



# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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**Mark 7 v 31-37**  
**He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.**

## **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Psalter Week 3)**

Sunday 8th Sept	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Stan Wall RIP
	6.30pm	Irene Otter RIP
Monday 9th	9.30am	Sandra Ong RIP
	7pm	Adoration
Tues 10th	9.30am	Helena Rimmer RIP
Thurs 12th	7pm	Knight's of ST.Columba Intention
Fri 13th	9.30am	Michael Barfoot RIP

## **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Psalter Week 4)**

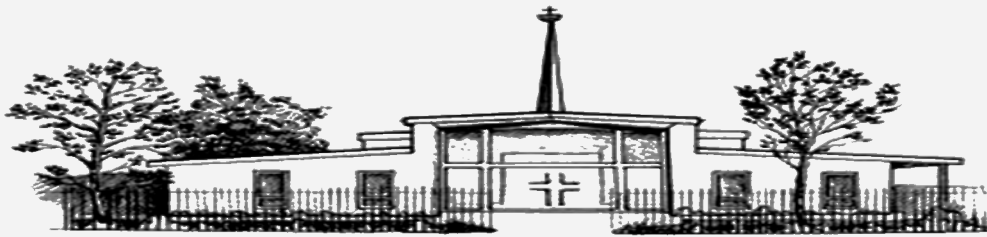
Sunday 15th	8.30am	Neide Nobre RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Jean Passmore Intention

After the Sunday 10.30am Mass— Refreshments are served in the Parish Hall

### Confessions

Please contact the Parish office on 01489 572797 or email [office@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) to arrange an appointment.

2024



**Please note:** Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday. The Church will still be open from 9am-1.30pm for private prayer. For any urgent sick calls on this day please contact the office at Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869.

**Advance Notice:** Fr Ansel will be away from Weds 18th Sept to Weds 26th Sept and will be back in Parish on Thus 27th Sept. Sunday Masses will take place as usual on Sunday 22nd Sept. A lot of people are away, so we are very grateful to Fr Anthony Gatt who is coming to celebrate 8.30am and 10.30am Mass and Fr Matthew King who will come to celebrate 6.30pm Mass.

**Extract from the latest Edition of Portsmouth Enews. — Have you seen our Holy Year Webpage?**

[Jubilee Year 2025 - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Our thanks to Fr. Ansel D'Mello and to Alasdair Akass, Head of Communications, and his team who have created a special page on our website for the Jubilee Year, 2025. The page will be developed further as the Holy Year approaches.

**Update—"You will be my Witnesses" 10-year Plan.**

Fr Ansel will give a short update on the 10-year plan on

Friday 13th Sep after 9.30am Mass in the Paray Room and again on Sunday 15th September in the Parish Hall.

**Consider the actions of Jesus in the story today. Mark 7 v 31-37**

Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. The man could not hear and so Jesus touches his ears. He makes it clear that he knows what the problem is with the hearing. The man is deaf and dumb and so Jesus cannot speak to him. Jesus knows how important it is to communicate and because he cannot use words to speak to the man he uses actions.

Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. We are told that the man can hardly talk and so Jesus spits and touches the man's talk. It was thought that spit had healing properties and Jesus touches his tongue to show that Jesus understand his difficulty with talking.

Jesus looked up to heaven. Then we are told Jesus does another action. Jesus is making it clear that the healing which is about to take place is not an earthly cure. The man is being told in visual terms that the place from where we can find help from the things which trouble us is heavenly. There is no earthly answer to human need, we have to look to God

God cares about everybody. Jesus shows us that there is nobody who is insignificant. We might just think that we are not very important. There are no borders to God's love, no people who are considered more or less significant. Every human being that has ever been born is important to God, we are all God's children. Jesus shows us that we matter to God.

**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 can you put all the details on the envelope, particularly your name and contact number. The most important thing is that the sacrifice of the 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**

**Park Gate Noticeboard** For more information on all our activities, have a look on our web site:

[www.stmargaretmary.co.uk](http://www.stmargaretmary.co.uk)

Please submit any notices for the Newsletter by Wednesday lunchtime.

### Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is Sunday 29th September at 7.45pm in the Church.

You are all most welcome. For more information, please contact David Walford: [walford101@hotmail.com](mailto: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 on 07487 659277.

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

**Important. FHC PROGRAMME.** — Applications for the First Holy Programme for 2025 are now invited.

The programme is a commitment of 20 weeks. The Classes are held on a Saturday morning between 10-11am. It is also important that applicants have been regularly attending Mass. A starting date is to be confirmed, at which time the schedule of classes will be made available. Please contact the office by phone or email for an application form.

**The closing date for applications is Sunday 15th September.** Appt's will be arranged after this date.

### QUIZ NIGHT — 27th September 2024 — Parish Hall from 7.30pm

Tickets are £5, now on sale after Sunday Masses. All Welcome. Proceeds go to Parish funds.

**Other dates to save in your diary:- More details to follow.**

October 13th—Patronal Feast Celebration after 10.30am Mass. Bring & Share Finger Buffet.

15th November—Ladies Night.

### CAFOD meeting 14th September

On Saturday 14th September from 10:30am to 12 noon please join us at St Theresa of the Child Jesus church hall Beaumont Road Totton Southampton SO40 3AL to hear about CAFOD's work in Democratic Republic of Congo.

Everyone is welcome but please book a place by contacting Jo Lewry on [jewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jewry@cafod.org.uk) or phone 07710 094447 so that we have an idea of numbers. Come and find out about the difference your generous donations make.



Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are going out instead of our usual meeting on Wednesday 11th September. If you would like more information, about CWL, please contact:

Maria Owen 01329 661927 [mariaeowen@gmail.com](mailto:mariaeowen@gmail.com)

Marguerite Boulter 01489 575663 [margieboulter@aol.com](mailto:margieboulter@aol.com)

### LOST PROPERTY

Lost property found in the church and the hall will be available to view in the Paray Room after all Masses on Sunday 8th September and Sunday 15th September. Any items not claimed will be recycled.

### Environmental Conference - Saturday 14th September, 10am-1pm

As part of the Season of Creation we are holding an environmental conference, 'To Hope and Act with Creation' at St Peter's and Winchester Martyrs parish on Saturday September 14th, 10am-1pm. We have John Paul de Quay from the Ecological Conversion Group Charity speaking on 'Fellowship of believers, how faith should motivate us in caring for our common home?'. There will be updates from COP28 and preparation for COP29 and practical actions for parishes. Any questions, please contact us at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or on 07825513195

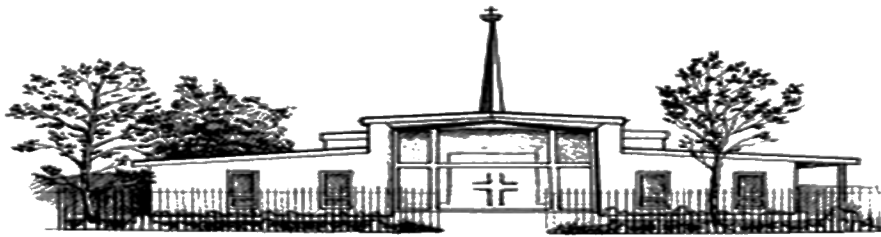
**On Sunday, 20 October 2024, St Thomas More Catholic Church in Bournemouth—42 Exton Road, BH6 5QG** will host a unique and insightful public talk titled 'The Maronite Christians in the Holy Land' from 3-5pm UK time and features a distinguished panel of expert contributors, attending both in person and via live video link from the Holy Land. Ticket Price: £7pp or £10 per family—advanced booking is essential. See poster on notice board. Free parking available

### Make way for Christmas!

The Solent Pastoral Area choirs and music groups from our four parishes will lead an early Advent service based on The Gift by Graham Kendrick on Friday 13th December, 7pm at Immaculate Conception church Stubbington.

All are welcome. If you would like to join the singers or musicians contact David, [davidcockshoot@gmail.com](mailto:davidcockshoot@gmail.com) for details of practices etc.

**Housekeeping.** The door from the front of the Church adjacent to Altar leading to Utility room now has a new lock. From Friday 13th Sep this will now be locked. The key is located in the Chapel key box.



If you are unwell and would like a Eucharist Ministry team member to bring Holy Communion to you at home. Please contact Nick Sadler on 07834 923585

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

Southampton General 02381 208517  
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

### **Second Collections in September.**

#### **Catholic Education Service—Sunday 8th September.**

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. We have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh Government, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all and increased parental choice.

Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are 2,169 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 850,000 pupils. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all of the schools in the country and account for 98% of all schools with a religious character.

#### **Home Missions—Sunday 15th September.**

**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 to Wednesday 9.30am to 2pm Friday: 9.30am to 2pm**

**Out of hours please get in touch as below**

Email: [office@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) Tel: 01489 572797

**Parish Gift Aid:** Milton Hewins Email: [accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact:** [safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

Jodie McMenamin: 07768 751118 or Fran Slater: 07899 691094

**Hall Bookings:**

Email: [hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Maintenance:**

Email: [facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Repository (Greeting Cards, Books, Gifts and more)**

Email: [repository@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:repository@stmargaretmary.co.uk) (please see [www.cbcdistributors.co.uk](http://www.cbcdistributors.co.uk) for items you can order)

**Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator:** Ruth Attfield 023 9421 6486

Email: [rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**St Anthony's Catholic Primary and Pre-School Headteacher:**

Katrina Straker, Primate Road, Titchfield Common, PO14 4RP 01489 579100

Email: [office@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk](mailto:office@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk) [www.saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk](http://www.saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk)

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