



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 16th

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.30am Guin (Ana) Satchwell RIP
10.30am Rose Crowley RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 17th

9.30am Tracy Hobson & Family Intention
7pm Adoration

Tuesday 18th

9.30am Private Intention

Thursday 20th

7pm Zoe Newell & Hazel RIP

Friday 21st

9.30am Mary Ernest & Mark Anthony RIP

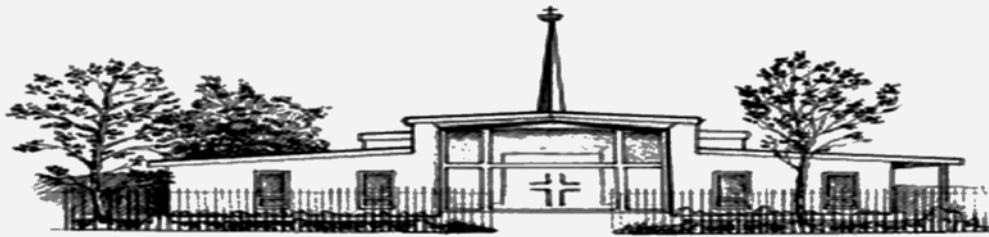
Sunday 23rd

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 1)

8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Diana & Lionel Peagram RIP
6.30pm Agostino Meccariello 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 will be unavailable on this day.

For any urgent sick calls on this day, please contact Cn John Cooke at Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869. Reminder that the Church is also closed on Wednesday.

The prayer garden will be open during office hours, Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9am-3pm and Sunday morning.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated as a profound sign of Mary's unique role in salvation history. Catholics honour her not only as the Mother of Jesus but also as a compassionate intercessor and protector. This feast reminds us of Mary's deep connection to the Church and her powerful patronage over believers.

Patron of the Church: Mary is often regarded as the spiritual mother of the entire Church and is invoked for guidance and protection.

Hope and Consolation: Devotees believe that Mary's assumption assures them of the hope of resurrection and eternal life.

The celebration of Mary's assumption is steeped in many traditional accounts of miraculous occurrences and divine signs. Over centuries, numerous faithful testimonies have spoken of apparitions and healing miracles connected to the Virgin Mary, which further validate her celestial role.

Apparitions: Throughout history, various Marian apparitions have been reported where she has appeared to guide, comfort, and call people to deeper faith.

Miracles of Healing: Many shrines dedicated to Mary have been places of healing, where through her intercession the faithful experience physical and spiritual recoveries.

The Assumption underscores important theological themes such as the dignity of the human body, the redemptive work of Christ, and the ultimate destiny of believers. It is a celebration of hope and a reminder of the promised transformation of our mortal nature into a life everlasting.

Celebration of Resurrection: The feast encapsulates the mystery of Christ's resurrection and promises a share in eternal life to all the faithful.

Reflection on Holiness: It invites the Church to reflect on the call to live a holy life, following Mary's example of unwavering faith and obedience.

ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH - ENQUIRY SESSIONS

Are you a non-Catholic who would like to become one? Are you a baptised Catholic adult who has started coming back to the Church after some years away? If so, we have a programme especially for you.

A set of weekly enquiry sessions will start on 7th October at Sacred Heart Parish, Fareham and will be led by Dcn Larry and his wife Yvette. This is the first stage of our Journey in Faith series which will lead into full communion with the Catholic Church, if so desired.

Please email the parish office by to register your interest and we will send you an application form. Please return the application form by Wednesday 23rd September.

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 Tuesday lunchtime.

Advance notice: The Parish office will be closed from Mon 24th August to Friday 4th September for annual leave. The office will re-open on Monday 7th September. During this time, emails will not be answered, but will be responded to as soon as possible when the office re-opens. If your matter is urgent, please ring the usual number, 01489 572797 and leave a message. This number is linked to both the office and presbytery—your call will be answered at the earliest opportunity. The newsletter issued on Friday 21st Aug will be a three-week issue so please bear this in mind. The next newsletter will be issued on Friday 11th September.

Padre Pio Prayer Group — The next two meetings will be: Sunday 16th August and Sunday 27th Sept both at 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 07876 784201.

Donation cheques to be made out to : B170413 SVP St Margaret Mary Park Gate

The SVP will be holding a quiz night on Friday 25th September at 7:30pm in the church hall.

Tickets cost £5 per head with teams of up to 8. If you can't make up a team, you will be put in a team. All monies raised will go towards the SVP Christmas hampers and helping disadvantaged families. The tickets will be on sale after mass or contact joan.brown750@btinternet.com direct.

Dates for your diary:

OCTOBER 18th — PATRONAL FEAST & 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

After 10.30am Mass in the Parish hall. Bring & Share (finger foods only and no nuts). If you have any photo's, etc of our rich history you would like to share for display please contact maggie@raymontc.plus.com

LADIES NIGHT—13TH NOVEMBER—FASHION SHOW.

If you would like to help our FR team with this event, contact maggie@raymontc.plus.com. Details to follow.

Friday Coffee Morning - Join us in the Paray room after morning Mass.

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

Vinnie's Café—Saturday 29th August from 2-4pm.

This meeting will not be held in the parish hall, as we are going out. If you would like to join us, please contact Marguerite on 01489 575663 or email Marguerite on margieboulter@aol.com before 21st August.

Knights of St Columba. The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Grandparent's Prayer Group—Next Meeting 8th September after 9.30am morning Mass.

This group will meet monthly on the first Tuesday of the month, led by Dcn Brian Stoker. This is an opportunity for grandparents to pray for their children and grandchildren's faith, safety and wellbeing.

First Holy Communion Programme 2027

Applications for the FHC programme for 2027 are now invited.

The programme is a commitment of 20 weeks. The classes are held on a Saturday morning between 10-11am. A starting date is to be confirmed, (usually first week in January) at which time the schedule of classes will be made available. Please contact the office at office@stmargaretmary.co.uk for an application form.

An application form must be completed and returned to the Parish office by the closing date. Unfortunately, applications received after this date cannot be accepted

The closing date for applications is Sunday 27th September 2025.

After the closing date, people will be contacted to arrange an appointment with Fr Ansel.

On acceptance of application, you will be issued with a Mass Attendance card which will be signed/stamped each week. Mass attendance every Sunday is expected throughout the programme. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass each week is required by the church in Canon 1247 of the code of Canon Law. Sunday Mass attendance is also required to fulfil the commandment given to Moses on Mount Sinai, "Keep the Sabbath Day Holy".

We look forward to receiving your application.



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.

The next second collections will be in September. Details to follow.

Contact Details: St Margaret Mary, Middle Road, Park Gate, Hants SO31 7GH

Parish Priest: Fr Ansel D'Mello
Tel: 01489 572797

Parish Administrator: Heather Skittlethorpe
Parish Office hours: Monday, Tuesday and Friday—9am-3pm.

Out of hours please get in touch as below

Email: office@stmargaretmary.co.uk Tel: 01489 572797 (this number is linked to Office & Presbytery, please leave voicemail message when office is closed)

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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