



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Mark 13 v 24-32

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
Monday 18th	9.30am	Linda McDonald
	7pm	Adoration
Tues 19th	9.30am	Manoj Sunny & Lilly
Thurs 21st	7pm	No Mass
Fri 22nd	9.30am	No Mass

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

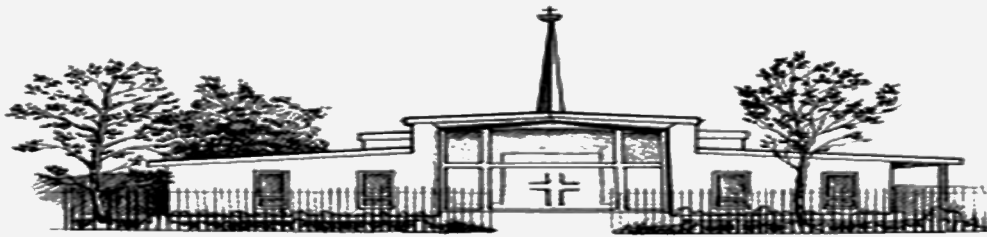
Sunday 24th Nov	8.30am	Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Sandra Ong RIP

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.

2024



Please note: Fr Ansel is 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.

We are delighted to welcome Fr Andrew Moore who will be celebrating 8.30am and 10.30am Mass and Fr John Adikwu who will be celebrating 6.30pm Mass.

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

For any urgent sick calls while Fr Ansel is away, please contact Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869.

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

A Short reflection on this weeks Gospel—Mark 13 v 24-32

“In those days ... the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.” These are Jesus words to his disciples. The disciples have been admiring the temple and the large stones. They are impressed. Jesus, however, is telling them that change is coming. The temple of their life is coming down.

At some point our world falls apart, life changes, or the lights go out. More often than not we see this as the end. When these things happen, Jesus says, remember the fig tree. Read the signs correctly. When its branch becomes tender and it puts forth leaves you know summer is near. So also when the darkness overtakes your life know that the Son of Man is near. Christ's presence, our healing, and salvation, are always taking place in the dark and messy parts of life. We have not and never will be abandoned to the darkness.

“Be alert,” Jesus warns. He commands us to “Keep awake.” Darkness is not our enemy as much as is falling asleep. We fall asleep whenever fear controls or life, when hope gives way to despair, when busyness is equated with goodness, when entitlement replaces thanksgiving, when we choose what is comfortable rather than life-giving. Whenever we think our life is over, that darkness is our final reality, that we have been abandoned, or that loss and darkness are our only reality then we have fallen asleep.

To often we allow the darkness to deceive us into believing there is nothing worth waiting or watching for. So we close our eyes. We fall asleep and we become part of the darkness. We refuse to see the One who is always coming to us. The danger in the darkness is that we do not give our eyes time to adjust. We do not trust our night vision. Night vision is not about the light around us but the light that is within us, a light that can never be extinguished.

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CAFOD £557.80 + Gift Aid of £61.25

Catholic Education Service—£144.50

Home Missions—£168.60

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



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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

New Lectionary.

Please be aware that from the 1st Sunday of Advent we will be using the New Lectionary. The translation of the readings in the new lectionary (ESV version), is different from the previous lectionary (Jerusalem version). If you would like to purchase a new lectionary then these can be found at the CTS website. cts.books.org

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

PRESEVERES SALE—Jams & chutneys on sale after all Masses on 17th November. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD. **CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas.** Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. 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.

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 remaining session is on Tuesday 19th November from 7pm-8pm.

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

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

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.

Repository—Please call in and see the range of Christmas cards and other Christmas items for sale.

Other Events in Pastoral Area:-

ST. John's Church, Lee on Solent.

Saturday 30th November at 12noon. Filipino Mass. Celebrations will continue after Mass with Filipino food.

Wednesday 20th Nov from 9pm through to Thursday 21st Nov at 9am. Praying for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill currently before Parliament. All welcome to both of these events.

ST. Mary's Church, Gosport.

Simbang Gabi. On 20th December at 7pm, we gather for Simbang Gabi, a cherished Filipino Catholic Mass.

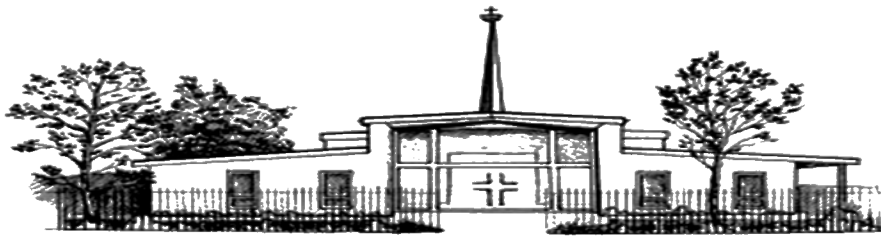
All welcome. Filipino food available in hall after the Mass.

ST. Mary's is holding a Holy Hour in preparation for the Jubilee year, a Eucharistic adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. This is on Thursdays at 7pm. Everyone is invited to join Fr Matthew.

21 November—Theme: Jubilee and 28 November—Theme: Vocation

5 December—Theme: Justice and 12 December—Theme: Marriage & Family

Assisted Dying Bill. In the foyer you will find postcards which can be completed and sent to your local MP. These cards have been produced by 'Not Dead Yet UK', a network of Disabled and terminally ill people.



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

SVP Christmas Hamper Appeal

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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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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