



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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**“Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered,
“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”**

Ss PETER & PAUL

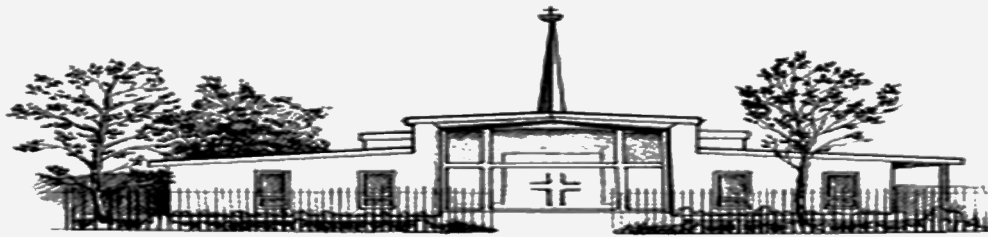
Sunday 29th	8.30am	Fr Frank Murphy RIP
	10.30am	Benedicta Manso RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 30th	9.30am	Finn Culley Intention
	7pm	Adoration
	9.30am	Reilly Family Intention
Tues 1st July	7pm	No Mass today
Thurs 3rd July	9.30am	No Mass today
Friday 4th July		

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 6th July	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Mgr Brendan Murphy RIP
	6.30pm	Knights of St.Columba Intention

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

2025



Fr Ansel will be away from the Parish from Weds 2nd July until Thursday 10th July, returning to the Parish on Friday 11th June. During this time, if you have an urgent sick call, please call Fr Francis at Stubbington on 01329663435. The Church will open during Fr Ansel's absence for anyone wishing to come for private prayer from 9am-1.30pm, except on Thursday and at the weekends.

Our Grateful thanks to Fr John Adikwu (QA Chaplain) who is coming to celebrate Mass on Sunday 6th July.

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>

Short Reflection on this weeks Gospel—Matt 16 v 13-19

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi: Jesus again withdrew from the mainly Jewish region of Galilee and came to a place more populated by Gentiles. This was likely a retreat from the pressing crowds.

Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am? Jesus did not ask this question because He didn't know who He was, or because He had an unfortunate dependence on the opinion of others.

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God: Peter knew the opinion of the crowd – while it was complimentary towards Jesus – wasn't accurate. Jesus was much more than John the Baptist or Elijah or a prophet. He was more than a national reformer, more than a miracle worker, more than a prophet. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah.

We can surmise that this was an understanding that Peter and the other disciples came to over time. In the beginning, they were attracted to Jesus as a remarkable and unusual rabbi. They committed themselves to Him as His disciples or students, as was practiced in that day. Yet over time Peter – and presumably others of the disciples by this point – understood that Jesus was in fact not only the Messiah (the Christ), but also the Son of the living God.

Peter understood that Jesus was not only God's Messiah, but also God Himself. The Jews properly thought that to receive the title "the Son of the living God," in a unique sense, was to make a claim to deity itself.

Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven: Jesus reveals to Peter that he spoke by divine inspiration, even if he didn't even know it at the time. In this, Peter was genuinely blessed – both by the insight itself and how it came to him. We too often expect God to speak in strange and unnatural ways. Here God spoke through Peter so naturally that he didn't even realize it was the Father who is in heaven that revealed it to him.

I also say to you that you are Peter: This was not only recognition of Peter's more Roman name; it was also a promise of God's work in Peter. The name Peter means "Rock." Though perhaps unlikely, Peter was a rock, and would become a rock. God was and would transform his naturally extreme character into something solid and reliable.

On this rock I will build My church: The words this rock have been the source of much controversy. It is best to see them as referring to either Jesus Himself (perhaps Jesus gesturing to Himself as He said this), or as referring to Peter's confession of who Jesus is. Peter, by His own testimony, did not see himself as the rock on which the church was founded. He wrote that we are living stones, but Jesus is the cornerstone. We could say that Peter was the "first believer"; that he was the "first rock" among "many rocks." Peter said as much in 1 Peter 2:4-5: Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

And the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it: Jesus also offered a promise – that the forces of death and darkness can't prevail against or conquer the church. This is a valuable promise in dark or discouraging times for the church.

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 put all your details on envelope. The most important thing is that the sacrifice of 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?

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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 meetings are Sunday 29th June and Sunday 20th July.

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



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

On Saturday 28th June, SVP will be hosting a Vinnie's Strawberry Tea. No tickets required but if you have not been to Vinnie's drop-in café before, please let us know you are coming. (For catering purposes please leave a message on the SVP number 07487 659277) Come along for a friendly chat, tea, scones, strawberries and cream. In the Church Hall, 2pm-4pm. All welcome. 🍓🍓

Friday Coffee Morning - come for coffee and chat after 9.30am Mass.

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

Knights of St.Columba. The next meeting is on Thursday 10th July at 7.30pm. All welcome.

29th June—Talk about CMA (Community Money Advice)

Jean-Remy Duboc will be giving a talk after all three Masses about the work of CMA. This was set up by Christian Together in Fareham and helps anyone worried about money or debt to access free advice. They have an increasing demand and would welcome more volunteers.

Parent/Governor vacancy at ST.Anthony's School.

The term of office for one of the current Parent/Governors expires in July and the school are seeking expressions of interest from parents/carers to join the team. A letter is on the notice board which gives some detail of the role.

To apply, please contact the school office at office@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk

First Holy Communion—Mass

On Saturday 12th July, 9 children from the parish will be making their first holy communion. Mass is at 11am.

Please do come and join us for the mass and please do remember the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this most momentous occasion.



Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are meeting at 1.30 pm at

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington, on Wednesday 9th July. At 2.15pm we will be having a presentation by Fareham Men's Shed. Visitors very welcome to the whole meeting or just to find out how the Men's Shed may be able to help you. For further information, please contact Marguerite Boulter 01489 575663 margieboulter@aol.com or Maria Owen 07790378097 mariaeowen@gmail.com.

CAFOD—We recently invited donations for a Myanmar Earthquake appeal. We sent £60 to them earlier this month—thank you. Please see letter on noticeboard.

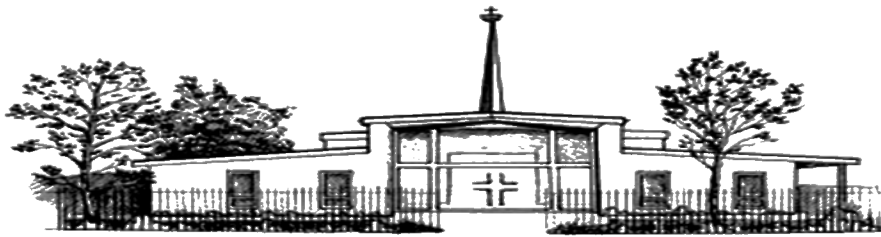
Gift Aid—If you gift aid, please can you remember to write your name and Gift Aid number on your envelopes please. This helps to identify donations and gift aid and so enable us to claim back from HMRC. If you cannot remember your gift aid number, the list is kept in the Sacristy, so please ask. Alternatively, the list is also held in the Parish office, so again please ask if not sure. Thank you. Thank you also to new people who have signed up to Gift Aid, it all helps.

Housekeeping.

Church floor—many of you may have noticed some of the new tiles lifting. This is being investigated. We had to have a structural survey carried out last week to establish cracks in the parquet flooring were not part of the cause. With no major issues found, corrective action on the floor tiles is to be arranged. Any works may result in Mass being moved to parish hall, but this will be communicated as soon as possible.

Car Park—a couple of areas of the car park need repair. We are just waiting on a date for someone who can come and carry out these repairs.

Noticeboard. If you have any notices you would like to go the noticeboard please can you speak to the office first.



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.

Sunday 29th June—Peter's Pence.

Peter's Pence is the name for the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel is as old as Christianity itself.

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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)

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