



# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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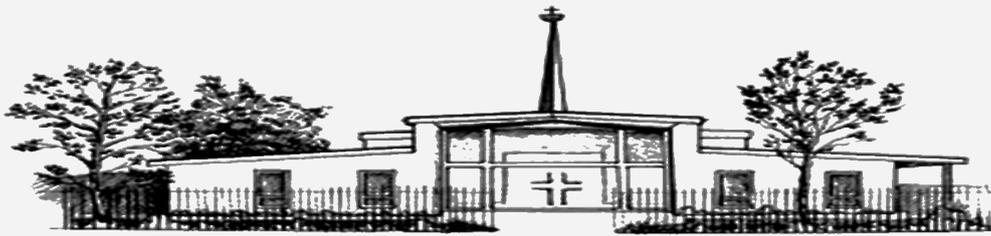


**John 4 v 5-42**

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| Sunday 8th March  | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter Week 3)</b>   |
|                   | 8.30am People of the Parish  |
|                   | 10.30am Harriet Cox RIP  |
|                   | 5.30pm Stations of the Cross (Led by Knights of St.Columba)  |
|                   | 6.30pm Ellen Bryne RIP   |
| Monday 9th        | 9.30am <b>No Mass</b>  |
|                   | 7pm <b>No Adoration</b>  |
| Tuesday 10th      | 9.30am <b>No Mass</b>  |
| Thursday 12th     | 6.15pm Stations of the Cross   |
|                   | 7pm Knights of St Columba  |
| Friday 13th       | 9.30am Bridget Scanlon RIP   |
| Saturday 14th     | 5-6pm Confessions<br>(A list of other Confession times in our pastoral area is available on the notice board or our website) |
| Sunday 15th March | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter Week 4)</b>  |
|                   | 8.30am Mary Josephine Navesey RIP  |
|                   | 10.30am People of the Parish   |
|                   | 5.30pm Stations of the Cross (Led by the Choir)  |
|                   | 6.30am No Intentions   |

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

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**Fr Ansel is currently away from the Parish from Wednesday 4th March to Wednesday 11th March.**

**For any urgent sick calls during Fr Ansel's absence, please contact Cn John Cooke at Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869.** The Church will be open from 9am-2pm for private prayer every day except Saturday 7th and Thursday 5th and 12th. Also Mon 9th & Tues 10th to for works to improve our wireless connection in the Church  
**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—John 4 v 5-42 The Woman at the Well.**

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. A woman of Samaria came to draw water: This woman came for water at an unusual hour and she came alone. Typically, women came for water earlier in the day and they came in groups. Perhaps there was a sudden need, or perhaps she was a social outcast, shunned by other women in the community.

**Jesus said to her:** By tradition, a rabbi would not speak with a woman in public, not even with his own wife. It was also very unusual for a Jewish person of that time to ask a favour or accept a drink from a Samaritan's cup. Jesus' request genuinely surprised the woman. The disciples were also surprised that Jesus spoke to her (John 4:27).

**Give Me a drink:** Some people imagine that God is most glorified when human participation is most excluded. Yet Jesus did not diminish His glory one bit by asking the help and cooperation of the Samaritan woman. As it worked toward the accomplishment of the divine purpose, the Father and the Son were most glorified in this display of love and goodness to the woman.

How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman? Immediately, the woman was impressed by the friendliness of Jesus. It was unusual for her to hear a kind greeting from a Jewish man, for generally speaking, Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, "Give Me a drink": Jesus drew the woman into conversation, making her curious about several things. Jesus displayed so much love and such a sense of security that she felt safe with Him even when her sin was exposed. It's important for the followers of Jesus to give people today a safe place to confess their sin, repent, and put their trust in Jesus. The whole interaction with Jesus did not leave her with the impression, "He hates me" or "He judges me" or "He doesn't want me around." It left her with the impression that quite possibly, Jesus was who He claimed to be: the Messiah, the Christ (I who speak to you am He, John 4:26).

**Told me all things that I ever did:** "The Jews believed that one essential characteristic of the Messiah would be, that he should be able to tell the secrets of all hearts. This they believed was predicted, Isaiah 11:2, 3." (Clarke) It isn't unreasonable to think that some among the Samaritans believed similar things about the Messiah.

**Then they went out of the city and came to Him:** The woman's invitation was effective. The people came when she told them who Jesus was and how He had impacted her life with their brief conversation.

**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](http://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](mailto:walford101@hotmail.com)



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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.

**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](mailto:maggie@raymontc.plus.com)

### Other Dates for the diary:

**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 out 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](mailto: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.



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 March**. We will begin with the Stations of the Cross in the Chapel at 12.30pm, lead by Fr Francis, so please bring your lunch with you. Our group consists of members from all the parishes in this area and we would welcome visitors, so come along and meet us.

For further information, please contact either

Marguerite Boulter 01489 575663 [margieboulter@aol.com](mailto:margieboulter@aol.com) or Maria Owen 07790 378 097 [mariaeowen@gmail.com](mailto:mariaeowen@gmail.com)

### Housekeeping.

The Finance committee have approved works to improve our wireless connection throughout the main Church building. These works will take place on **Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March**. The Church will be closed therefore to allow this to take place and as Fr Ansel is away, causes least disruption.

**The work to replace the boiler servicing the underfloor heating in the Church have now been completed.**



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

### Sunday 15th March—Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund.

The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Clergy Support Team is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. It organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses and sabbaticals.

You can donate via the option on the Dona machine, or via the following link  
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/diocesan-clergy-assistance-fund>

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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**

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**Parish Gift Aid:** Milton Hewins Email: [accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact:** [safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

Anita Fitzpatrick: 07743 481363 or Fran Slater: 07899 691094

**Hall Bookings:**

Email: [hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

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Email: [facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

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