

The Catholic Church in Park Gate

St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 8th November	**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 4)**	
	REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY	
	8.30am	**Kol Thelis RIP**
	10.30am	**Mary & Frances Navesey RIP**
	6.30pm	**People of the Parish**
Monday 9th	**9.30am**	**Private Intention**
	7pm	**Adoration**
Tuesday 10th	**9.30am**	**No Intention**
Thursday 12th	**7pm**	**No Mass**
Friday 13th	**9.30am**	**No Mass**
Sunday 15th	**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 1)**	
	8.30am	**People of the Parish**
	10.30am	**Joe Morgan Snr RIP**
	6.30pm	**Michael Bryne RIP**

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

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (reg. Charity No: 1199568)

"Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church."

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.

Remembrance Day began as a way to commemorate the end of World War One.
In the autumn of 1918, Germany was losing the war, and asked for an armistice, or end to the fighting.
At 11am on 11 November 1918, the armistice began. The following year King George V asked the British public to observe a silence at 11am - to remember the moment the guns fell silent.
It became known as Armistice Day - a day to remember the end of WW1 and to remember the lives lost.
Today Armistice Day is used to remember all the people who have died in all wars since.
This year also marks 80 years since World War Two ended, in 1945.
On Remembrance Sunday a wreath is laid at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, in London, by the King as head of the Armed Forces. A two-minute silence also takes place - on both Remembrance Sunday and on Remembrance Day itself.
Millions of people in the UK and around the world pause to remember and pay respects to those who died during wars.

Short Reflection on this week's Gospel – Matt 25 v 1-13
At that time, the kingdom of heaven will be liked ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' The passage presents ten virgins awaiting the bridegroom, a figure representing Christ. Five are wise, bringing extra oil; five are foolish, bringing none. When the bridegroom arrives unexpectedly, only the prepared enter the wedding feast. The parable concludes with Jesus' warning: **"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."**
Readiness for Christ's Return
Jesus' return is certain but unpredictable (cf. Matthew 24:36, 44).
The parable emphasizes watchfulness, not in the sense of literal sleeplessness—since all ten virgins fall asleep—but in spiritual preparedness. The wise virgins anticipate delay, showing that readiness includes perseverance over time.
Personal Responsibility in Faith
The foolish virgins attempt to borrow oil, but the wise refuse. This illustrates that spiritual preparedness cannot be transferred; each believer must cultivate their own relationship with Christ.
Oil often symbolizes the Holy Spirit, readiness, or faithful obedience.
Lamps represent the outward profession of faith; without oil, profession alone is insufficient.
Jewish wedding customs involved nighttime processions with lamps, making the imagery familiar to Jesus' audience.
The number ten often signifies completeness in Jewish tradition.
The parable follows Jesus' eschatological teaching in Matthew 24, forming part of His instruction on how disciples should live in the interim between His ascension and return. True watchfulness means living faithfully in the present while anticipating Christ's future coming.
Matthew 25:1–13 teaches that Christ's return will be sudden and unknown, and therefore believers must cultivate enduring, personal readiness symbolized by the wise virgins' oil.

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 28th November 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 – GOING, GOING, GONE, last few tickets remaining.
Please note: - admission by prior reservation/ticket only. £10 to include light supper. BYOB
Thank you so much for donations of garments and accessories, deadline 8th November.
Please contact **maggie@raymontc.plus.com** for further information or tickets. See you there.

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

Grandparent's Prayer Group – Next meeting Tuesday 1st December 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

Children's Nativity Painting Competition.
The Knights of ST Columba are holding a Nativity competition for children of ages 4-7 and 7-11.
Please hand your painting or drawing of the Nativity with a relevant Bible passage to the parish office or Iain Dove before the 6th of December. A poster will be on the noticeboard with full details.

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. Full details, see poster on noticeboard.

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

Bethany Support Group
The loss of a loved one can be a bewildering and devastating experience and may bring about strong emotions. The Bethany Support Group offer support to anyone who has been bereaved and provides both one-to-one contact (email us at **sacredheart.bethany@gmail.com**) and regular meetings.
The Bethany Group meets between 10am and midday on the third Thursday of each month at Sacred Heart Parish, Fareham, in the parish hall. Please feel free to drop in.

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 15th November – Priest's Retirement Fund

A priest retirement fund is a diocesan-supported program that provides retired Catholic priests with accommodation, healthcare, living allowances, and other essential support, funded through donations, appeals, and bequests.

Contact Details: ST Margaret Mary, Middle Road, Park Gate, Hampshire, SO31 7GH.

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Parish office hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday – 9am-3p
Out of hours please get in touch as below.
Email: office@stmargaretmary.c.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, gits and more)
Open on Sundays after Mass. (please see www.cbcdistributors for items you can order)

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