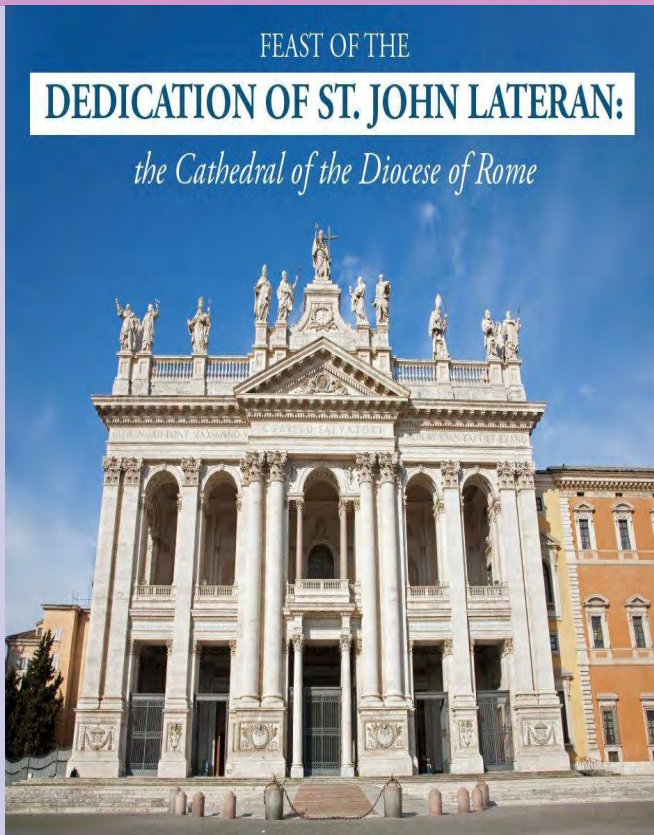




The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

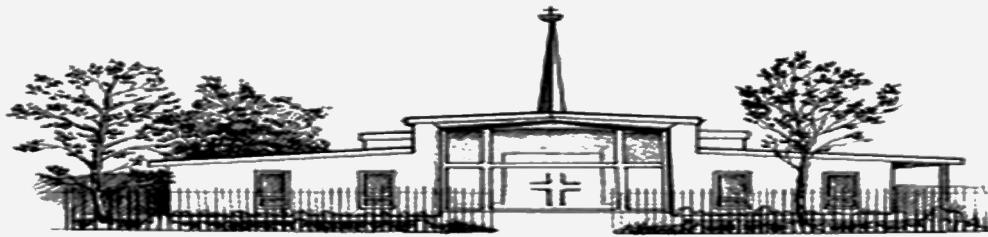
Sunday 9th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Kol Thelis RIP
Monday 10th	6.30pm	Denys & John Rimmer RIP
	9.30am	Chantal Armstrong Intention
Tues 11th	7pm	Adoration
	9.30am	Knights of St.Columba Intention
Thurs 13h	7pm	Fr David Qarmby RIP
Friday 14th	9.30am	Grace Monica O'Sullivan RIP

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Sunday 16th	8.30am	Clare & George Grima RIP
	10.30am	Mary & Francis Navesy RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

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

2025



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.

Advance notice: Fr Ansel will be away from Friday 21st-Friday 28th November, returning to the Parish on Sat 29th.

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>

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The most important temple is the temple of a person's soul because God dwells within each one of us. In the most secret centre of our being is that sacred sanctuary where we meet God. Saint Teresa of Ávila called it the Presence Chamber, the most central and interior dwelling place within us. In addition to the temple of the soul, there are many sacred places throughout the world. There are shrines, churches, basilicas, grottos, cathedrals, and other holy places that are set aside for the sole purpose of worship of God. They are to be a Heaven on earth, a place where we join with the Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones in their angelic praises of the Most Holy Trinity. Today's feast commemorates one such place, the most important church on earth.

In the city of Rome, there are four major basilicas. The first three are Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The fourth is the Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, also called Saint John Lateran, or the Lateran Basilica for short. Of the four major basilicas, the oldest and most important is Saint John Lateran, the dedication of which is remembered today. Though the pope now lives next to Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint John Lateran is the official cathedral of Rome. That means Saint John Lateran is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome but also the mother church of the entire world.

As we honour the mother church of the whole world, ponder the importance of a church building. A church is sacred because it is exclusively dedicated to the worship of God. Saint John Lateran is an exclusive-purpose church. It is the pope's cathedral from which the entire Church is governed and the central place of worship for the world. As we honour the dedication of that church in 324, pray for the Church today. Pray for your local parish, religious institutions, religious orders, dioceses, national conferences, and the Universal Church headed in Rome. Our churches and sacred places exist to be places where we come to encounter God. Pray for the pope in a particular way today, that Saint John Lateran will always be a place where he, and every pope after him, will encounter God in a profound way.

Remembrance Sunday—Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Why the poppy for remembrance? The red poppy became a symbol of remembrance primarily due to its association with World War 1. After the war, the poppy was one of the first flowers to bloom in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium, where countless soldiers lost their lives. **We will remember them.**

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.

Advance notice: Week beginning 17th Nov, the parish office will be closed on Weds 19th and Thurs 20th Nov.

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

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.

This year we need £5,200 and we now have £3,283.81 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 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.

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 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

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 There is an option on the DONA machine to donate.

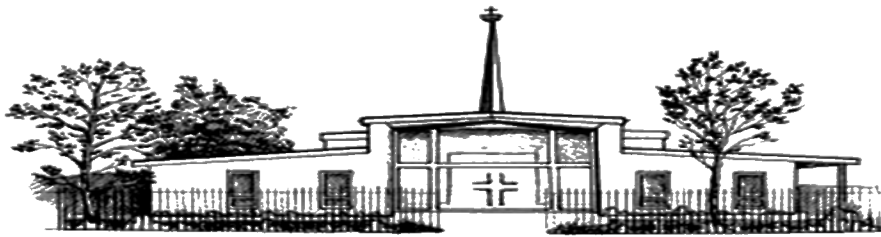


On Wednesday 12th November, Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are meeting at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington. Mass at 12 noon will be for the intention of CWL Members past and present. Visitors will be very welcome to bring a packed lunch and stay to hear a talk about Volunteering with Mercy Ships by Dr Jo. The talk will begin at 1.30pm. For further information, please contact

Marguerite Boulter 01489 575663 margieboulter@aol.com or Maria Owen 07790 378097 mariaeowen@gmail.com

Volunteer Cleaners. Volunteers are needed to join the Church and Hall cleaning teams. Can you spare approximately one hour per month to take care of our Church or our Hall. Please leave your contact details or email into the office. Office number 01489 572797 or email office@stmargaretmary.co.uk. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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

In last weeks newsletter, it said that the 2nd collection on the 2nd November would be for SVP Hampers but that would have clashed with Bamenda Sunday.

The 2nd collection on the 16th November will be for Hampers. We do realise that many of you will have already donated. Thank you so much.

This coincides with the Diocese, World Day of the Poor and encouragement to donate to a parish project. See Poster on notice board for details of a Thanksgiving Mass on the 15th Nov.

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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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