



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Luke 3 v 15-16, 21-22

The Baptism of the Lord

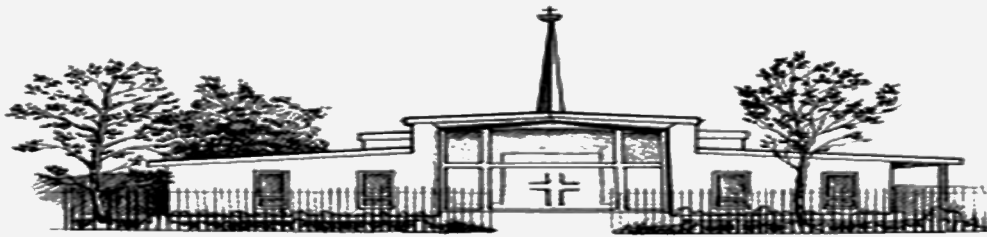
Sunday 12th Jan 2025	8.30am	Jacintha Beard RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Margherita Meccariello RIP
Monday 13th	No Mass	
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 14th	No Mass	
Thurs 16th	No Mass	
Fri 17th	9.30am	Robert Cowan RIP

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 19th January 2025	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Robert Cowan RIP
	6.30pm	Francis Farrugia RIP

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

2025



Fr Ansel is on currently on holiday from Weds 1st Jan to the 16th Jan.

Thanks to Fr Tom Kleinschmidt celebrating Mass this Sunday 12th at all three Mass times.

Many thanks to Dcn Brian Stoker who will celebrate Adoration on Monday 13th Jan.

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. For any urgent sick calls during Fr Ansel's absence, please call Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869.

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>

Short Refection on this weeks Gospel—Luke 3 v 15-16, 21-22

All reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not: John made such an impact that people logically wondered if he was the Messiah. Instead of cultivating his own popularity, he gave it all to Jesus. John pointed to **One mightier than I. Whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose:** The rabbis of Jesus' day taught that a teacher might require just about anything of his followers except to have them take off his sandals. That was considered too humiliating to demand. Yet John said that he was not even worthy to do this for Jesus. John had many reasons to be proud, yet he was humble. He had a miraculous birth, a prophesied destiny, a man called to personally fulfil great prophetic promises, a powerful preacher, and a man with a great following.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire: John said that the Messiah was coming with a different baptism. The Holy Spirit's outpouring was promised as part of the New Covenant. We are promised an immersion, an overflowing of the Holy Spirit in our lives. This was often experienced as people were prayed for with hands laid on them (Acts 6:6, 8:17, 9:17, 13:3-4, and 19:6).

His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor: The Messiah would also bring a baptism of fire, fire that would both purify and destroy what is lacking, like fire burns up the worthless chaff. God's power is always a transforming power, a purifying power.

When all the people were baptized: There was a remarkable response to the work of John the Baptist, and many came to repent and receive baptism. One day, in the midst of the crowd, Jesus came to also be baptized.

Jesus also was baptized: Jesus did not receive baptism because He was a sinner that needed to repent and be cleansed from His sins. He did it to completely identify Himself with sinful man. This was the same heart that would lead to His ultimate identification with sinful man on the cross.

The Holy Spirit... and a voice came from heaven: The three Persons of the Trinity were all manifested at once. The Holy Spirit came in bodily form like a dove. The voice of God the Father was heard, and the beloved Son was baptized.

In You I am well pleased: Jesus began His earthly ministry with the blessing of the Father and the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus, we can have the same things.

- i. In Jesus, we can hear the Father say to us, This is My beloved son, in you I am well pleased.
- ii. In Jesus, the Holy Spirit can come upon us for empowering and blessing.

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



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.

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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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



Friday Coffee Morning is back on the 17th January. Come for coffee and chat after 9.30am Mass.

SVP—Parent/Baby Coffee Morning.

SVP would like to invite parents of young children (0 to 18 months) to a coffee morning on Thursday's. Why not come and join us for a coffee, cake and chat in the Paray room in the Church. The next meeting will be on Thursday 23rd January at 10.30am. 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' web-site is now open. www.hants.gov.uk/admissions Closing date for applications is Wednesday 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—Christmas is over, but the repository stocks lots of cards and gifts suitable for the whole year. Please call in and have a look.

SVP Hamper Appeal—One BIG thank you!

We would like to thank you for your support and huge generosity during our hamper appeal. We received £1.300 in December, but more donations continued to come in. The final total will be published as soon as this is confirmed. The donations enabled us to provide 110 hampers to local families. This is a fantastic achievement. Once again, thank you, without your help we would not have achieved our target.

God bless, Anne Taylor, President SVP.

Vinnie's Café. The first meeting of 2025 is on Saturday 25th January from 2-4pm in ST.Margaret Mary, Parish Hall. Come along for friendly company, tea and cake. No charge, but donations welcome.

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. **Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online.** All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

New for 2025—Seeker Saturday's

Discerning God's Will

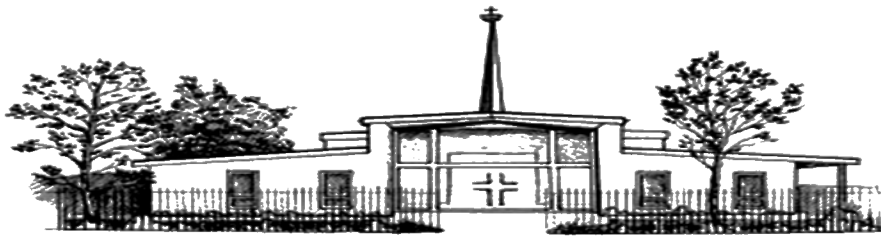
These sessions will be held at Scared Heart Catholic Church in Fareham, PO16 0NQ from 11am-3pm.

The dates are:- 25th Jan, 22nd March, 3rd May and 28th June. Fellowship, Formation and food.

Booking is required. For more information please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Youth Vigil 2025: 28 March 2025

Your parish youth group and/or Confirmation group are invited to participate in a very exciting event that is being organised by the Chaplaincy Team at Oaklands Catholic school, in collaboration with Canon PJ and the Educational Chaplaincies department. As I am sure you are aware, the Catholic Church are about to enter into the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. As part of the year of celebrations, Pope Francis has called for a 24-Hours for the Lord during Lent in 2025. We would like to invite you to bring a group of young people to Oaklands on Friday 28th March for an all-night vigil of prayer and Adoration. The full invitation letter and how to register your interest can be found on the notice board.



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.

Sunday 26th January—Cathedral

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

Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact: safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk

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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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