



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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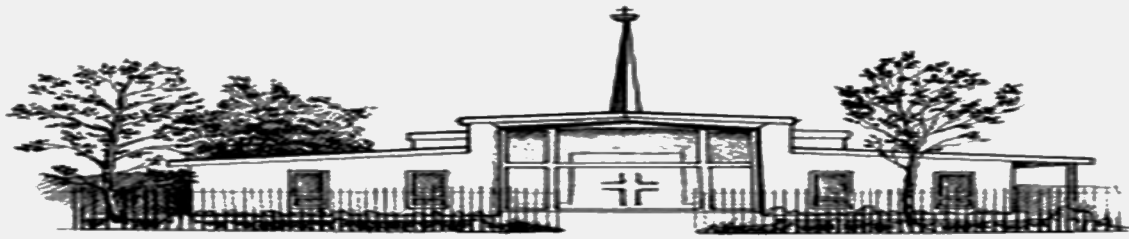


Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 15th	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Barry Wright RIP People of the Parish. Mass
Monday 16th	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am	Rosary Feria. Father Phil Carroll. Adoration
Tuesday 17th	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am	Rosary Feria. Bridget Sear Adoration
Wednesday 18th	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Rosary Feria. Pauline Walford Adoration Adoration and Rosary
Thursday 19th	7.00 pm	Pete Clarke RIP. Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth
Friday 20th	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am	Rosary Feria. Mass Adoration
Sunday 22nd	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mass Francis Navesey RIP People of the Parish

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“Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through his Church”



Dear All

May is the month of devotion to Our Lady. Traditionally we increase our use of Rosary in this month. The rosary is a personal devotion and one which should be encouraged. Before each morning mass this month the rosary will be prayed.

The Church offers up continually the prayer of the mass, however the divine office, which is the term used for the prayers said by religious, is also continually prayed. It is being said somewhere in the world now as you read this. The divine office is essential to the life of any religious and always has been. It is from this that the rosary came into being.

When by tradition St Dominic was given the rosary to pray. Mary told him to pray Her psalter. The psalter is the part of the divine office in which the 150 psalms are prayed. Many years previously the psalms were prayed in latin. Literacy was not high in the populous and so people would pray the Our Father whilst the psalms were being prayed. The Pater Nostra beads came into being. A chord with 150 beads on it so people could easily pray and keep count.

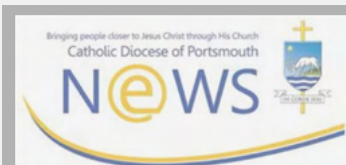
Laterly the Marion psalter came into being where the Hail Mary was said instead of the Pater Nostra (Our father). Saint Dominic had been trying to correct the heresy that Jesus was not fully God and Fully man and that the spirit was good and the flesh was bad therefore Jesus was not fully Human. So when Our Lady said pray my psalter it was with the Joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. All focused on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, to combat the heresy.

Those three mysteries containing 150 Hail Marys became her psalter, it would be some time before it became known as the rosary. However after St Dominics death devotion fell away, and a fire had destroyed all of St Dominics writings. However in this time in England the devotion was practised by the faithful in a way it was not in the rest of Europe, it is at this time that England became known as Marys dowry.

The rosary is a devotion with Jesus at its heart. It is Marys one desire that we follow Her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. This month we can beseech Her intercession for us to grow in Faith, Hope and Charity. To intercede for us, for the graces we need to be open to a continual conversion of heart. Mary Queen of Heaven, Pray for us.

Love from

Fr Rob



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Park Gate Noticeboard

The Parish Office will be Closed on Monday 16th May 2022.

We are currently desperate for someone to volunteer to deal with hall bookings for the Church and to deal with cleaning rota and enquiries. Maximum about an hour a week?

It is no longer a legal requirement to wear face masks at mass. However please be mindful of other people. Hand sanitiser will still be provided as you enter the Church.

Unfortunately we have had problems with our loop system which does not appear to be working. Apologies if you have had difficulty following and participating in the Mass please use the parish mass books found under the hymn books if you wish.

Confirmation Classes— Will be starting as from this Sunday 15th May 2022 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm in the Church Hall.

Adoration—As from Monday 16th May Adoration will be held after morning Mass each week moving forward.

Confession by appointment only

Tea or coffee will be served after Mass on Sunday at 10.30 am

Please visit the repository to see our large range of cards including birthdays, sympathy and First Holy Communion. Also available are rosaries, gifts for First Holy Communion and candles. Open Sunday after Mass at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Next meeting is on **Sunday 29th May 2022 at 7.45 pm** in the church. You will all be most welcome. For more information please contact David Walford: walford101@hotmail.com

Choir sessions for anyone interested is now on at a slightly later time than usual **at 7.30 pm** in the Church every Tuesday. For more information please contact Chris Lane on 01329 310785

Transport for Mass Prior to Covid the SVP organised transport for Mass. SVP would like to restart this service but need your help. If you are able to give anyone a lift or were a driver before Covid please contact SVP on 07487 659277



Finally

Jacob and Helen smashed their sponsored cycle target and raised almost £500 for our Parish funds. A big thank you to them both and all those that sponsored them

Merlyn only went and did it!! Amazing, inspirational and brave all rolled into one. Merlyn is having a well deserved rest after such a feat and will be back at all three Masses on Sunday 15th May to share her experience with you all and to collect your sponsor money please. Well done Merlyn and thank you.



SAVE THE DATE!

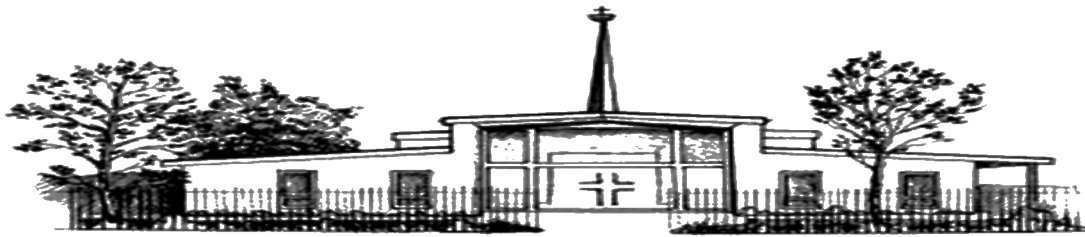
Parish Summer Mass and Picnic at St Anthony's School

On Sunday 24th July, Father Rob will celebrate 10.30am Mass at St Anthony's School. This will be followed by a "bring your own" picnic and parish day in the beautiful grounds of our school. More details will follow but please ink this date into your diaries and invite friends and family to join us on this special community day for our parish and our school.

Do you need our bank details?

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Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 00883663



Please contact Nick Sadler on 07834 923585

if you are unwell and would like a Eucharist Ministry team member to bring Holy Communion to you at home.

If you are going in to hospital, please get in touch with the relevant chaplaincy service:

Southampton General
02381 208517

QA Portsmouth
02392 286408

SVP Treasurer Needed — After many years of excellent service the current SVP Treasurer is standing down. They are looking for someone who would like to take on this role. If this is of interest to you and you would like to be part of the friendly group please contact Anne Taylor on 07974 215159.

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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.

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