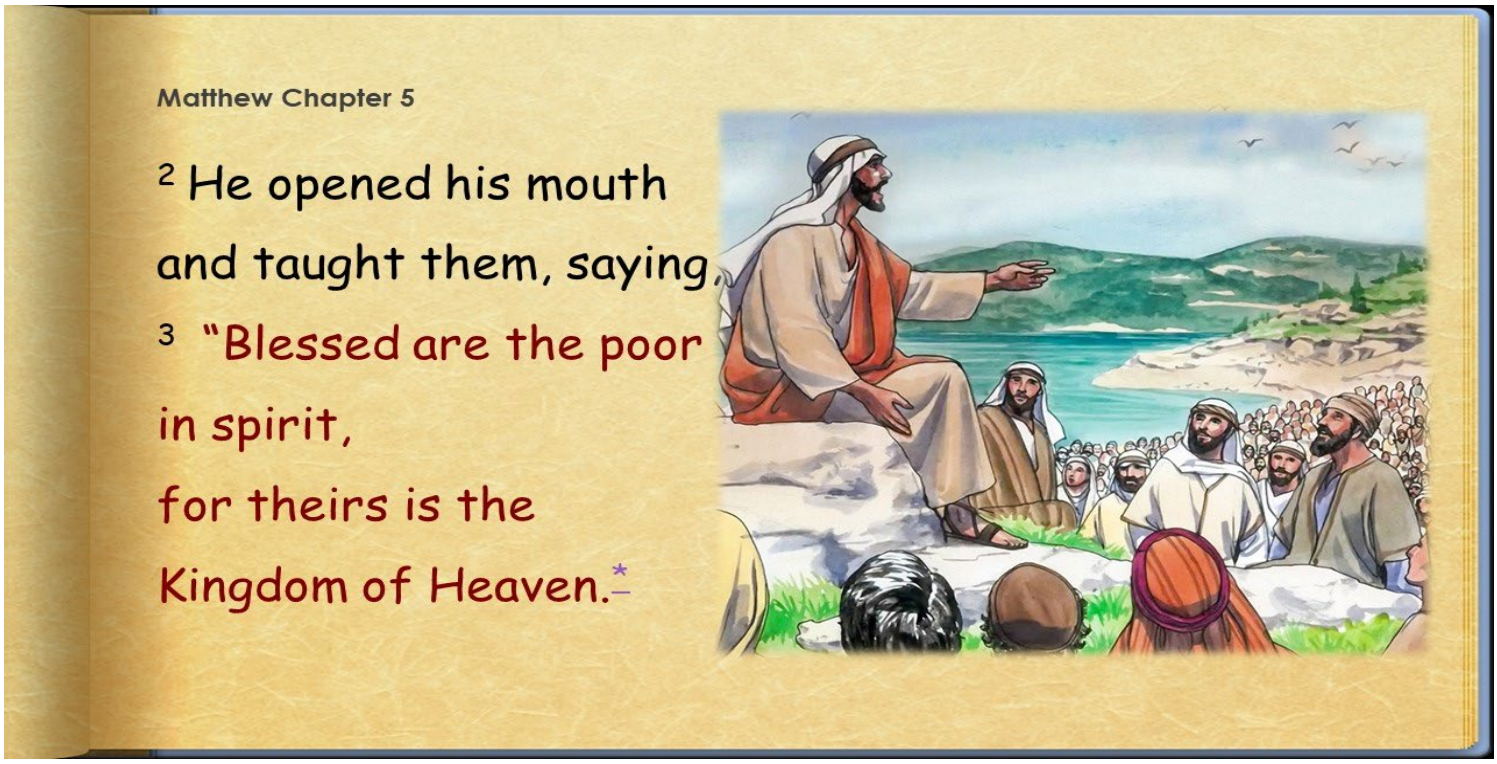


The Catholic Church in Park Gate

St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 1st November	**ALL SAINTS**	
	8.30am	**Sheila Holian RIP**
	10.30am	**People of the Parish**
	6.30pm	**Anna Williams RIP**
Monday 2nd	**Commemoration of ALL SOULS**	
	9.30am	**Private Intention**
		NO ADORATION TODAY.
	7.30pm	**PASTORAL AREA MASS FOR ALL SOULS DAY**
		Michael & Teresa O'Toole RIP
	(Refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Mass)	
Tuesday 3rd	**9.30am**	**Jean & Donald Dole RIP**
Thursday 5th	**7pm**	**Knights of ST Columba Intention**
Friday 6th	**9.00am**	**First Friday Devotions**
	9.30am	**Clare & George Grima RIP**
Sunday 8th November	**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 4)**	
	8.30am	**Kol Thelis RIP**
	10.30am	**Mary & Frances Navesey RIP**
	6.30pm	**People of the Parish**

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

2026

Fr Ansel's Day off is Wednesday. For any urgent sick calls on this day, please contact Cn John Cooke at Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869.
Advance Notice: Fr Ansel will be away from 11th-18th November. Sunday Mass times as usual on 15th, but weekday Masses cancelled.
The Prayer Garden is open during office hours and on Sunday morning.

All SAINTS DAY
All Saints' Day is an annual celebration of everyone who is united with God in heaven. It gives thanks for the victory of Jesus Christ and reminds believers that, with God's help, everyone is called to a holy life.

A Celebration of God's Grace
The saints were ordinary human beings who faced real struggles, mistakes, and fears. They did not make themselves holy by their own power. They received God's mercy, followed Jesus, and allowed the Holy Spirit to transform their lives. This is what the Bible means by grace.

When the Church honours the saints, it is praising God for what His grace accomplished in them.

All SOULS DAY.
While All Saints Day celebrates those who have already reached heaven, All Souls Day focuses on those who are on the way — the "Church Suffering" or "Church Purifying," as they are sometimes called.
The Church teaches that those who die in God's grace but are not yet fully purified undergo a process of purification after death before entering heaven. This process is called Purgatory.

Purgatory is not a second chance at salvation — it is a purification of those who are already saved. It is the final cleansing of the soul from the effects of sin, so that the soul can enter the perfect holiness of heaven.

The biblical basis for praying for the dead includes 2 Maccabees 12:46 ("It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins") and 1 Corinthians 3:15 (which speaks of being "saved, but only as through fire").

How Our Prayers Help those who have passed.
The Church teaches that the prayers of the living can genuinely help the souls in Purgatory — shortening their purification and hastening their entry into heaven. This is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Communion of Saints: the living and the dead are united in prayer, and our love for those who have died can actually help 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 if offered, but we cannot guarantee the date. If you make a donation via BACS, please include reference of 'massint.' Thank you.

Standing Orders and Gift Aid.
Thank you for all you do to support your parish in many different ways.
If you have not 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.

DONA machine
Contactless giving available in foyer of Church.
Do you need our bank details?
CDP PARK GATE ST MARG MARY
Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 00883663

Scan the QR code or
use this link
https://donate.mydona.com/st-margaret-mary

Park Gate Noticeboard.

Also see our website at www.stmargaretmary.co.uk **Please submit any notices by Tuesday lunchtime.**

Padre Pio Prayer Group – The next meeting will be Sunday 29th November at 7.45pm
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-6pm. At present, SVP are using a temporary number, 07806 784201.
Donation cheques to be made out to: B170413 SVP ST Margaret Mary Park Gate

SVP Christmas Hampers. You can now donate via the DONA machine in Church foyer.

Vinnie's Café – Saturday 31st October 2-4pm in the ST. Margaret Mary Parish Hall.
Come for a friendly chat and a cup of tea. All welcome. Free, but donations welcome.

Friday Coffee morning – Join us for coffee in the Paray room after Mass.

LADIES NIGHT 13TH NOVEMBER - TICKETS ON SALE NOW AND GOING FAST ....
£10 to include light supper. BYOB Sale of vgc pre-loved party wear and accessories. - pls bring any donations of pre-loved articles to mass on November 1st/8th and leave in PARAY ROOM or with FR team member or contact **maggie@raymontc.plus.com** Raffle prices appreciated also. Everyone welcome.

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

Grandparent's Prayer Group – Next meeting Tuesday 3rd Nov after morning Mass.
This group meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. An opportunity for grandparents to pray for their children and grandchildren's faith, safety, and wellbeing.

Knights of ST Columba
Next Meeting, Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm. All welcome

THE JOY OF HOPE - A 4-part CaFE series.
Each part comprises of a video session followed by a short discussion.
In the run up to Advent, we will be holding the above sessions at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Bells Lane, Stubbington PO14 2PL
after the 09.30am Wednesday morning Mass, from 10.00-11.15am
on 4,11,18 and 25 November
and repeated at St John's, South Place, Lee-on-the-Solent PO13 9AS.
after 12.15pm Sunday Mass at 13.15-14.30pm
on 8,15,22 and 28 November. Please join us for any one or all 4 of these sessions. All are welcome.

Consultation on St Anthony's Admissions Policy 2028-29
Every seven years, schools are obliged to consult on their admission arrangements even if there are no substantive changes being made. As a Catholic school in the Diocese of Portsmouth, St Anthony's Catholic Primary School adopts the Diocesan Admissions Policy each year. St Anthony's are now due for a consultation for their 2028-29 admission arrangements. To find out more, please visit:
http://www.saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk and click on the Admissions page.

On Wednesday 11th 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 for our Annual Review Meeting which will begin at 1.30pm.
For further information, please contact Marguerite Boulter 01489 575663 margieboulter@aol.com
Or Maria Owen 07790 378 097 mariaeowen@gmail.com

Prayer Resources on our Website.
We recently introduced a page on our website with various prayer and teaching resources. There is now a separate page for both Adults and Children with a variety of resources. Please have a look.

Paray Room. The Paray room is available during Mass where parents can take their babies and young children if they become restless. Parishioners may also like to use the Nave if they prefer somewhere which is less busy.

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 into hospital, please contact the relevant Chaplaincy service:

Southampton General 02381 208517
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

Second Collections
Sunday 1st November – Bamenda

Earlier this year we raised, £3,306.65 when Bamenda was our chosen Lenten Charity.

Our money is being designated to a special project due to the amount, and we await further news on what this project will be.

To read about their work and see the latest news, please visit the website: - https://bamendaandportsmouth.com

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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 the Office and 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 and Fran Slater 07899 691094)

Hall Bookings
Email: hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Maintenance
Email: facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Repository (Greetings cards, Books, gifts and more)
Open on Sundays after Mass. (please see www.cbcdistributors for items you can order)

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