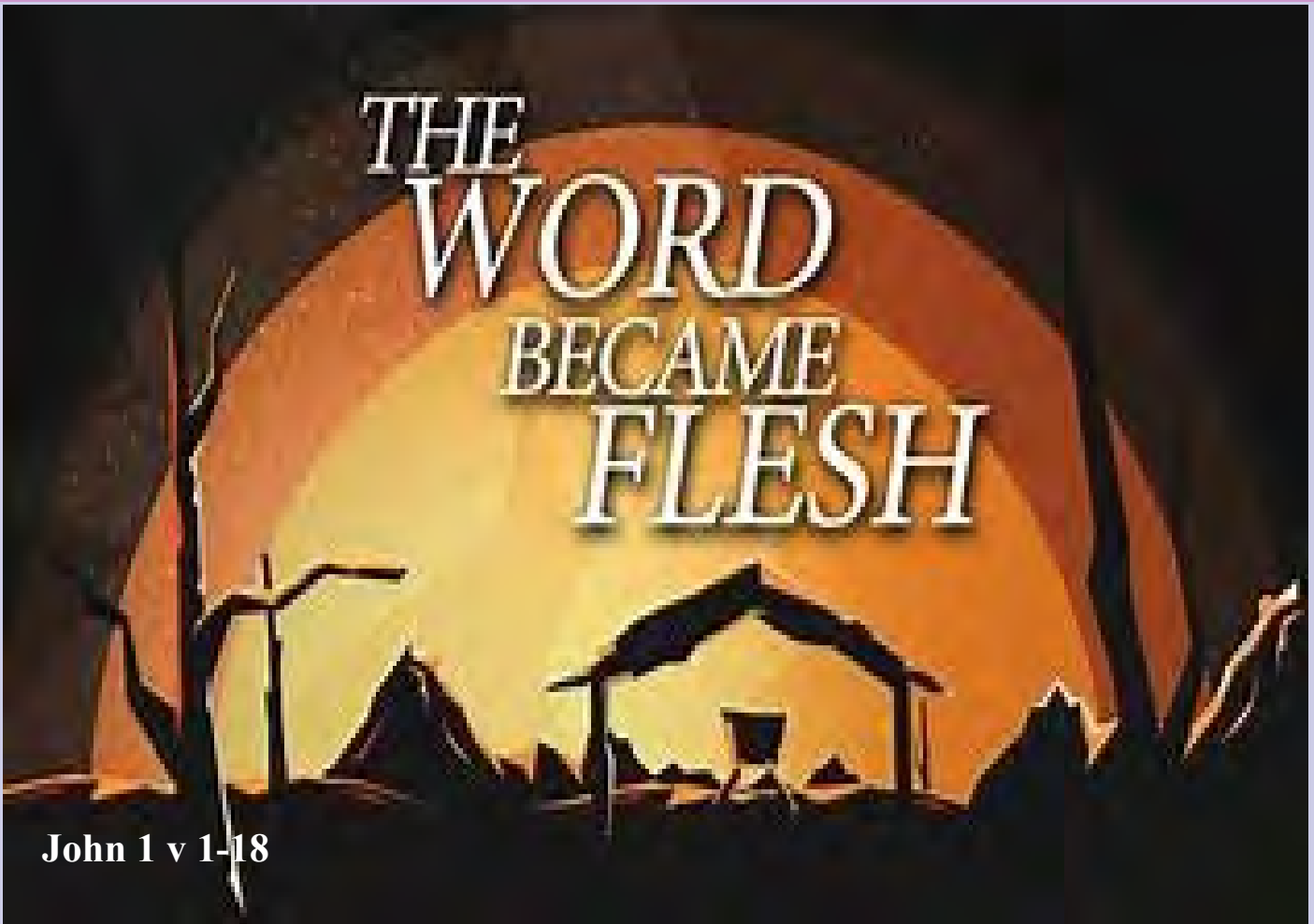




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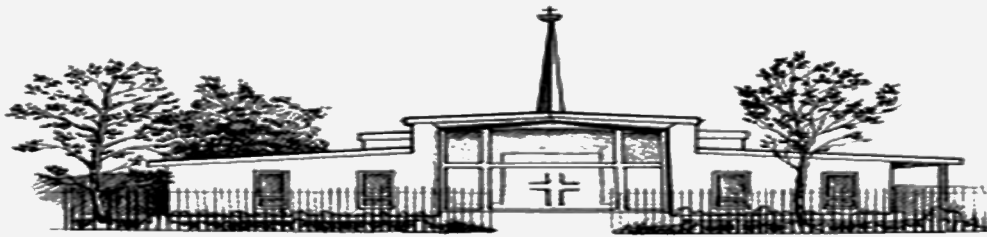
The Epiphany of the Lord

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| Sunday 5th Jan 2025 | 8.30am | John Logan RIP |
| | 10.30am | Randi Thelis RIP |
| | 6.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday 6th | No Mass | |
| | No Adoration | |
| Tuesday 7th | No Mass | |
| Thurs 9th | No Mass | |
| Fri 10th | No Mass | |

The Baptism of the Lord

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| Sunday 12th January 2025 | 8.30am | Jacintha Beard RIP |
| | 10.30am | People of the Parish |
| | 6.30pm | Margherita Meccariello RIP |

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



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

Many thanks to Fr Andrew coming to celebrate Mass on Sunday 5th at 8.30am and 10.30am.

Thanks also to Fr Tom Kleinschmidt celebrating Mass on Sunday 5th at 6.30pm and 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>

Christmas Collection for Fr Ansel (This collection will be open until 13th January)

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 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.

Thank you from the Finance Committee.

As we enter the New Year, many of us would have put much thought into thinking about our 'New Year Resolutions.'

By committing ourselves to bringing about change in our lives, we seek to change or resolve an undesired behaviour or trait in order to accomplish a goal or otherwise improve life. According to ComRes, a market research company, among the most common New Years resolutions is to exercise more, lose weight, take more of an active approach to health, drink less alcohol, stop smoking and spend more time with family and friends. While many of us are thinking about how our newly found goals can help change and improve our lives, the New Year also provides us with an opportunity to set a few goals to help change and improve our spiritual lives. It is an opportunity to grow closer to God, to develop our spiritual gifts and to experience the peace and joy that God wants to give us. Pursuing these changes and sharing in the love God wants to offer us can also help improve our relationships with others too. So how can we bring about this change? Here are a few suggestions: **firstly**, we could try to dedicate more time to prayer. In prayer, we are in constant communication with God and grow in relationship with him.

Secondly, we could try to read some good spiritual catholic books and the bible, this will help us to learn more about our faith, its history, and the spiritual life. Again, this will help us to grow in relationship with God. **Thirdly**, we could use our time and talents to help others, by doing this we are showing God's love to others and are helping to build up the kingdom of God. **Fourthly**, if you have a smartphone, why not search through some of the Catholic Apps such as Hallow, Amen and Universalis. Instead of spending idle time on the internet, this could be an opportunity to learn more about our faith. Lastly, choose a Catholic Saint, read about them, ask for their prayers and intercession, may they also inspire us to follow the Lord most closely and intimately. These are just a few suggestions but I'm sure you may be able to think of many more. Be creative! Let's use this opportunity to truly dedicate ourselves to the Lord, so that in leading a more active spiritual life we can grow in love of the Trinity and make the message of the Gospel known to the world.

Wishing you all many blessings for the year ahead,

Fr Ansel

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



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

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

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 early in the new year, date to be confirmed. 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 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—Christmas is over, but the repository stocks lots of cards and gifts suitable for the whole year. Please call in and have a look.



Any ladies of the area are very welcome to come as visitors to the monthly meeting of Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League. January meeting is at 1.30pm on Wednesday 8th in the Hall of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, at Stubbington. For further information, please contact:-

Marguerite Boulter 01489 575663 margieboulter@aol.com or Maria Owen 07790378097
mariaeowen@gmail.com

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.

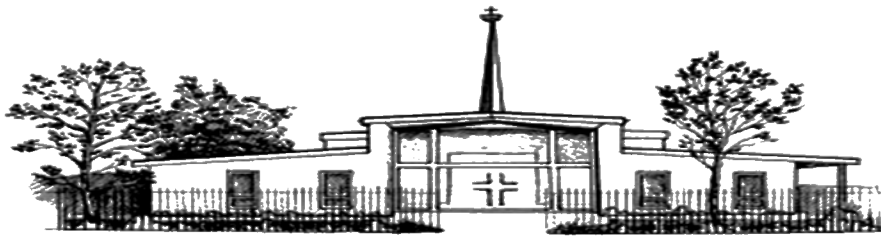
A copy of the full invitation letter and how to register your interest can be found on the notice board.

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE!

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading.

Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading. Please take action now by visiting www.righttolife.org.uk

Advent Prayer Wall—This will be coming down after Feast of Epiphany. Please take one final opportunity to have a look for show your children.



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

Out of hours please get in touch as below

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

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