



St Margaret Mary Church

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmargaretmary.co.uk

1ST AUGUST 2021 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH CONSULTATION

Last Sunday Fr Rob launched the Parish Consultation as a means of finding out what you think the priorities and the direction of our Parish life should be over the next five to ten years.

The Chair of the Parish Finance Committee, Mark Hoban, spoke at both Masses about our Parish finances and encouraged **everyone** to **read the Finance Fact sheet, complete the Questionnaire** and **return it** to the **Parish Office** by **Sunday 22nd August**.

Fr Rob is immensely grateful to the Finance Committee: Mark Hoban; David Bonavia; Andy Bray; Milton Hewins and Maggie Raymont, who helped him prepare for this consultation.

There are printed copies of Mark's thoughts, with more details about the parish's financial position, together with the Consultation Form and Finance Fact Sheet, in the porch (and also on the Parish Website [**About Us** Page]).

Completed Questionnaires can be emailed to the Parish Office: office@stmargaretmary.co.uk
Printed copies can be placed in the box at the back of the Church.

Please return your completed questionnaires by Sunday 22nd August. THANKYOU

Can you help a housebound Parishioner? By delivering/collecting their questionnaire?



All information you provide, as part of the consultation, will be treated in confidence and used to help Fr Rob in making decisions about the future of our parish.

Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England on Sunday Obligation

"We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. **It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021.**"

The Bishops invite us to use the Resource - [The Day of the Lord](#) as a way of restoring the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/04/Day-of-the-Lord-220421.pdf>

Coming to Church: We need to continue to be cautious and caring of those around us and mindful of those things that spread the virus and its variants. The responsibility for controlling the spread of Covid has been passed to us. By taking that responsibility seriously we can continue to show our appreciation for the efforts and sacrifices of those working in the Health sector.

Is there something *we can do* to help our fellow parishioners come safely back to Mass? Wearing a face covering? Taking care to not encroach on their personal space? Acting as a Welcomer/Steward? Offering a lift? Cleaning the Church? Delivering a Newsletter? Phoning a friend you haven't seen for a while?

Changes in Church:

All the Church benches are now available for use as seating; however the Paray Room and Lady Chapel are restricted to those who need extra space. **The Stewards/Welcomers are there to help you to keep safe.**

If you (and your bubble) would like more space in the body of the Church, please use one of the signs that will be available on the Stewards/Welcomers Table in the Porch. e.g. **Keep Safe - Leave a Space**

Please continue sanitising your hands on arrival at Church; 'sign in' and wear a face covering unless you have a reason that allows exemption.

Fr Rob will continue to wear a face mask and to sanitise his hands prior to distributing Communion.

TODAY: **MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER** **Diocesan Appeal 2021** - more details inside

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
AND RISE AGAIN IN GLORY***

In your charity please pray for
the souls of the recently deceased

Dulcie McGovern (late of Warsash & Locks Heath)
who had moved to Bognor to be near her family.

Funeral: 2nd August at 1.30pm
in St Margaret Mary's Church.

All are welcome to come and share memories of Dulcie

Pam Bailey (a friend of Frankie Lane)
who died in a car crash last week.

*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen*

Music/Singing at Mass

"When can we start singing at Mass again?"

After discussion with Fr Rob we now have a plan to
begin the reintroduction of singing to enhance our
celebrations.

Starting immediately you are invited to join in the
responses to the **entrance antiphon** and the **psalm**
(alas still wearing masks as per the Bishop's directive).

In preparation for adding more music to *all* our
Masses, I would like to extend an **open invitation**
to some practice evenings so that as many voices as
possible will be familiar with the music when we are
able to sing at Mass.

The sessions will be on **Tuesday evenings** starting
on **August 3rd at 7.30** in the church. Why not come
along, loosen up those vocal chords and be ready to
be able to praise the Lord with gusto?!! If you want
more information please speak to Fr Rob or feel free
to contact me on 01329 310785 – *Chris Lane*



DATE FOR DIARY

Parish Picnic on September 4th
at 39 GREENAWAY LANE

Jocelyn Jones is very kindly providing
her beautiful garden for this event -- subject to
weather - *details to follow...*

This will be an opportunity for the Parish to get
together informally: renewing acquaintances
and meeting new parishioners.

Parish Contact Details - have you moved since
you first joined the Parish?

Do we have your current email address?

Have you added to your family?

Help us to keep our database up to date.

Parish Sick List - do you know of someone who is
ill? In need of prayers? Is housebound and would
like Holy Communion at home?

Please contact the Parish Office with their details.

PARISH CONSULTATION started last Sunday

At Mass on Sunday, Fr Rob and the Finance
Committee launched the Consultation.

*More information is being emailed out with
the newsletter and displayed on the website...*

PARISH FINANCES

GIFT AID: We have over 100 parishioners who
have signed a Gift Aid Declaration. Thank you -
this increases your 'giving' by 25%. However,
there are probably still many eligible parishioners
who *could possibly respond* to our appeal.

If you are a taxpayer, and are happy for your
parish to **reclaim 25% of the tax** (already paid)
on your offertory, **could you consider** completing
a form?

A Gift Aid Form can be emailed to you - contact the
Parish Office - or use a printed copy (in Church Porch).

Gift Aid Declarations should be renewed every 5 years.

Further details by contacting the Parish Office *or*
from Milton Hewins: 07788 916372

Email: accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk

NUMBERS **ARE ONLY** BEING ISSUED TO PARISHIONERS
WHO HAVE COMPLETED A GIFT AID FORM

**If you are new to the Parish, or returning to Mass
after 'shielding'**, why not contact Milton to discuss, in
confidence, the most effective way of making your
offertory contribution??

**WAYS TO 'GIVE BACK TO GOD'
FOR GIFT AIDERS AND NON-GIFT AIDERS**

BY CHEQUE:

'**P.R.C.D.T.R Parkgate St. Marg. Mary**'
(*anything else will be refused by the bank*).

BY STANDING ORDER: Parish Bank account details:

PRCDTR Park Gate St Margaret Mary
(Lloyds Bank) **Sort Code: 30-93-04 A/C: 00883663**

BY BANK TRANSFER: *details as above*

Please *provide a copy* of your Standing Order/BACS for
our records - if you pay UK tax and wish to Gift Aid.

Our Offertory is an act of worship

Heavenly Father, you have given us riches beyond
measure. We can only return a fraction of what we
owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our
offerings and help us to use them wisely in your
service and for your glory. Amen



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Sign up to read regularly: News from Parishes,
the Bishop, the Diocese & the Vatican.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Parish - Our School - Our Priest.

All in need of healing prayer whether sick, housebound, lonely or in need.

All who are facing illness and death, those who have died recently, known or unknown and all who died during the Covid Pandemic, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Everyone involved in keeping us safe;

All who work in the health services;

Our Stewards who have kept us safe in Church.

Our teachers and school staff

as they enjoy their summer break;

All holidaymakers and visitors to the area.

Those who will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood and Diaconate this weekend.

All priests who are preparing to move Parishes.

All who are considering a Vocation to the Priesthood or Consecrated life.

Couples preparing for Marriage and those who embrace the single life.

Our Families and Grandparents

and our parishioners who have

the vocation of the older person.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers

Since the 16th century, the month of **August** has traditionally been dedicated to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (not adored like the Sacred Heart of Jesus) because it is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue and inner life. Our devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.



On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart.

*The Portsmouth Diocese Spiritual Formation Team invite you to an **Ignatian Staycation** this summer on Wednesday evenings from **4th - 25th August...***

Due to travel restrictions, you may not be able to travel abroad this summer. So the Spiritual Formation Team offer an alternative journey which costs nothing! As this year is an 'Ignatian Year', you are invited to be a companion of St. Ignatius by spending four zoom sessions in reflection and imaginative contemplation.

No Covid tests, passports, or luggage required, just bring with you an open mind and the willingness to be surprised at the destination God will choose for you. Each Zoom meeting starts at 7pm, will be based around a scriptural meditation and last less than one hour. Find out more as we travel together.

For more details email the Team:

spirituality@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS Usually: Monday to Friday 10-12

Please note:

**The Office will be closed from
Mon 9th to Thurs 12th August inclusive**

If you need to get in touch during those dates please email: officesupport@stmargaretmary.co.uk

The Knights of St Columba are active within our parishes, in catholic schools and in the diocese. We welcome Catholic men to step forward and join us. Would you like to come to our next meeting? 12th August in the Paray Room at 7:45pm.



To find out more, contact Kevin on 07791653775 or Milton on 07788916372.

<https://www.ksc-portsmouth.org>

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION



The Holy Father asks us to join him throughout August in praying for small businesses...

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER Diocesan Appeal 2021

On Sunday 1st August, we welcome one of the Sisters to learn about their missionary work. This congregation of women are dedicated to God and service of the Missionary Church. They live entirely at the service of the kingdom of God, surrendered totally to Christ who is the centre of their lives and are very grateful for any support we can offer them for their work.



www.claveriansisters.com



THE PARISH REPOSITORY will reopen from 4th September after each Mass

MESSAGE FROM SVP - We are here to help...

If you would like a phone call - just for a friendly chat or if you need help in any way - give us a call: **07487659277**



Going into Hospital?

Please remember to inform **the Parish Office and the relevant hospital Chaplaincy**, if you, or a member of the family, Are admitted to, or due to enter, hospital.

University Hospital Southampton -
Chaplaincy Team 023 8120 8517

Queen Alexandra Hospital Portsmouth -
Chaplaincy Team 023 9228 6408

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES THANKS TO OUR WELCOMING STEWARDS
LET US WORK TOGETHER IN KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK AND RESPECT PERSONAL SPACES**

1ST AUGUST 2021 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B (*Psalm week 2*)

10:15 MASS The People of the Parish
18:30 MASS Heitor Nobre RIP (*V Purves*)

M **2nd Aug** Feria **09:30** Herbert Wintoch RIP (*E Ip*)

13:30 Funeral Mass for Dulcie McGovern

T **3rd Aug** Feria **09:30** Anne Lynott RIP (*T Connolly*)

W **4th Aug** St John Vianney, *Priest* **09:30** Theresia Gebhart RIP (*E Ip*)

19:00 Rosary, Adoration, & Benediction

Th **5th Aug** Feria **19:00** Philomena Swatton - Birthday (*D Alderson-Hall*)

F **6th Aug** **NO MASS**

S **7th Aug** **NO MASS**

8TH AUGUST 2021 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B (*Psalm week 3*)

10:15 MASS Catherine & William Hallam Golden Wedding
18:30 MASS The People of the Parish

Live Streaming of All Public Masses - YouTube recording of Public Masses - link on parish website

**CONFESSIONS - please telephone
Fr Rob to request an appointment:
01489 572797**

*Leave a message and
your contact details.*



MASS INTENTIONS: contact the Parish Office to arrange a Mass. email: office@stmargaretmary.co.uk
If you are requesting a specific date, please make your request well in advance.

Mass Offerings can be made using a marked Envelope or by Bank Transfer (please identify as 'Mass Offering').
Please Note - the Mass Intention does not need to be read out during Mass for it to be a valid offering.

Parish Priest: Fr Robert Stewart

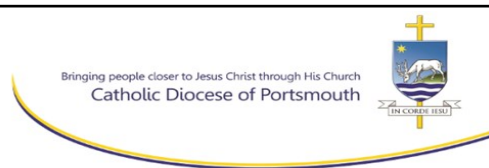
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The Catholic Church in Park Gate is part of the
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Parish Safeguarding Ministers:

Jodie McMenamin - mobile: 07768 751118; Fran Slater - phone: 01489 559166 or mobile: 07899 691094

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Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator:

Ruth Attfield -phone: 023 9421 6486 or email: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Administrators: Claire Rumbold Monday - Thursday (10 -12) (use Office email)

Maria Owen (Fridays) (use Parish Support email: officesupport@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

Parish Gift Aid: Milton Hewins email: accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk

St Vincent de Paul Society email: parkgatesvp@gmail.com mobile: 07487653277

Please make contact if you know anyone who needs a friendly phone call or of any families in need.

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