



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Luke 6 v 27-38

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week 3)

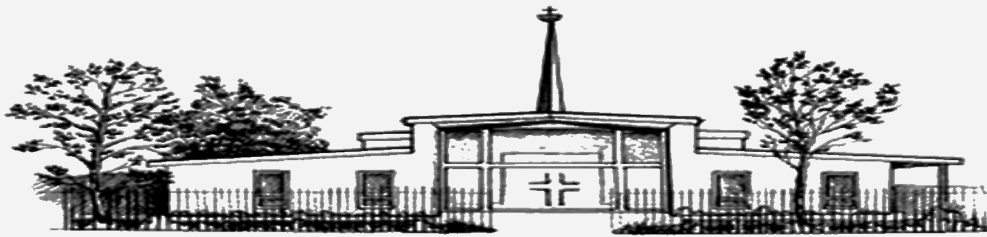
Sunday 23rd February	8.30am	Noel Brady RIP
	10.30am	Monsignor Nick France RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 24th	9.30am	No Intentions
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 25th	9.30am	No Intentions
Thursday 27th	7pm	No Intentions
Friday 28th	9.30am	Bill Lavelle RIP

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week 4)

Sunday 2nd March	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Ozric Armstrong Intention
	6.30pm	No Intentions

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

2025



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.

Thank you—to Fr Kevin Bidgood coming to celebrate Mass on Tuesday 25th while Fr Ansel is in London for meetings.

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 Reflection on this weeks' Gospel—Luke 6 v 27-38

Love your enemies: This is a shockingly simple command to understand, but difficult one to obey. Jesus told us exactly how to actually love our enemies: do good, bless, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

Jesus recognized that we will have enemies. This plan of God's Kingdom takes into account real-world problems. Though we will have enemies, yet we are to respond to them in love, trusting that God will protect our cause and destroy our enemies in the best way possible, by transforming them into our friends.

Do good... bless... pray for those who spitefully use you: The love Jesus told us to have for our enemies was not a warm, fuzzy feeling deep in the heart. If we wait for that, we may never love them. The love for our enemies is a love that does something for them, quite apart from how we might feel about them.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? We should regard it as no matter of virtue, and no imitation of Jesus, if we merely return the love that is given to us.

Remember, Jesus here taught the character of the citizens of His kingdom. We should expect that character to be different from the character seen in the world.

You will be sons of the Most High: In doing this, we imitate God, who shows love towards His enemies, and is kind to the unthankful and evil.

This is an example – that we also are to love our enemies and bless them if we can. In doing so we show ourselves to **sons of the Most High**. "We are made sons by regeneration, through faith in the Son; but we are called to make our calling and election sure – to approve and vindicate our right to that sacred name. We can only do this by showing in word and act that the divine life and principles animate us." (Meyer)

Gift Aid - Just a reminder if you offering is gift-aided, the envelope needs to be annotated with you specific number. Although we cannot have list on noticeboard anymore because of GDPR Rules, the list of names and numbers are kept in the Sacristy and also held by the main office—please do ask.

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.

Advance notice: The Parish office will be closed Mon 3rd-Fri 7th March for annual leave. The Newsletter published on the 2nd March will be for two weeks, with the next issue on Friday 14th March. Please bear this in mind if you need dates/events published. Any emails will be responded to asap when the office re-opens on Monday 10th Feb. Any urgent matters, please ring office number and leave message on answerphone.—the phone number is for both the office and the Presbytery.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meetings is Sunday 30th March 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. 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.

On Friday 7th March it is the World Day of Prayer, formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer. The service written by the Christian Women of the Cook Islands, will be held at 1.45pm at Stubbington Methodist Church or 2pm and 7pm at St Philip Howard in Fareham. Unfortunately there is no service in our Western Wards area, this year. Please make the effort to join with other Christians and there should be refreshments afterwards.

SPRING LUNCH — Sunday 16th March 2025

By popular request, our Spring Lunch - in aid of our Lenten charity, Mary's Meals, - **will be held on 16th March, 12pm - 2.30pm** in the Parish Hall. The cost for a delicious, home cooked lunch is £15 for adults, £7.50 for children. Tickets are will be available after Mass or from Gaye Perry (07887 874270).

Reserve your place soon - they sell out fast!

DATE FOR DIARY — MARCH 21ST - QUIZ NIGHT 7.30pm in ST.Margaret Mary CHURCH HALL

EVERYONE WELCOME £5 per TICKET, BYOB . Tickets on sale from Feb 23rd

Proceeds will go to the Lenten Charity, which this year is Mary's Meal UK. [Homepage | Mary's Meals](#)



Easter Flowers. There will be a **second collection on the 2nd March** towards flowers to decorate the Church this coming season. There is a separate option on the DONA machine for this collection which will be available for the whole month of March for any donations. Thank you.

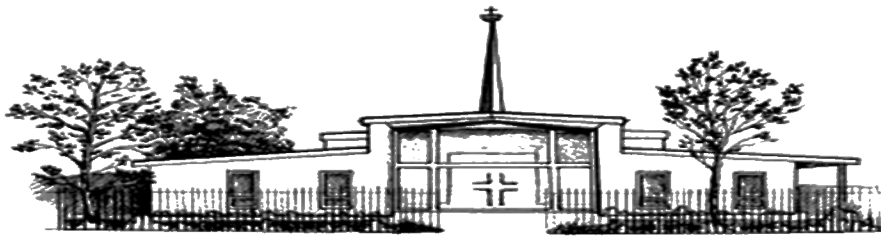
Lost Property. Final appeal. We have found a black handbag (Radley), which has been in the Utility room for a few weeks. It has a number of items in it, including a gift card to a lady called Mary. If you think this may be yours, please contact the office. P.S There is a set of draws in the Paray room with one draw set aside for lost property, please check if you have lost any items.

Items donated to Church.

If you would like to donate any items to the Church, please speak to Fr Ansel. Over recent weeks a few items have been left in the ST.Margaret Mary room in the Hall, and if any items cannot be used, we are left to pass on or even dispose of at cost to Parish. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes—Monday 7th July to the 11th July. (See poster on noticeboard)

We gather at Heathrow airport for a morning flight to France and end when we return to Heathrow on the evening of the 11th July. In Lourdes we will reside (full board) at the 4* hotel, La Solitude where all rooms are ensuite, and fitted with tea/coffee making facilities. The cost of the pilgrimage this year is £879 per person for a shared room, youth pilgrims can travel at £825. To find out more and to book a place please complete an [application form](#), email, telephone 07780 221686 or write to Canon PJ Smith at St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3QA.



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—March 2025

Sunday 16th March—CAFOD Lent Appeal—Family Fast Day

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



You can scan this QR code which take you direct to CAFOD's virtual envelope.

Sunday 30th March—Clergy Assistance Fund

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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

Jodie McMenamin: 07768 751118 or Fran Slater: 07899 691094

Hall Bookings:

Email: hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Maintenance:

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)

Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator: Ruth Attfield 023 9421 6486

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