7pm	Sandra Ong RIP
Friday 3rd May	9.30am	Sheila McDonald Intention

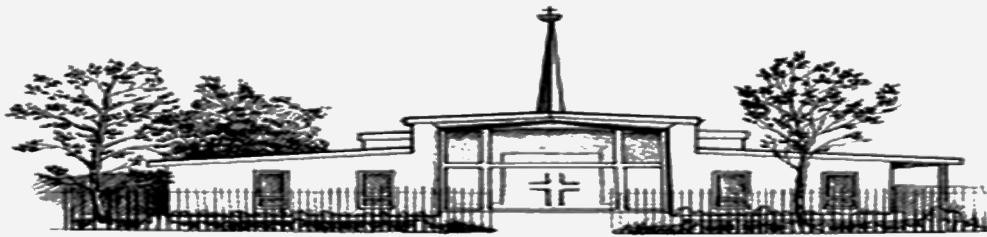
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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	10.30am	Private Intention
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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—Christmas/Easter Collection—Total raised £2,922.40.

Dear fellow parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your generous Christmas & Easter offering which is most gratefully received. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped prepare our beautiful Lenten and Easter liturgies, especially the choir, our MC and altar servers, flower arrangers, cleaners, readers, and all those who came forward to have their feet washed. For many, the celebrations of Easter finished some weeks ago, but for us as Christians, our celebrations continue until we celebrate the Lord's ascension to heaven and the feast of Pentecost. Of course, each time we gather at Mass, we also commemorate the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. In fact, each time we pray the sign of the cross, we invoke this same mystery. So, remember, every time we gather in prayer or come to worship together at Mass, we are continually asking the Lord that the power his death and resurrection may continue to impact and bring great hope to our lives. As we approach the feast of the ascension, we are reminded of the Gospel of John where Jesus tells the disciples that he is going ahead of them, to prepare a place for them, and that he will return to them to take them with him, so that where he is, they may be with him too. (John 14:2-3.) And as we approach the feast of Pentecost, let's pray for a fresh outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that guided by his hand, we may grow ever deeper in understanding our faith and in our love for God and our neighbour.

**Happy Easter,
Fr Ansel.**

Short Study—Gospel of the Week— I am the Vine, you are the Branches (John 15 v 1-8)

The vine is a symbol of ancient Israel. It was engraved on the temple as symbolic to being attached to the Vinedresser, which is God Himself. Israel was to be a witness to the pagan nations that surrounded her and she was supposed to produce fruit, or evidence, that faithfulness and obedience to God would produce good fruit and would be a blessing to all that are attached to this Vine. Being attached to the vine would necessarily produce fruit as grapes would be produced in a vineyard but if the vine is not attached or is broken off, fruit will not be produced, and in fact it would be impossible for fruit to even grow. The vine had a special meaning to the nation of Israel and it does today to the Christian as we shall see by Jesus' using this in His teaching here.

What does it mean to abide in Christ? To abide means to dwell with, dwell in or live in. It can be said that we all abide in our homes. If we are in our homes we are abiding in them. If we are abiding in Christ...He is abiding in us...or living within us.

Unless He abides in us it is impossible to bear fruit because a branch (us) that is not abiding in the vine (Jesus) cannot possibly produce any fruit at all. Jesus is called the Word of God (John 1) and if we are abiding in His Word, the Bible, we are abiding in Him and He is abiding in us. If we get into the Bible the Bible will get into us. If we go through the Bible the Bible will go through us. If we are in the Word the Word will be in us. If we read the Bible the Bible will read us.

There is an interesting phrase in this verse where Jesus says "apart from me" the Greek says "severed from me." The phrase "severed from me" is the idea of being cut off from Him. When a branch is severed from the Vine (Christ), it is little wonder that Jesus says "severed from me you can do nothing." It will wither and die. Christians will wither away, shrink, and die apart from the Vine but if we do abide in Him, clearly we will bear "much fruit." If we don't abide in the Vine, not even one grape can be produced.

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. If you make a donation via BACS, please include reference of 'Mass Int'. Thank you.

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.
Next week the office will be open on Thursday 2nd May, but closed on Friday 3rd May.
The office will be closed on Monday 6th May due to bank holiday.

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 May, 10TH & 24TH.
All are welcome. If you would like any further details, please contact Bernadette Bray on 01489 603858.

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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

Men's Night – Saturday 18th May 7pm.

There is an opportunity for men in the Parish to get to know each other over a two course meal on Saturday 18th May. The evening will start at 7pm. The tickets will be available after Mass from Sunday 28th April. The cost is £15 and can be paid using the Dona machine. If you would like to book a place email Mark Hoban on markhoban@btinternet.com or message him on 07774486235.

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.

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

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 the blessed sacrament both during the day and night hours. Sign-up sheets will be made available for anyone who can support this time.

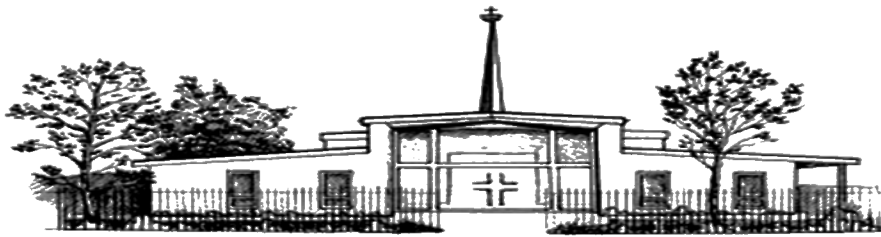


Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are meeting at 1.30pm in the Hall of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington, on Wednesday 8th May. Jean Legg will be telling us about her father, who survived the sinking of the Titanic. We would welcome visitors, so do come along.

For further information, please contact Marguerite Boulter 01489 575663 margieboulter@aol.com
Maria Owen 07790378097 mariaeowen@gmail.com

Fareham Borough Council—Polling Station on Thursday 2nd May—ST.Margaret Mary Parish

This hall will be in use from 6.30am-10.30pm. If you attend 7pm Mass, the car park and general area is going to be much busier than normal. There is a short stay car park next to our site, if parking should be an issue.



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

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

Out of hours please get in touch as below

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