



# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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## Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 Mission of The Seventy-Two

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)

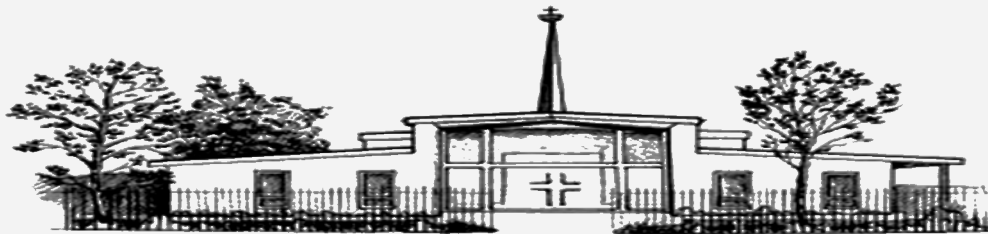
Sunday 6th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Mgr Brendan Murphy RIP
Monday 7th	6.30pm	Knights of ST Columba Intention
	9.30am	<b>No Mass today</b>
	7pm	Adoration
Tues 8th July	9.30am	<b>No Mass today</b>
Thurs 10th July	7pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
Friday 11th July	9.30am	Philomena Swatton Intention

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 3)

Sunday 13th July	8.30am	Danny Morgan RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Fr Danny O'Sullivan RIP

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

2025



Fr Ansel is away from the Parish until Thursday 10th July, returning to the Parish on Friday 11th July. 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.**

**Thank you to Dcn Brian Stoker who will lead Adoration on Monday 7th 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—Luke 10 v 1-2, 17.20**

**After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also:** Jesus knew that the time was short before His crucifixion, and that there were still many villages that had not yet heard His message. Jesus turned to this larger group of His disciples to be His messengers, to prepare these places ahead of Him (where He Himself was about to go).

This reminds us that there was a larger group of interested followers of Jesus beyond the 12 He chose as disciples and apostles.

From among this larger group Jesus appointed seventy others to do His work. There are a few reasons why He chose seventy.

- Perhaps seventy was simply the wise number that made the most effective use of the people at hand.
- Perhaps seventy suggested a connection with the seventy elders who went up with Moses on Sinai and saw the glory of God (Exodus 24:1, 9). Jesus chose these seventy to see the glory of God in action as they served and represented Him.
- Perhaps seventy suggested a connection with the seventy members of the Sanhedrin, and Jesus showed He had established a new order, a new leadership.
- Perhaps seventy suggested a connection with the seventy translators of the Hebrew Bible into Greek, the Septuagint, and Jesus showed these were the ones to "translate" His word into everyday life.

**The harvest truly is great:** Using the analogy of a ripe field of grain, Jesus explained why He felt an increased urgency about His work. He considered the multitude of humanity to be like a harvest field ready for gathering. He thought of the greatness of human need, and saw it as an opportunity.

**He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me:** As He sent His seventy disciples with the anticipation that some would reject them, Jesus also encouraged them with the thought that they were His representatives, and should not take their rejection (or acceptance) too personally. If others rejected the messengers, they rejected Jesus, and also rejected His Father (Him who sent Me).

It is helpful for all servants of God to not hold either praise or rejection too tightly. If they truly represent their Master, the success or rejection of their work is more due to Him than to them. Their greatest concern should not be with success or rejection, but with properly representing Jesus their Master..

**The seventy returned with joy:** This was a good day. The disciples and followers of Jesus endured their share of confusion and hardship, but they also enjoyed some wonderful blessings of effective service.

Jesus warned them to rejoice in what God had done for them more than in what they had done for God.

It wasn't wrong for them to rejoice in the success of their service; but they must have a greater joy in a greater miracle – the promise of their own salvation. "He did not mean in the present instance to censure their joy in their success, but only to make it subordinate to another rejoicing, and to prevent its growing to excess." (Spurgeon)

### **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.

**There are spare dates in July and August if you would like to book a Mass, please contact the office by email or phone.**

### **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 meeting is Sunday 20th July.

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

**Vinnie's Café** — Saturday 26th July from 2pm-4pm in Parish Hall.

Drop in for a friendly cup of tea and cake in the Parish hall. Free, but donations 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.

**Requiem Mass**—Tuesday 15th July @ Midday here at ST. Margaret Mary for Connie Hartland RIP.

### **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](mailto:margieboulter@aol.com) or Maria Owen 07790378097 [mariaeowen@gmail.com](mailto:mariaeowen@gmail.com).

### **Knights of ST.Columba Charity Fund.**

We are pleased to inform you that through your generous donations and attending the Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz evening, we smashed our target of £1,000. **The amount raised was £1,629.76** A massive 'thank you' to all those who supported our charity.

### **Update on Second Collections—Thank you for your generous giving.**

Diocesan Clergy Training Fund—£334.70

Catholic Communications Network—£142.45

Day for Life—£190.57

### **Family Life International is running a nationwide presentation this year, titled:**

**"The Traditional Catholic Doctrine of Creation: A Firm Foundation for a New Evangelisation."**

The programme of seminars is being run in conjunction with the Kolbe Center for The Study of Creation. These seminars have already shown great promise in helping Catholics re-engage with their faith in a deeper and more meaningful way. The presentations explore the Church's teaching on the special creation of Adam and Eve, body and soul -- By drawing on theology, philosophy, and natural science, we aim to present a compelling and accessible case for the foundational role of this doctrine in renewing faith and revitalising the Church's mission to evangelise—especially among the young. Many of these events have already been run in several countries including Kenya, Uganda, Egypt, and five European countries. In England, past venues include St George's Cathedral, Westminster Cathedral, The Oratory, two Seminaries and over 15 parishes and schools.

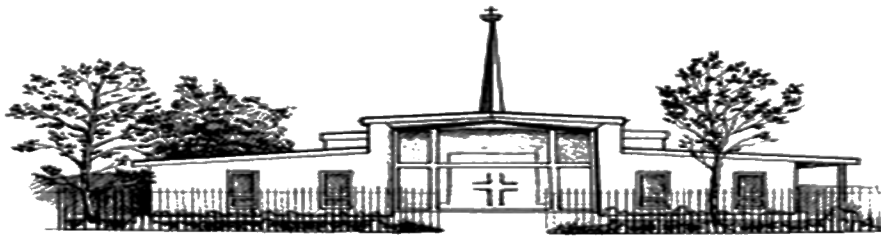
**You are warmly invited to attend the Presentation being held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bordon. GU35 0AU on Saturday 12th July at 7pm. (Confessions and Adoration at 5pm, Sunday Vigil Mass at 6pm)**

### **Couple of Updates from St. Anthony's School.**

The Barn Dance recently held on the 21st June raised a total of £1,059.57.

This will go a long way to the school's 'Build a Barn Fund'.

**Pre-School**—The lovely pre-school at ST. Anthony's is still accepting bookings for places from September 2025. Please ask quickly to secure a space for you 2-4 year old.



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 13th July—Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)**

This year Sea Sunday is Sunday 13 July, a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. Seafarers and fishers are essential to our daily lives, yet they often endure challenging and dangerous working conditions. The number of crews being abandoned by their employers remains alarmingly high. Ongoing global conflicts are putting seafarers at greater risk, and many are facing increased stress and declining mental health. Stella Maris, formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea, is the Catholic Church's maritime ministry. Its dedicated chaplains offer both practical assistance and pastoral support to seafarers and fishers across the UK and around the world.

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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**

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**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 Fitzpatrick: 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)

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