



# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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**Luke 2 v 22-40**

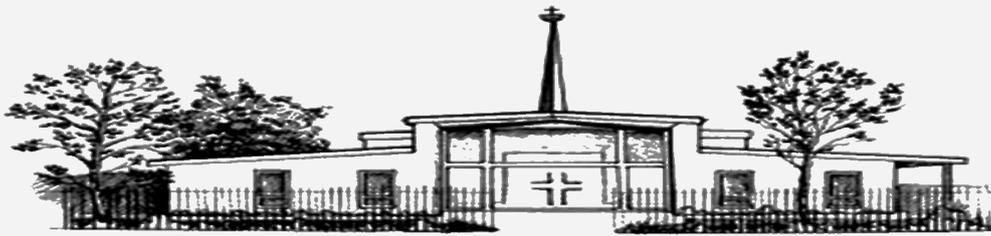
## **The Presentation of the Lord**

Sunday 2nd February	8.30am	Claire Morgan, Paddy Morgan, Patsy Murphy and Deceased members of Anderson & Moran Family RIP
	10.30am	No Intention
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 3rd	9.30am	Merlyn Lewis Intention
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 4th	9.30am	Amy Jane Intention
Thurs 6th	7pm	No Intention
Fri 7th	9.30am	Kol Thelis RIP

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week 1)**

Sunday 9th February	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Joaquim Marvao RIP
	6.30pm	No Intention

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



**Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday, therefore unavailable on this day.**

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

The Church will still be open from 9am-1.30pm for anyone who wishes to come for private prayer.

**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>

**Dear fellow Parishioners,**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your Christmas cards, presents and a very generous Christmas collection.

I hope your new years resolutions are going well and once again, many blessings for the year ahead.

**Fr Ansel**

**Update on Second Collections.**

Thank you very much indeed for your generous giving.

Christmas Collection (Fr Ansel) - £3,796.66 (This Christmas collection helps make up Fr Ansel's salary for the year)

Crib Offering—£93.40

SVP Hampers 2024—Total from collections in Church £2,131,60. Further donations received directly by SVP and with donations from Men's Shed and SVP Members the grand total raised was **£5,397.14**

**Reflection on this weeks' Gospel — And when eight days were completed:** This was done so Jesus might fulfil every aspect of the law (as commanded in Leviticus 12:2-3). It also shows that Joseph and Mary were truly devout, obedient parents. They obeyed God's command in Leviticus 12, so Jesus obeyed it also.

**Circumcision...** the days of her purification: The circumcision and purification ceremonies were necessary as a reminder that we are all born in sin (Psalm 51:5). Jesus could have been excused because He was not born in sin. Yet, we see Him even as a baby, identifying with sinners, as He also later did at His baptism and on the cross.

A promise fulfilled to Simeon.

**Waiting for the Consolation of Israel:** Simeon may have known that there were rumours regarding the coming of the Messiah. The news of John the Baptist's birth and its meaning was widely publicized (Luke 1:65), and the shepherds who heard the angelic announcement may have kept temple flocks, and they may have reported what happened among the people of the temple.

**So he came by the Spirit into the temple:** Yet it was not rumours, but the Spirit who led him into the temple on that day. Simeon was a man who knew how to be led by the Holy Spirit, both in hearing God's promise to him and being prompted to go to the temple at the right time.

**He took Him up in his arms:** Simeon's prophecy was filled with love for his Savior; and he hardly knew Jesus. We who know so much more about Him should love Him even more.

**According to Your word:** Simeon now had the peace of seeing God's promise fulfilled in his life.

**You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation:** It was as if Simeon were commanded by God to keep a lonely watch through the night until he saw the sun come up. This now was, for him, God's sunrise, and because Jesus had come, Simeon could be relieved of his watch.

**A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles:** The amazing thing about Simeon's prophecy is that it shows that this light is for the Gentiles also. The salvation of Jesus began with Israel but was always to be extended beyond Israel.

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

Please submit any notices for the Newsletter by Wednesday lunchtime.

**Please note: A Health & Safety Audit is taking place on Tuesday 4th February. The Church will be closed for the day after 9.30am Mass and the office will open later at 11am. Apologies for inconvenience.**

### Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meetings are Sunday 16th February and Sunday 30th March 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)



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**Friday Coffee Morning. 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 from 10.30am. 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

**Repository**—Please call in and see the range of Christian gifts and cards available.

**Vinnie's Café.** The next meeting will be on Saturday 22nd February from 2-4pm in ST.Margaret Mary, Parish Hall. Come along for friendly company, tea and cake. No charge, but donations welcome.

**Knight's of ST.Columba.** The next meeting is on Thursday 20th February @ 7.30pm. All welcome.

### 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](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### CAFOD meeting on Saturday 15th February from 10:30am to 1:30pm

at St Margaret Mary Church Hall Middle Road Park Gate SO31 7GH Please join us to find out how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome and please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers as a simple lunch will be provided by emailing Jo on [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk)



Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are meeting at 1.30 pm in the Hall of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington, on Wednesday 12th February. Our group consists of members from all the parishes in this area and we would welcome visitors, so come and see what we do.

For further information, please contact Marguerite Boulter 01489 575663 [margieboulter@aol.com](mailto:margieboulter@aol.com)

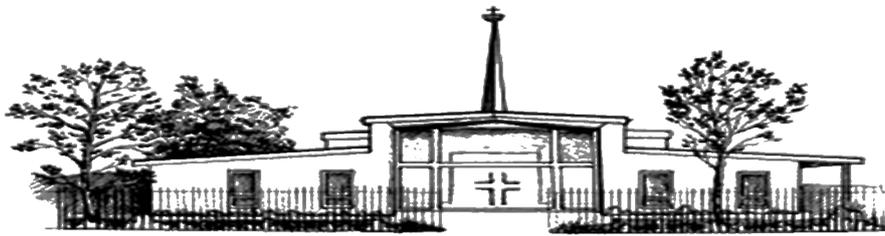
Maria Owen 07790 378 097 [mariaeowen@gmail.com](mailto:mariaeowen@gmail.com).

### FEAST OF THE SANTO NIÑO (HOLY CHILD JESUS) Saturday 1st February, 6pm at St Mary's Gosport

There will be a Solemn Mass in honour of the Feast of the Santo Niño (Holy Child). This is a celebration commemorating the birth of Catholicism in the Philippines and the Christianisation of the country. Please bring your images of the Child Jesus to be blessed after the Mass.

**Escorted Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025.** £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Please see poster on notice board for full details.

**Join Radio Maria on Thursday, 6 February, at 10am for a special radio broadcast.** Guest speaker Simon John will share insights into the inspiring life of St. Josephine Bakhita and the realities of slavery during her time. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about her journey of faith and perseverance. You can listen live via DAB+, online at [www.RadioMariaEngland.uk](http://www.RadioMariaEngland.uk), or through the Radio Maria England app.



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

## **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 14-21 May 2025 with Joe Walsh Tours and their team of Tour Guides.**

Cost £849 sharing a room,

Staying at Hotel Royal, half board, flight and transfers included, insurance can be included.

Coach from St Margaret Mary to and from Gatwick (cost approx £40) booking to be confirmed.

**There are a few places still available.**

If interested please contact:- Mary Woodhouse [Kewhouse@uwclub.net](mailto:Kewhouse@uwclub.net)

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**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)

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