



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Statue of ST. Edmund of Abingdon

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON

Sunday 16th	8.30am	Clare & George Grima RIP
	10.30am	Mary & Francis Navesy RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 17th	9.30am	No Mass today
	7pm	No Adoration
	9.30am	Private Intention
Tues 18th	9.30am	No Mass today
Thurs 20th	7pm	No Mass today
Friday 21st	9.30am	No Mass today

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday 23rd	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Roy Frank Edwards RIP
	6.30pm	Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP

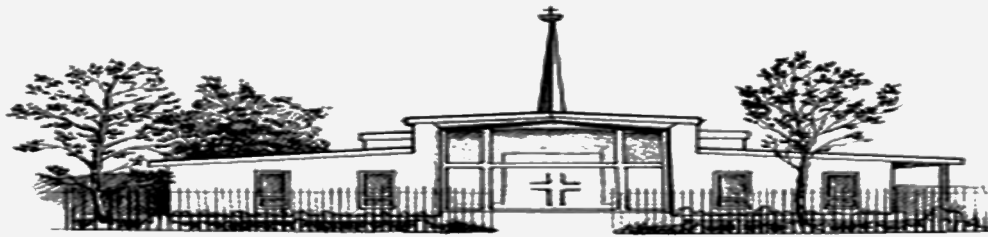
Our grateful thanks to:

Fr John Adikwu who is coming on Sunday 16th November to celebrate the 6.30pm Mass.

Cn Paul Townsend who will be coming to celebrate Mass on Sunday 23rd November at all three Mass services.

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

2025



Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday 19th, so unavailable on this day. For any urgent matters on this day, please call Fr John Cooke at Fareham on 01329 318869 and also from 21st Nov-28th Nov. The Church will open for anyone to come for private prayer from 9am-1.30pm during Fr Ansel's absence every day except Thursday 27th, but also Weds 19th due to the alteration in office hours next week. Fr Ansel will be back in the Parish for the weekend.

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 Sunday, 16th November – replacing the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Edmund of Abingdon (1175 - 1240), the secondary patron of our Diocese of Portsmouth.

Born in Berkshire on 30th November 1175, Edmund was the eldest son of the wealthy merchant Reginald Rich. Even from an early age, Edmund was renowned for his piety. Educated at the universities of Oxford and Paris, he returned after graduation to teach art and mathematics at Oxford. Ordained after receiving his doctorate in theology, he went on to teach and soon became known for his preaching and personal holiness. He became the Chancellor of the University. In 1222 he was appointed Canon and treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral, then in process of construction.

Five years later, Pope Gregory XI commissioned him to preach throughout England in favour of the Sixth Crusade against the Saracens and shortly afterwards appointed him the Archbishop of Canterbury. As Archbishop, Edmund became an adviser to King Henry III and successfully performed several diplomatic missions including arbitration between the king and his nobles, averting a civil war. He did not greatly enjoy administration and diplomacy, but he threw himself wholeheartedly into the task of ecclesiastical reform. He gathered together some capable helpers such as Richard of Chichester and resisted the intrusion of court politics into the running of the Church. He protested loudly against Henry's appointment of a papal legate for England and this brought him into conflict with the monastic chapter of Canterbury, who, supported by King Henry, resisted his authority. Further disputes arose between Edmund and the king. The Archbishop condemned the king's practice of leaving sees vacant whilst collecting their revenues for the crown. In 1240 he left England for Rome but died at Soissy near the Cistercian Abbey of Pontigny, where he was buried. Despite his troubled rule, Edmund's personal goodness and holiness was never doubted, nor his good intentions.

He left behind a simple but comprehensive programme for spiritual growth called the Speculum Ecclesiae, which was originally written for monks but which gained much popularity among the laity in the following centuries. He was canonised in 1246 and his cult spread across southern England, as exemplified by the dedication of St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford in the late thirteenth century.

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.

Next week the parish office will be closed on Weds 19th and Thurs 20th Nov but open Mon, Tues, Fri from 9am-2pm.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meetings are: Sunday 30th November and Sunday 14th December @ 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

Friday Coffee Morning - No coffee morning 21st & 28th Nov. Next coffee morning Friday 5th Dec.

DIACONATE ORDINATION—JACK RYAN

Saturday 20th December at 3pm, ST.Johns's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth.

All are invited to the ordination of Jack Ryan from the Solent Pastoral area—ST. Margaret Mary, Park Gate.

Through the solemn Laying on of Hands he will be ordained a Deacon for us, and God willing, a Priest next year.

Do come and support and pray for Jack. All are very welcome.

Sunday 21st December at 10.30am mass, all are invited as Jack will deacon his first Mass and we will celebrate with a reception in the hall afterwards.

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. This year we have been asked for 104 hampers. As food prices have increased we may have to do smaller hampers. Total in fund to be updated next week.

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 on the form.** Please give forms to an SVP member.

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

Unfortunately, we have been advised that we **cannot** claim gift aid if donations are made on the DONA machine.

A big thank you to all who supported the preserves sale for CAFOD last Sunday 9th. £300 was raised.

The jams and chutneys are usually available to buy at coffee after 10.30am Mass on Sundays. All proceeds go to CAFOD. Thank you, Frankie.

Fundraising. Autumn Hootenanny—A HUGE thank you to all who supported and helped with the preparation and clearing up for this event—a great success and just under £800 was raised for parish funds.

December 14th—Parish Christmas Party Bring & Share finger buffet (no nuts). Approx midday onwards

Everyone welcome — mulled wine and soft drinks provided. More details to follow. (Raffle prizes greatly appreciated too, please leave with office or contact maggie.raymont@gmail.com)

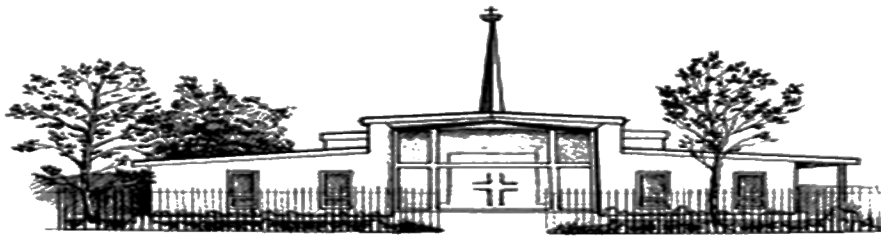
Shop (Repository) — Please call in and see the range of Christian gifts and cards available.

We now have a selection of boxed Christmas cards and individual cards as well as nativity sets, snow globes, advent calendars and candles. Please come and have a look

Parish Prayer Garden. To give some security after all the hard work, a gate is now been installed by side access near offices. A key is in the key boxes to the hall and main Church if you have access to those. There is also a key held in the parish office.

Volunteers cleaners needed for hall and main Church. If you can help, please contact office with your details.

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

Sunday 16th November—SVP Hamper Appeal

Pope Leo XIV has declared Sunday 16 November 2025 to be the ninth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "You are my hope". In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father urges us to recognise those experiencing poverty as "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalisation".

The second collection for SVP Hampers coincides with this day and is an opportunity for parishes to donate to a particular charity or parish project. Some of you may have already donated—thank you.

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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 Tel: 01489 572797

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

Email: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St Anthony's Catholic Primary and Pre-School Headteacher:

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