



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Luke 18 v 9-14



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 26th	8.30am	Thanksgiving
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP
Monday 27th	9.30am	Reilly Family Intention
	7pm	Adoration
	9.30am	Marie Therese & Mark Henry Lenferyna RIP
Tues 28th	7pm	Veronica & Neville Dyckhoff Intention
Thurs 29th	9.30am	Private Intention
Friday 31st		

ALL SAINTS

Sunday 2nd November	8.30am	Michael McDonald RIP
	10.30am	Patrick & Claire Kelly RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

Commemoration of All SOULS

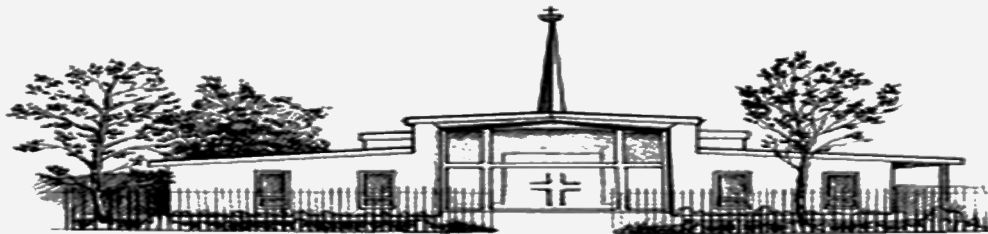
Monday 3rd	9.30am	Harold & Patricia Luff Intention
	7pm	No Adoration
	7.30pm	Pastoral Area All Souls Mass at St Philip Howard, Fareham

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

2025



Remember!! The clocks go back by an hour on the 26th October.
British Summertime ends!



Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday, so unavailable on this day. For any urgent matters on this day, please call Fr John Cooke at Fareham on 01329 318869. The Church will open for anyone to come for private prayer from 9am-1.30pm.

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>

This weeks Gospel—Luke 18 v 9-14 The Pharisee and the Collector.

This Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector emphasizes the importance of humility in our relationship with God. The Pharisee, known for his self-righteousness and pride, contrasts with the tax collector, who humbly approaches God, acknowledging his sins and asking for mercy. This parable teaches us that it is not our outward appearances or perceived righteousness that matters to God, but the sincerity of our hearts and our willingness to acknowledge our shortcomings. Let's strive to approach God with humility, acknowledging our weaknesses and seeking His mercy and grace in all aspects of our lives.

End of Term update from ST. Anthony's School

We have had a busy 8-week term at St Anthony's so I think children (and staff!) can be forgiven if they are feeling a little tired. One of our highlights was our traditional pet blessing, led by Fr Ansel near the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. The children loved seeing their pets being brought onto the playground by families and our GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) team led the prayers and readings beautifully. Fr Ansel was kept very busy and blessed multiple dogs, cats and some tortoises!

Last week, we celebrated the Jubilee Year with a special Pilgrimage of Hope around our school grounds. We visited 4 prayer stations that included our prayer garden, farm and forest schools and the crucifix at the front of our school. Our GIFT team led us with thoughtful reflections, inspiring us with ideas of how we can be pilgrims of hope through our care for others, for creation and by walking in faith with our patron saint, St Anthony.

Another highlight was our Year 6 visit to the church for the patronal Mass for St Margaret Mary. Our Year 6 children joined members of the parish for squash and biscuits in the church hall afterwards and it was lovely for our pupils to be given time to talk to other parishioners. My thanks goes to Fr Ansel and all those who helped to make this happen.

In September, we welcomed our new Year R children to St Anthony's; they have settled in beautifully and are already joining us for whole school assemblies. Over 90% of this year's intake are baptised Catholics, which is a wonderful sign of faith thriving in our parish.

In other news, planning and organisation is speeding ahead for the St Anthony's Fireworks Spectacular, on Saturday 8th November. Tickets are selling fast so if you would like to join us please visit

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-anthonys-fireworks-2025> for more details.

With best wishes to all for a peaceful and restful half-term,
Katrina Straker (Headteacher)

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 some Mass/ Sympathy cards available to purchase in the main office, cash only please.

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 meetings are: Sunday 26th October and Sunday 30th November @ 7.30pm

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, in confidence, between 9am and 6pm on 07935 941686.

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

SVP HAMPER APPEAL 2025

Last year, with the help of very generous donations from parishioners, we were able to provide 110 hampers, for local families. These families were identified by local schools. The average cost of a hamper was £40. This year food prices have increased and we may have to do smaller hampers.

Last year we spent £4,500 and we now have £2,226.81 in our hamper fund.

We appreciate how generous you have been in previous years, and hope you will be equally generous this year.

If donations can be Gift Aided, they would be increased by 25%.

Donations can be made by BACS; B 170413 SVP ST MAR Sort Code 60-60-04 Acc 46076646

Please put your surname as a reference followed by GA if you can gift aid. A different Gift Aid form needs to be used, just for SVP. Even if you donate by Bank Transfer or on the DONA machine please fill in a gift aid form attached to SVP blue and white envelope but put BACS or DONA on the form. Please give forms to an SVP member.

Cheques should be made out to B170413 SVP St Margaret Mary Park Gate.

For the next few weeks, the SVP will be selling Jigsaws for £2 each and books for £1 each in the paray room after all Sunday Masses. The money raised will be used for the Christmas hampers which we make up each year with your help. Please support us.

Vinnie's Café. Next meeting Saturday 25th October, 2-4pm in the parish hall. Drop in for a friendly cup of tea and cake. All welcome. Free, but donations welcome.

Knights of ST Columba — Next meeting is Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm. 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.

We are running Alpha within our parish starting in early November 2025.

The course will commence on Thursday 6th November at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

Fundraising Team — Forthcoming Events.

November 8th from 7pm—Autumn Hootenanny in the parish hall.

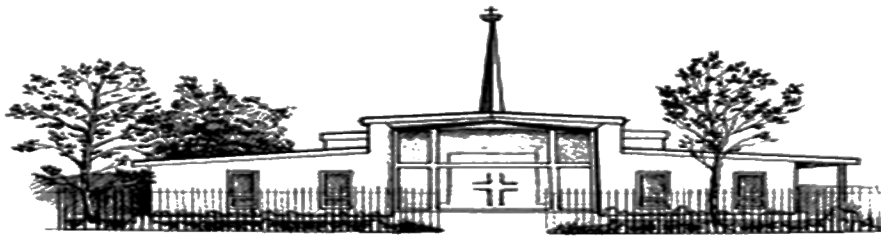
A fun, informal evening of folk songs, ballads and shanties, performed by ODD WEDNESDAY MEN. Open to everyone. Light supper provided, BYOB. Tickets £10, on sale from 5th October after all Sunday masses or contact maggie.raymont@gmail.com for more details or to receiver.

CAFOD—Produce Sale.

On Sunday 9th November there will be a jam and preserve sale after all three Masses. All proceeds will go to the work of CAFOD. To read about their work and see their latest news, please visit the website at cafod.org.uk

We will issue an update on amount raised at recent Family Fast Day/CAFOD Sunday as soon as possible.

Starting School in September 2026? If you have a child who will be 4-years old between 1st Sep 2025 and 31st Aug 2026, the 'application for schools' website is now open www.hants.gov.uk/admissions The closing date for applications is Thursday 15th January 2026. If you are applying to St. Antony's, you will need to fill in a supplementary information form as well as the online form. For more details or to arrange a school tour, please call 01489 579100.



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—November

Sunday 2nd November—Bamenda

The Bamenda Catholic Charity is associated with the Bamenda Fund, which is part of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. This fund supports various projects in Bamenda, including humanitarian efforts and community development. The Charity aims to address the injustices and humanitarian needs in the Bamenda Archdiocese. To read more see www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

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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

Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact: safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Anita Fitzpatrick: 07743 481363 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)

Enquires: office@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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