



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week 4)

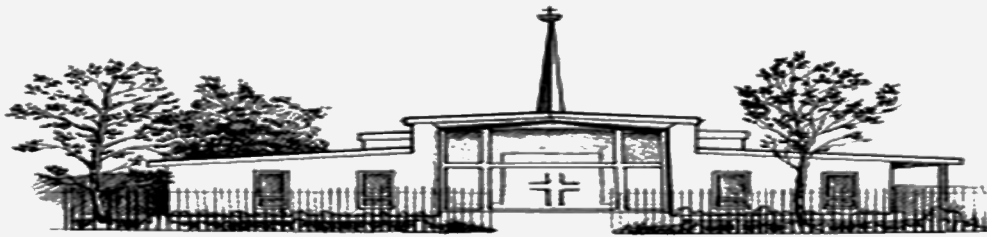
Sunday 2nd March	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Ozric Armstrong Intention
	6.30pm	Paul & Mary RIP
Monday 3rd	9.30am	Thomas & Anna RIP
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 4th	9.30am	Praveen Sunny RIP
Wednesday 5th	ASH WEDNESDAY—BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT	
	9.30am	No Intentions
	7.30pm	No Intentions
Thursday 6th	7pm	No Mass today or Stations of the Cross
Friday 7th	9.30am	Marina Sunny RIP
Saturday 8th	5-6pm	Confessions

First Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week 1)

Sunday 9th March	8.30am	Daniel Rix
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	5.45pm	Stations of the Cross
	6.30pm	Eileen Byrne RIP
Monday 10th	9.30am	Dolly Joseph RIP
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 11th	11am	Requiem Mass—Patricia Whittaker (Fr Elijah Nde will be celebrating Mass)
Thursday 13th	6.15pm	Stations of the Cross
	7pm	Knights of ST.Columba Intention
Friday 14th	9.30am	Jeremy & Yolanda Albutt RIP
Saturday 14th	5-6pm	Confessions
Sunday 16th	8.30am	Linda McDonald RIP
	10.30am	Mary Josephine Navesy RIP
	5.45pm	Stations of the Cross
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

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

2025



Fr Ansel's day off has changed this week to Thursday 6th therefore unavailable on this day.

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

Due to the office being closed the Church will not be open on Thursday.

Advance Notice: Fr Ansel is away on retreat from Weds 19th March to Weds 26th. Normal Sunday Masses on Sun 23rd.

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>

Advance Dates for Lent.

Stations of the Cross —Thursday's at 6.15pm (except Thursday 6th Mar and Thursday 20th Mar)

Sunday's at 5.45pm

Confessions — on Saturday's between 5-6pm (except Saturday 23rd Mar)

These times and Mass times for Easter weekend will be published on a separate notice via Pamis and on the noticeboards in due course and weekly on the Newsletter.

Parish Pilgrimage to ST.John's Cathedral—Saturday 14th June (time to be confirmed)

In light of the Jubilee year, there will be a parish pilgrimage to St.John's Cathedral on 14th June. There will be an opportunity for Confession, Mass and Indulgence. Fr Ansel will hold a preparation meeting on Sat 31st May in the Parish Hall at 10am to explain the Jubilee year and Indulgence. After Mass, we will be meeting on Southsea Common to enjoy a Parish picnic..

Ash Wednesday starting with the Council of Nicea, established a 40-day fasting period before Easter. There was some debate about when this period should start, but in the fifth century, Pope Gregory officially moved the beginning of Lent from a Sunday to its core practices—fasting, prayer, and repentance—are deeply biblical.

The heart of Ash Wednesday and Lent is about turning back to God. The 40 days of Lent reflect Jesus' time in the wilderness, where He fasted and prepared for His ministry. For many Christians, this season is a time of self-reflection, letting go of distractions, and drawing closer to God as they prepare their hearts for Easter, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

The story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness is found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. After being baptized, He spent 40 days fasting while Satan tempted Him three times, trying to take advantage of His hunger and exhaustion. But Jesus stood firm, responding with Scripture each time and refusing to give in. His victory over temptation is a powerful reminder that we can rely on God's Word and strength in our own struggles, too.

Gift Aid - Just a reminder if your offering is gift-aided, the envelope needs to be annotated with your specific number. Although we cannot have a 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.

The Parish office is closed Mon 3rd-Fri 7th March for annual leave. The next issue of the Newsletter will be on Friday 14th March. Any emails received during office closure will be responded to asap when the office re-opens on Monday 10th Feb. Any urgent matters, please ring main office number which is linked to both the office and the Presbytery and leave message on answerphone. Thank you.

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



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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. 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 monthly 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. The next meeting is Thursday 20th March. 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.

DATES FOR DIARY—LENTEN CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS—FOR MARY'S MEALS.

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 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](#)

There will be a raffle at both events and we would be grateful for any prizes. Please contact

maggie@raymeontc.plus.com or leave with one of the team after Sunday Masses.

Many thanks in advance for your usual generous support.



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

Volunteers needed for Hall cleaning.

One of the current volunteers is leaving the parish. New volunteers would be most welcome to support the current team. Volunteers are needed to clean the church hall once a month. It takes approximately one hour.

Contact: Kathleen Mercer by email kathleen.mercer@btinternet.com or leave your contact details in the Parish Office.

Welcome Ministry

The Welcome Ministry at Sunday Masses has been running for 3 months now. It has been very well received by visitors and parishioners alike. Ideally more volunteers are needed , particularly at the Sunday evening Mass. It is a very rewarding role, with the opportunity to get to know other parishioners and present a welcoming face to visitors. If you would like to find out more, please contact [Frankie Lane on 07906042066](tel:07906042066) or speak to any of the Welcomers at Mass.

CATECHISTS LENT DAYS OF PRAYER, FORMATION AND NETWORKING

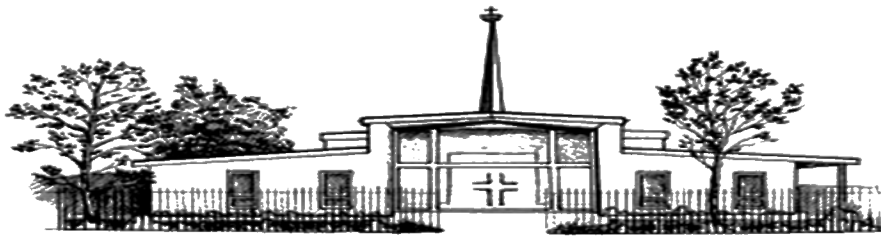
The Vicariate for Evangelisation will be hosting three online events during Lent for Catechists across the diocese. These events offer a chance to connect with other catechists, share experiences, and find inspiration to hand on the faith in our parishes. Each event will begin at 7:30 PM and last for one hour. Catechists can choose from the three events based on their area of catechesis:

Thursday 13th March (Children's Liturgy and First Holy Communion)

Thursday 20th March (Marriage Preparation and Baptism)

Thursday 3rd April (Confirmation and RCIA)

To sign up for these events, please go to <https://forms.office.com/e/VkCdj1SWzA>.



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 (14th March)

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 (available week before), 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

Contact Details: St Margaret Mary, Middle Road, Park Gate, Hants SO31 7GH

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 Tel: 01489 572797

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

Email: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St Anthony's Catholic Primary and Pre-School Headteacher:

Katrina Straker, Primate Road, Titchfield Common, PO14 4RP 01489 579100

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