



The Catholic Church in Park Gate
St Margaret Mary

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Jesus You are Light of the World



Matt 5 v13-16

Sunday 8th Feb

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 1)

8.30am Colin & June Mudie RIP

10.30am Thelis Family Intention

6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 9th

9.30am John & Patricia Nolan RIP

7pm Adoration

Tuesday 10th

9.30am Ernie Price RIP

Thursday 12th

7pm Knight's of St.Columba Intention

Friday 13th

9.30am Pauline McCain RIP

Sunday 15th Feb

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)

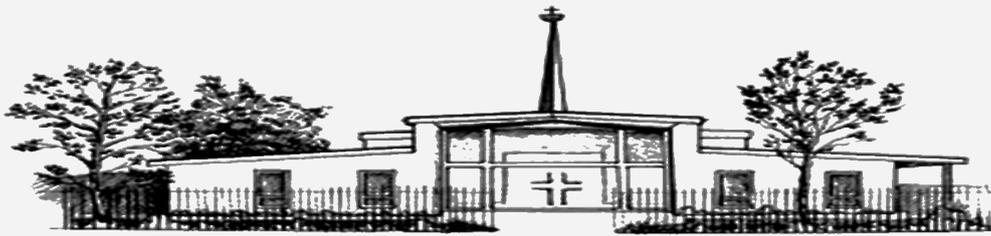
8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Knight's of St.Columba Intention

6.30am Linda McDonald 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.

Short Reflection of this weeks Gospel—Matt 5 v 13-16

You are the salt of the earth: Disciples are like salt because they are precious. In Jesus' day, salt was a valued commodity. Roman soldiers were sometimes paid with salt, giving rise to the phrase "worth his salt."

You are the salt of the earth: Disciples are like salt because they have a preserving influence. Salt was used to preserve meats and to slow decay. Christians should have a preserving influence on their culture.

You are the salt of the earth: Disciples are like salt because they add flavour. Christians should be a "flavourful" people.

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

You are the light of the world: Jesus gives the Christian both a great compliment and a great responsibility when He says that we are the light of the world, because He claimed that title for Himself as He walked this earth (John 8:12 and John 9:5).

Light of the world means that we are not only light-receivers, but also light-givers. We must have a greater concern than only ourselves, and we cannot live only to ourselves; we must have someone to shine to, and do so lovingly.

A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden: Such a city is prominent and can't be hidden. If you see such a city from a distance, it is hard to take your eyes off of it. In the same way, Jesus wanted the people of His kingdom to live visible lives that attracted attention to the beauty of God's work in the life.

Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand: The idea of a lampstand gives the sense that we are to be intentional about letting this light shine. Even as lamps are placed higher so their light can be more effective, we should look for ways to let our light shine in greater and broader ways.

That they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven: The purpose in letting our light so shine by doing good works is so that others will glorify God, not ourselves.

"The object of our shining is not that men may see how good we are, nor even see us at all, but that they may see grace in us and God in us, and cry, 'What a Father these people must have.' Is not this the first time in the New Testament that God is called our Father? Is it not singular that the first time it peeps out should be when men are seeing the good works of his children?" (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.

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.

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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

Please submit any notices for the Newsletter by Wednesday lunchtime.

Advance Notice: the Parish office will be closed from Thurs 12th Feb to Weds 18th, office will re-open on Thurs 19th at 9am. Week beginning the 9th, the newsletter will be issued earlier on the 11th Feb due to office closure, please bear this in mind if you need a notice included.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is: Sunday 22nd February @ 7.45pm

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



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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 - Join us for coffee morning in the Paray room after morning Mass.

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

Lenten Fundraising.

ST. Patrick's Night Celebration—Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm 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

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

David White RIP. Sadly David White passed away earlier this week.

Please keep David and the family in your prayers.

Requiem Mass—Simon Donohoe.

Thursday 19th February at 10.45 here at St.Margaret Mary, followed by Portchester Crematorium at 12.15pm.



Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are meeting at 1.30 pm in the Hall of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington, on Wednesday 11th February. Our group consists of members from all the parishes in this area and we would welcome visitors, so come and see what we do.

For further information, please contact Marguerite Boulter 07751 435487 margieboulter@aol.com or

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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.

Young Adults Retreat (Ages 20-35)

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd February at the Verbum Dei Centre on the Isle of Wight.

Theme: "The light shines in the darkness" (John 1 v 5)

A weekend of prayer, reflection and sharing to begin our Lenten journey, and an opportunity to meet with fellow young Catholics. Contact: sisteryadira@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

As you are aware we have had issues with the underfloor heating. An engineer visited this week, the 21st and in his words we have a 'very poorly boiler' Because of the various issues he has had to leave it switched off due to the heat regulator not working properly, but there are other issues too.

We are waiting for quotes to repair/replace parts or to replace boiler.

Extra fan heaters have been provided until we can get this resolved.



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

If you are going in to hospital, please contact the relevant chaplaincy service:

Southampton General 02381 208517

QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

Second Collections

The next collection will be on Sunday 1st March—CAFOD.

Family Fast day will be on 27th February.

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. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with our support.

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