



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Mark 12 v 38-44

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Psalter Week 4)

Sunday 10th Nov	8.30am	Denys & John Rimmer RIP
	10.30am	Frank & Mary Navesy RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 11th	9.30am	Sandra Ong RIP
	7pm	Adoration
Tues 12th	9.30am	No Intentions
Thurs 14th	7pm	Knights of ST Columba Intention
Fri 15th	9.30am	No Mass today.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Psalter Week 1)

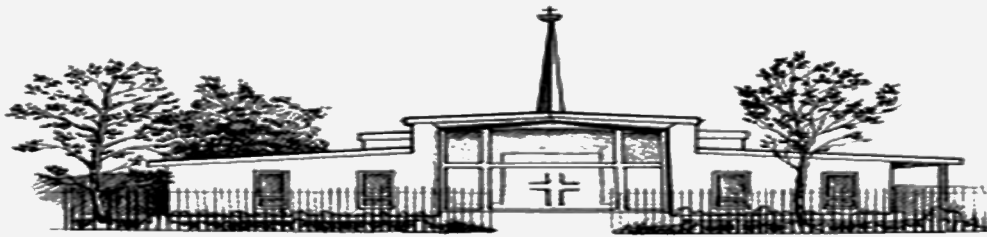
Sunday 17th Nov	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Kol Thelis RIP
	6.30pm	Deceased Members of SVP

Refreshments are served in the Parish hall after the 10.30am Mass.

Confessions

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

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Please note: Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday so he is unavailable on this day.

The Church will still be open from 9am-1.30pm for private prayer.

For any urgent sick calls on this day please contact the office at Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869.

Advance Notice: Fr Ansel will be away from Weds 20th—Weds 27th Nov, back in the Parish on Thurs 28th.

Sunday Masses will take place as normal on Sunday 24th Nov.

The Catholic Bishop conference of England and Wales have released a [Pilgrim Prayer book](https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025) which can be downloaded from the Diocese Jubilee year website. <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025>

Short Reflection on this weeks Gospel—The Widow's Mite.

Mark 12 v 38-44 is set in the temple in Jerusalem. Jesus is observing people as they bring their offerings. Many rich people come, contributing large sums from their abundance. Then, a poor widow approaches and drops in two small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. In Jewish society of that time, widows were among the most vulnerable members. Without a husband or a son to provide for them, they often lived in dire poverty. The woman in this story, then, represents the most marginalized and economically disadvantaged in society. Moreover, this scene takes place in the temple, the centre of Jewish religious life. It's a place where the interplay between faith, societal status, and economic realities would have been on full display. At its core, the story of the widow's mite is about the true measure of giving. Jesus upends the conventional understanding of generosity by focusing not on the amount given, but on the sacrifice it represents. The rich were giving large sums, but these were mere fractions of their wealth. Their giving, while substantial in absolute terms, cost them little in terms of personal sacrifice. The widow, on the other hand, gave everything she had. Her two small coins represented her entire livelihood. This contrast illuminates a profound truth: true giving is measured not by the size of the gift, but by the cost to the giver. It's about the spirit behind the act, not the act itself. The widow's offering, though monetarily insignificant, was an act of complete trust and devotion to God. This parable continues to speak to us across the centuries, inviting us to examine our hearts, our motives, and our actions. It calls us to a faith that is all-encompassing, a generosity that is sacrificial, and a perspective that values what truly matters. As we reflect on the widow and her two small coins, we're challenged to ask ourselves: What is our "mite"? What does wholehearted devotion look like in our lives? How can we, like the widow, offer our all in trust and love? In a world that often celebrates the big and the loud, the story of the widow's mite reminds us of the immense power of small acts done with great love. It stands as a timeless testament to the truth that in God's eyes, it's not the size of the gift that matters, but the size of the heart that gives it.

Thank you for your generosity—an update on Second Collections.

CAFOD £557.80 + Gift Aid of £61.25

Catholic Education Service—£144.50

Home Missions—£168.60

Dona Machine. We know historically there have been issues with the DONA machine. An upgraded DONA machine is now in operation. One important upgrade is to accept offline payments. Please do make use of this facility.

Any further issues, please let the office know but you can also scan the QR code below to donate online.

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



You can also scan this QR code to donate online.

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

Please submit any notices for the Newsletter by Wednesday lunchtime.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is Sunday 24th November at 7.45pm in the Church.

You are all most welcome. For more information, please contact David Walford: walford101@hotmail.com



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

SVP—Parent/Baby Coffee Morning.

SVP would like to invite parents of young children (0 to 18 months) to a coffee morning on

Thursday 14th November from 10.30am. Why not come and join us for a coffee, cake and chat in the Paray room in the Church. If you are interested please contact member of SVP or call usual number—07487 659277

LADIES NIGHT NOVEMBER 15TH UNE SOIREE FRANCAISE - Tickets £10 to include light supper buffet, BYOB.

Tickets on sale from the 13th October after Mass or contact maggie@raymontc.plus.com

ALL RESERVED TICKETS TO BE PAID FOR BY 10TH NOV - thank you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER - everyone welcome Details to follow.

PRESEVERES SALE

Jams and chutneys will be on sale after all Masses on 17th November. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas. This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life changing.

Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent b post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent Calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in Church.

Knights of ST. Columba — Next meeting, Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm. All welcome.

New Lectionary—Familiarisation Sessions.

The Liturgy team is offering two online sessions about the new lectionary which will be introduced in Advent. Each session, led by Fr Anthony Fyk, will be identical (so you need only attend one) and will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us, as well as an opportunity for Questions and Answers. If you wish to pose a question, please submit this in writing in advance to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The sessions are on Tuesday 5th November and Tuesday 19th November from 7pm-8pm.

Please open this link which takes you to the Intranet page and events to book on either date.

<https://portsmouthdiocese.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet>



Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are meeting at 1.30 pm in the Hall of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington, on Wednesday 13th November. This will be our Annual Review.

We have members from most of the local Catholic worshipping communities. We would welcome visitors, so do come along. For further information, please contact Marguerite Boulter 01489 575663

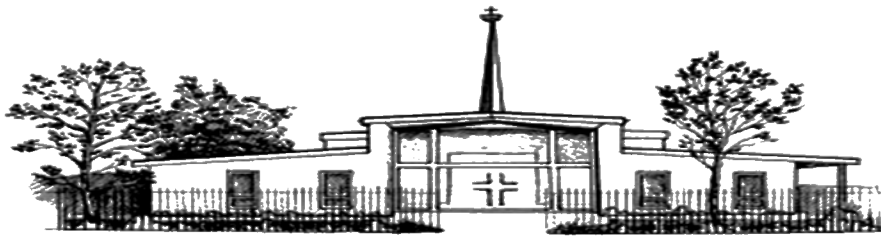
margieboulter@aol.com or Maria Owen 07790378097 mariaeowen@gmail.com.

Starting School in September 2025?

If you have a child who will be 4-years old between 1st Sep 2024 and 31st Aug 2025, the 'application for schools' website is now open. www.hants.gov.uk/admissions The closing date for applications is Monday 15th January 2025. If you are applying to ST.Anthony's you will need to fill in a supplementary information form as well as the online form. For more details or to arrange a personal school tour, please call 01489 579100.

On Saturday 23rd November, two parishioners will be tidying up and weeding the borders and path behind the Church from 11am. They are currently looking for volunteers to help them. If you are available to help, please can you let the office know or turn up on the day. Hopefully it will not rain or snow! Extra help would be much appreciated. Fr Ansel.

Fareham Community Hospital—Transport Service. FCH are asking for volunteer drivers for their no-profit service. Please see poster on notice board. There are a few cards on bookcase in foyer for people who wish to use this service.



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 — SVP Christmas Hamper Appeal

There will be a second collection for the Hamper Appeal after all Masses on 10th November. Thank you.

Last year, with the help of very generous donations from parishioners, we were able to provide 84 hampers and 3 food vouchers, for local families. These families were identified by local schools. The average cost of a hamper was £40. From initial contact with the schools, there will be considerably more families in need of support this Christmas. Also the cost of the hampers will have increased. We appreciate how generous you have been in previous years, and hope you can be equally generous this year. Envelopes and gift aid forms will be available. If donations can be Gift Aided, they would be increased by 25%. Donations via or BACS: B170413 SVP ST MAR SC: 60-60-04 ACC 46076646 or by cheque to B170413 SVP St Margaret Mary Park Gate.

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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

Email: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

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