



# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Luke 9 v 28-36

## Second Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week 2)

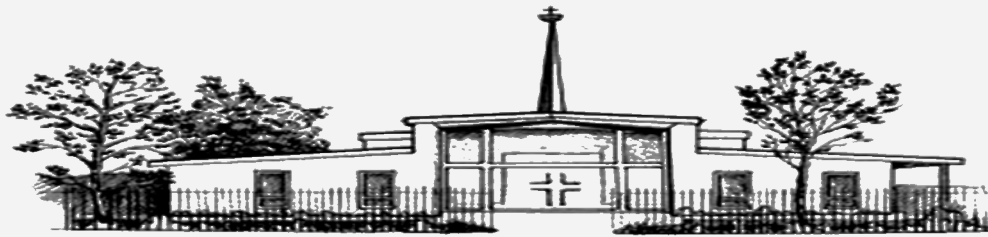
Sunday 16th March	8.30am	Linda McDonald RIP
	10.30am	Mary Josephine Navesy RIP
	5.45pm	Stations of the Cross (Led by Knights of St.Columba)
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 17th	9.30am	Jospeh & Lilly RIP
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 18th	9.30am	<b>No Mass today</b>
Thursday 20th	6.15pm	<b>Stations of the Cross will take place</b>
	7pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
Friday 21st	9.30am	<b>No Mass today</b>
Saturday 22nd	5-6pm	<b>No Confessions today</b>

## Third Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week 3)

Sunday 23rd March	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Deceased Members of the Morrish Family RIP
	5.45pm	Stations of the Cross (Led by SVP)
	6.30pm	Matthew & Margaret RIP

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

2025



**Fr Ansel's is away on Retreat from the 19th to 26th March.**

For any urgent sick calls during this time, please call Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869.

**Thank you to Dcn Brian Stoker celebrating Adoration on the 17th March.**

**Many thanks to Fr Paul Lyons who will be celebrating Mass at the usual times on Sunday 23rd March.**

While Fr Ansel is away, the Church will be open weekdays between 9am-1.30pm for private prayer, except Thurs and Saturday.

**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>

**Please see the noticeboards for list of Mass times for Easter here at ST. Margaret Mary and also in the Pastoral Area.**

**Short thought on this weeks Gospel—The Transfiguration of Jesus.**

After carefully setting the context of prayer, Luke explained what happened to Jesus. He changed in His appearance in what has become known as the transfiguration.

**White and glistening translates a word that has the idea of “flashing like lightning.”** Jesus' entire appearance was transformed in a brilliant radiance of light.

Matthew says that Jesus' face shone like the sun (Matthew 17:2), and both Matthew and Mark used the word transfigured to describe what happened to Jesus. For this brief time, Jesus took on an appearance more appropriate for the King of Glory than for a humble man.

This was not a new miracle, but the temporary pause of an ongoing miracle. The real miracle was that Jesus, most of the time, could keep from displaying His glory.

**The appearance of His face was altered:** This was important at this point in Jesus' ministry because He had just told His disciples that He would go the way of the cross, and that they should follow Him spiritually. It would have been easy for them to lose confidence in Jesus after such a seemingly defeatist statement. Yet in His transfigured radiance, Jesus showed His glory as King over all God's Kingdom.

If they would listen, this would give great confidence to the disciples. Jesus knows what He is doing. He promised that He would suffer, die, and rise again, but He is still the King of Glory.

Jesus showed in an acted-out way that cross bearers would be glory receivers. The end isn't the cross; the end is the glory of God.

**And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.**

**Two men talked with Him:** Jesus was not alone in this display of glory. Two men also appeared with Him, whom the disciples seemed to immediately recognize as Moses and Elijah.

**Spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem:** Of all the things they might have discussed, they chose this topic. It seems that Moses and Elijah were interested in the outworking of God's plan through Jesus; they spoke about what Jesus was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

**Gift Aid** - Just a reminder if you offering is gift-aided, the envelope needs to be annotated with you specific number. Although we cannot have list on noticeboard anymore because of GDPR Rules, the list of names and numbers are kept in the Sacristy and also held by the main office—please do ask.

**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**



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**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 any notices for the Newsletter by Wednesday lunchtime.

### Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meetings is Sunday 30th March 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)



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

**Friday Coffee Morning. Come for coffee and chat after 9.30am Mass.**

### SVP—Parent/Baby Coffee Morning.

SVP would like to invite parents of young children (0 to 18 months) to a monthly coffee morning on Thursday's from 10.30am. Why not come and join us for a coffee, cake and chat in the Paray room in the Church. The next meeting is Thursday 20th March. If you are interested please contact member of SVP or call usual number—07487 659277

**Repository**—Please call in and see the range of Christian gifts and cards available.

### **DATES FOR DIARY—LENTEN CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS—FOR MARY'S MEALS.**

#### **SPRING LUNCH — Sunday 16th March 2025**

By popular request, our Spring Lunch - in aid of our Lenten charity, Mary's Meals, - **will be held on 16th March**, 12pm - 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. The cost for a delicious, home cooked lunch is £15 for adults, £7.50 for children.

Tickets available after Mass or from Gaye Perry (07887 874270). **Reserve your place soon - they sell out fast!**

#### **DATE FOR DIARY — MARCH 21ST - QUIZ NIGHT 7.30pm in ST.Margaret Mary CHURCH HALL**

EVERYONE WELCOME £5 per TICKET, BYOB . Tickets on sale from Feb 23rd

Proceeds will go to the Lenten Charity, which this year is Mary's Meal UK. [Homepage | Mary's Meals](#)

There will be a raffle at both events and we would be grateful for any prizes. Please contact

[maggie@raymeontc.plus.com](mailto:maggie@raymeontc.plus.com) or leave with one of the team after Sunday Masses.

Many thanks in advance for your usual generous support.

**Cake & Bake Sale—Sunday 30th March (after all Masses)** Proceeds will go to the Lenten Charity—Mary's Meals.

**Second Collection for Easter Flowers.** There is a separate option on the DONA machine for this collection which will be available for the remainder of March if you still wish to make a donation. Thank you.

### **Isle of Wight Verbum Dei Retreat Centre.**

Easter Triduum Retreat — 17-20 April 2025

Online Foundation—Wed 19th March—Challenges and tips for 'informal carers'

Weekend Retreat for engaged and married couples — 13th-15th June 2025. For information or to register for any of these events please email [verbumdei.iow@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com) or visit [www.uk.verbumdei.org](http://www.uk.verbumdei.org)

### **SOLENT PASTORAL AREA (SPA) - An Update**

As you may recall from the last Update before Christmas, the bishop has agreed that we should aim to establish the new parish envisaged in the Ten-year diocesan plan by September 2026 - which is now "next year"! The Solent Pastoral Area Advisory Group (SPAAG) has started to make plans for this change and, to help in this work, 3 subgroups have been formed.

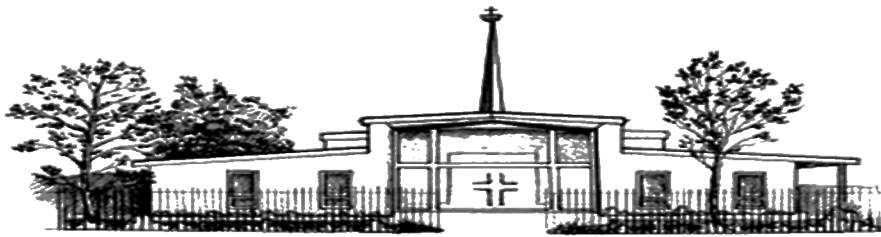
The St Peter Group will focus on the ongoing formation of the laity across the Pastoral Area. It will explore what parishioner feel they need and the topics, methods and resources that would best meet those needs.

The St Paul Group will focus on evangelisation in the wider community of our towns and will grow out of other mission efforts such as the Zion mission happening in Fareham in June.

Finally, the St Matthew Group will address Pastoral Area finances, property and resources, working alongside parish Finance Chairs and the Diocesan Canon Lawyer (changes such as those proposed entail a lot of processes that are enshrined in canon law).

**St George Catholic College is having its annual Romero Day Charity Fundraiser on Friday 28th March.** This year we are raising money for our twinned school in Bamenda Cameroon. We are looking for any donations of Easter Eggs for an in school raffle. If you could donate we would be very grateful.

Please contact Ann Marie Lee Cann on 023 80322603 or [alee-cann@stgcc.co.uk](mailto:alee-cann@stgcc.co.uk). Many thanks



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 contact the relevant chaplaincy service:  
Southampton General 02381 208517  
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

## **Second Collections—March 2025**

### **This weekend, Sunday 16th March—CAFOD Lent Appeal**

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church (available week before), donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10



You can scan this QR code which take you direct to CAFOD's virtual envelope.

## **Sunday 30th March—Clergy Assistance Fund**

**Contact Details: St Margaret Mary, Middle Road, Park Gate, Hants SO31 7GH**

**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)

Anita Fitzgerald: 07743 481363 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)**

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