



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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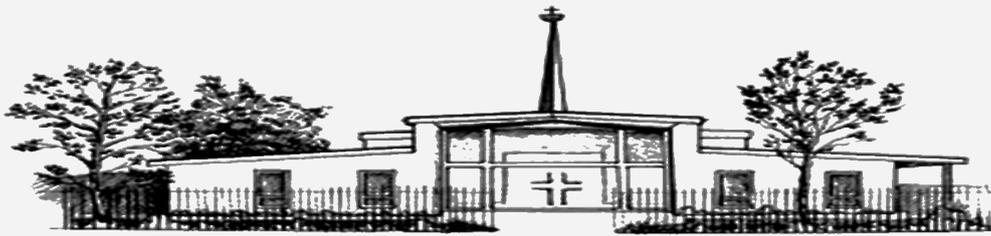


Matt 17 v 1-9

Sunday 1st March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter Week 2)
	8.30am Reilly Family Intention
	10.30am Ellen & Tom Turnbull RIP
	5.30pm Stations of the Cross (Led by Readers)
	6.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 2nd	9.30am Damian Perry RIP
	7pm Adoration
Tuesday 3rd	9.30am Deceased Members of the Hewins & Anthony Families RIP
Thursday 5th	6.15pm No Stations
	7pm No Mass
Friday 6th	9.00am No First Friday Devotions
	9.30am No Mass
Saturday 7th	5-6pm No Confessions
	(A list of other Confession times in our pastoral area is available on the notice board or our website)
Sunday 8th March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter Week 3)
	8.30am People of the Parish
	10.30am Harriet Cox RIP
	5.30pm Stations of the Cross (Led by the Choir)
	6.30am Eileen Bryne RIP

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

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Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday, so he will be unavailable on this day. For any urgent sick calls, please ring Cn John Cooke at Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869. The church will be open for private prayer between 9am-1.30pm.

Fr Ansel will be away from the Parish from Wednesday 4th March to Friday 13th March.

Fr John Adikwu will be coming to celebrate Mass on Sunday 8th March. Fr Vincent Harvey will be coming to celebrate Mass on Thursday 12th March at 7pm. Our grateful thanks to them both.

Short Reflection on this weeks Gospel—Matt 17 v 1-7

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

He was transfigured before them: The word transfigured speaks of a transformation, not merely a change in outward appearance. The effect was extremely striking; Jesus became so bright in appearance that He was even difficult to look at (**like the sun**).

Essentially this was not a new miracle, but the temporary cessation of an ongoing one. The real miracle was that Jesus, most of the time, could keep from displaying this glory. Yet John said, *We beheld His glory*. Peter wrote, *We were eyewitnesses of His majesty*.

His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light: It was His face that did shine as the sun. He wasn't transformed into another being with another body; it was His own **face** that shone.

Jesus has His disciples with Him when He shines in His glory. He is not glorified apart from them, because they share in His glory. Father, *I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me.* (John 17:24)

Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah: Mark 9:6 and Luke 9:33 point out that Peter didn't know what he was saying when he said this. Though said without careful thought, the effect of his words put Jesus on an equal level with Moses and Elijah, building equal shrines for each of them.

This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him! The Father, from heaven, rebuked Peter's attempt to put Jesus on an equal footing with Moses and Elijah – and **while he was still speaking**. It was important to interrupt Peter, so that all would know that Jesus is unique and the beloved Son – He deserves our special attention, so **Hear Him!**

Hear Him! If we should listen to anyone, we should listen to Jesus. One would think that a voice from heaven would say, "Listen to me!" But the Father said, "**Hear Him!**" Everything points us to Jesus.

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?

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 meeting is: Sunday 29th March @ 7.45pm

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



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 - The next coffee morning will be on Friday 13th March.

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

Vinnies Drop-in Saturday 28th February—2-4pm in the Parish Hall

Come along for some friendly company, tea and cake. No charge just donations

Knights of St.Columba — Next meeting Thursday 12th March @ 7.30pm. All welcome.

Lenten Fundraising. ST. Patrick's Night Celebration—Saturday 21st March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets £10 (pre-booked only) —are now available after all Masses from the 8th February.

All welcome—an evening of Irish flavoured fun and light entertainment. Come along and join in the craic.

ALL PROCEEDS to our special Lenten Charity, **BAMENDA**. For further details for tickets contact Maggie at maggie@raymontc.plus.com

Other Dates for the diary:

Spring Lunch, Sunday 8th March—POSTPONED. Unfortunately, our Spring lunch in aid of the Lenten Charity will not take place on 8th March as previously planned. Hopefully we will be able to do something similar later in the year.

Sunday 15th March—Cake Sale after all Masses.

Parish Stations and Prayer Walk—Saturday 28th March—11am-12pm. (Victoria Park, Hamble)

This Lent we are planning a short Stations and Prayer walk, followed by a picnic lunch in Victoria Park, Hamble. This walk will be open and accessible to all. Pushchairs, scooters, dogs, etc all welcome. Pop the date in your diary now and look our for more details in the next few weeks.

Bamenda—there is now a display in the Church foyer where you can read more about our Lenten Charity.



As part of the Lent appeal for CAFOD, I am taking part, once again, in 'The Big Lent Walk'. This involves me walking 200Km during the 40 days of lent. I plan to walk 4-5 miles each weekday to try and reach the target before the start of Holy Week (a busy time with the choir!). If you could sponsor me to help me reach my



£500 target that would be great. You can do this on line using the following link

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/chriiss-fundraising-page331> or by scanning the QR code. Alternatively, you can see me after 10.30am Mass any Sunday. Thank you for your support. God bless, Chris Lane.

Please see the display on the paray room bi-fold doors in foyer for more information about CAFOD.

We're looking for people to volunteer as fire marshals. The main role would be to assist the congregation in leaving the church in the event of a fire or other emergency, by guiding people to the exits. It's not an onerous task; volunteers need to be at least eighteen, able to help people who may need assistance, and willing to attend a short training session, with annual refresher training. If you feel able to do this, there are some sign up sheets at the back of church, or email the office @ office@stmargaretmary.co.uk. The sign up sheets will be there next weekend also.

Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima and Nazare.

1st—7th October 2026. £895.00 sharing, £995.00 in single room Full details and itinerary are on the noticeboard.

PARISH CATECHISTS' FORMATION DAY – LENT '26 Saturday 14th March 9.30am - 3.30pm at St Philip Howard

Led by Sr Hyacinthe OP. www.lightoftruth.uk/courses A date for the diary, please, for all new and existing Catechists. We are very blessed to have the Dominican Sisters of Sway come to our Solent Pastoral Area and lead a formation day for us. It is the 3rd Saturday in Lent, a refreshing day of formation and prayer, as we seek to bring people to Christ.

Underfloor Heating—(Paray room, Foyer, Chapel and Sacristy)

The work to install a new boiler will take place on the 2nd/3rd March.



If you are unwell and would like a Eucharist Ministry team member to bring Holy Communion to you at home. Please contact Jane Green on 07528 948536

If you are going in to hospital, please contact the relevant chaplaincy service:
Southampton General 02381 208517
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

Second Collections

Family Fast day will be on 27th February. Sunday 1st March—CAFOD.

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions.

Please collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with our support.

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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

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

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