



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

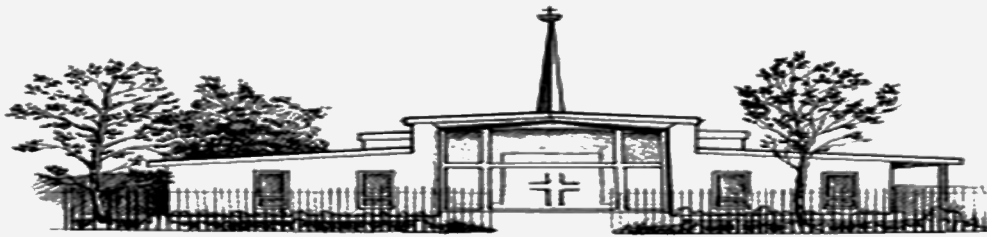
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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Psalter Week 4)

Sunday 22nd Dec	8.30am	Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	3pm	Combined choirs of Park Gate and Fareham are leading a traditional Carol service at St.Philip Howard, Fareham.
Monday 23rd	6.30pm	Fr James Boyle MHM RIP
	11am	Requiem Mass—Mary Hutley
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 24th		The Nativity of the Lord
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass — Hester Lappage Intention
	8.30pm	Christmas Carols — People of the Parish
	9pm	Midnight Mass — Michael & Teresa O'Toole RIP
Weds 25th		The Nativity of the Lord
	9.30am	Morning Mass
Thurs 26th		St. Stephen's Day
	10am	Morning Mass
Fri 27th		No Mass
		The Holy family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sunday 29th Dec	8.30am	Ralph Fordham RIP
	10.30am	Siobhan Jefferies RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 30th	9.30am	Mark Anthony RIP
	7pm	No Adoration
Tuesday 31st	5pm	Adoration
	6pm	Mass
		The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday 5th January 2025	8.30am	John Logan RIP
	10.30am	No Intentions
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

Refreshments are served in the Parish hall after the 10.30am Mass.



Advance Notice: Fr Ansel is on holiday from Weds 1st Jan to the 16th Jan. Sunday Mass will take place as normal on Sunday 5th and 12th January. For any urgent sick calls during Fr Ansel's absence, please contact Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869. Many thanks to Dcn Brian Stoker who will celebrate Adoration on Monday 13th Jan. Please note, unfortunately, there will be no Adoration on the 6th as previously stated. The Church will be open from 9am-1.30pm weekdays, during Fr Ansel's absence, for anyone who wishes to come for private prayer, except Thursday's. and Saturday's.

The Catholic Bishop conference of England and Wales have released a Pilgrim Prayer book which can be downloaded from the Diocese Jubilee year website. <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025>

Christmas Collection for Fr Ansel

The Christmas and Easter collections are a good way for parishioners to thank Fr Ansel for his ministry at St. Margaret Mary. These collections form a significant part of his income and I know you will want to be generous in your support for him. There are three easy ways you can make your Christmas offering.

1. There is a dedicated page on Give as you Live which enable online donations and our dedicated
2. Christmas collection page is: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/park-gate-st-margaret-mary-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2024>

2. Between now and the Feast of Epiphany, you can donate using the Dona machine at the entrance to Church.

3. The collection at Mass on Christmas Day

If you use option one or two, you can gift aid your offering and this will also go to Fr Ansel. If you use option 3, via envelope this can be gift-aided too. Thank you from the Finance Committee.

End of Term report—ST. Anthony's School

The second half of an Autumn term in schools is always busy and this year has been no exception so our children and staff at St Anthony's are ready for a well-deserved rest this Christmas holidays.

The Catholic life of the school has been very much alive during Advent. We began Advent by making individual promises that were linked together in a class purple paper chain and then each class chain was joined to make one enormous paper chain of the whole school's promises. This has been hung in our hall to remind us all that we are getting ready for Christ's coming at Christmas, with our older children understanding that we also prepare for Christ's second coming.

Fr Ansel kindly arranged for Fr John Cooke, Fr Vincent Harvey and Deacons John Cumpstey and Larry Murawski to attend our Advent Reconciliation Service last week. Children in Years 5 and 6 were invited to attend confession afterwards with Sacramental reconciliation offered as well as a conversation with a member of the clergy for those who had not made their first Holy Communion. It was overwhelming to see nearly every child come forward for this voluntarily. Fr Ansel and I are keen to dispel feelings that confession is an intimidating experience.

Altogether, we have put on six fabulous nativity performances: two from our Preschool & Year R classes, two from our Years 1 & 2 classes and two from our Years 3 & 4 classes. We also held our Carol Service at St Margaret Mary, which was led by Years 5 & 6 and it was a beautiful setting for the simple story they retold with traditional readings. The day before, these children joined the parish Mass before staying on to rehearse their carol service. It was lovely to see that some of our children recognised parishioners from their previous visit for the feast day of St Margaret Mary. It has been a blessing to see friendships between the different generations and it makes me wish we were closer to the church so that we could do this more often.

In RE lessons, the children completed their learning about Catholic Social Teaching - how we are all called to make a difference to others and moved on to explore Advent and its messages of preparation.

This final week of term has been fun-packed with our whole school Christmas lunch, an Early Years Christmas party (with a children's entertainer), a trip to the pantomime for Years 1 to 6, a Christmas fayre for children to buy gifts for their families and a Christmas jumper day and assembly that included a visit from Fr Christmas. The staff collapsed in a heap of tinsel and glitter on Friday afternoon but it has been a fantastic term!

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



You can also scan this QR code to donate online.

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

www.stmargaretmary.co.uk

Please submit any notices for the Newsletter by Wednesday lunchtime.

Advance Notice: The Parish office will be closed Monday 23rd-Friday 27th Dec.

Week beginning 30th December, the office will be open Mon 30th, Tues 31st Dec and Friday 3rd Jan. Please bear this in mind if you have any items for the Newsletter. Any emails received while office is closed will be responded to asap when office is open. Normal hours resume on Monday 6th Jan.

The newsletter issued on Friday 20th Dec, will be the last one until Friday 3rd Jan.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is Sunday 26th January 2025 at 7.45pm in the Church.

You are all most welcome. For more information, please contact David Walford: walford101@hotmail.com



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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

Friday Coffee Morning — The next coffee morning will now be on Friday 17th January.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas. Purchase World gifts at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in Church.

SVP—Parent/Baby Coffee Morning.

SVP would like to invite parents of young children (0 to 18 months). Next meeting in new year to be confirmed.

Why not come and join us for a coffee, cake and chat in the Paray room in the Church. If you are interested please contact member of SVP or call usual number—07487 659277

Starting School in September 2025?

If you have a child who will be 4-years old between 1st Sep 2024 and 31st Aug 2025, the 'application for schools' website is now open. www.hants.gov.uk/admissions Closing date for applications is Monday 15th January 2025. If you are applying to ST. Anthony's you will need to fill in a supplementary information form as well as the online form. For more details or to arrange a personal school tour, please call 01489 579100.

Repository—Please call in and see the range of Christmas cards and other Christmas items for sale. There is still time for those last minute gifts and cards.

Reminder—With the new Lectionary now in use, people who wish to can order their own personal Missal. These can be found on the CTS Books website. Please follow this link to find the details you need to order ctsbooks.org

ST. Stephens Day—26th December

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Altar Servers Mass for St Stephen's Day at 10.00 am on Thursday 26 December. One of the parish's loyal servers is being enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen, so do please come along to support him. Several of our team are away visiting family, so it would be nice for him to have parishioners in attendance to support and pray for him.

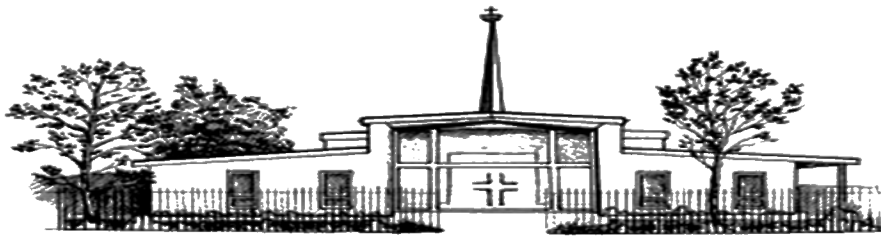
Come and work in our Catholic Schools

Parishes are warmly encouraged to publicise details in their newsletters and noticeboards details of an online webinar 'Come to work in our Catholic Schools' presented by Catherine Hobbs, Director for Education and Robert Dare, Diocesan Schools Support Officer. The webinar will take place at 7:00pm on Tuesday 14 January 2025.



Are you a Catholic currently teaching in a non-Catholic setting? Have you thought of applying to work in one of our schools, but are unclear about how a Catholic school might be different or how your application might land? These questions and more will be addressed during an hour-long session which aims to lift the lid on careers within Catholic Schools. To register your free place, click here on the link or scan the QR code with your Smart Phone. [Come to Work in Our Catholic Schools Event Registration](#)

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.



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 2025 — Sunday 26th January 2025 — Cathedral

Crib Offering—Knights of Holy Sepulchre.

The usual donations tins will be available by the crib, but you can also make a donation on the Dona machine.

The KHS is widely believed to date back to 1099 A.D., to the first crusade. For centuries their mission has been to support the Christian community in the Holy Land. Today, made up of 30,000 members from 40 countries, lay people, priests and religious, they financially support Christians in the Middle East, and, above all, pray for them. They fund works that support the Christians living in the Holy Land, thus ensuring that they survive and that the holy sites are still populated by Christians. The Knights help with practical projects to stabilise Christian communities. The key partner for the KHS in the Holy Land is the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and through the Patriarchate, they fund-raise to maintain schools, formation, charitable and social activities.

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Email: hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk

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Email: facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Repository (Greeting Cards, Books, Gifts and more)

Email: repository@stmargaretmary.co.uk (please see www.cbcdistributors.co.uk for items you can order)

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