



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord (Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 13th April	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Francis Navesy RIP
	5.45pm	Stations of the Cross (Led by the Readers)
	6.30pm	Seaneen McCloskey RIP
Monday 14th	9.30am	Stephen McCloskey Intention
	7pm	No Adoration today.
Tuesday 15th	9.00am	Mass for Holy Souls
	11am	Mass of Chrism at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
	7.30pm	Louise Hutchinson RIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 18th 10am Stations of the Cross (Led by the Children)
There will be the opportunity for the children to lead Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Please can we ask any children who wish to participate to arrive at 9.30 am in the church. Thank you.

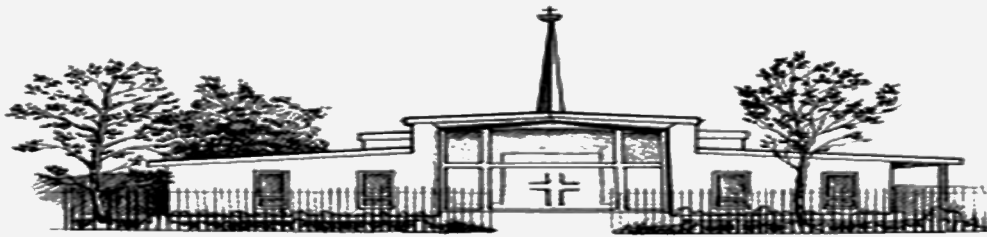
	3pm	Good Friday Liturgy
HOLY SATURDAY	8.15pm	Vigil Mass Graham Farrington RIP

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday 20th	8.30am	Mass for Holy Souls
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	No Mass
EASTER MONDAY	9.30am	No Intentions
Tuesday 22nd	9.30am	Jean Passmore Intention
Thursday 24th	7pm	No Mass today
Friday 25th	9.30am	No Mass today
Sunday 27th	8.30am	Margaret Mary Holland RIP
	10.30am	Kathy Huntley RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

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

2025



Fr Ansel's will be away from Weds 23rd April to Weds 30th April, returning to the Parish on Thursday 1st May. For any urgent sick calls during this period, please call Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869.

The Church will be open between 9am-1.30pm for anyone who wished to come for private prayer except Thursday and Saturday. **Our grateful thanks to Fr Kevin Bidgood who will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 27th April.**

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>

Fr Ansel's Easter Collection One of the ways in which the Parish can thank Fr Ansel for his ministry is by contributing generously to the Easter collection. This is our offering to him and, together with the Christmas collection, forms a significant part of his income. There are four ways in which you can give:

1. The collection on Easter Sunday
2. A bank transfer to the parish bank account, please put ref 'easteroffering'
3. Contactless payment via Dona machine at the back of church - option marked "Fr Ansel Easter Offering"
4. Use our give as you live page - <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/park-gate-st-margaret-mary-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2025>

Thank you—Finance Committee.

Update on Second Collections

Thank you very much for your generous giving.

CAFOD (16th March) - £574.70

Diocese Clergy Training Fund—£364.75

Easter Flowers for Church—£278.30

Short thought for this week from Luke 22 v 14-23 v 56

This was a passionate moment for Jesus. It wasn't so much that He was saying goodbye to His disciples, as much as now He arrived at the central reason why He came to man: to institute a new covenant with men, based on His own sacrifice. This was not the beginning of the end; it was the beginning of the beginning.

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

This is how we remember what Jesus did for us. As we eat the bread, we should remember how Jesus was broken, pierced, and beaten with stripes for our redemption. As we drink the cup, we should remember that His blood, His life was poured out on Calvary for us.

This is how we fellowship with Jesus. Because His redemption has reconciled us to God, we can now sit down to a meal with Jesus, and enjoy each other's company.

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. This newsletter is a two-week issue to cover Easter as the office will also be closed from Thursday 17th Apr through to Monday 21st Apr. The office re-opens on Tues 22nd at 9am when emails received during closed period will be responded to as soon as possible. If your matter is urgent, please ring the office number linked to both the office and Presbytery and leave a message. The next issue of the newsletter will be Friday 25th April.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meetings are Sunday 27th April and Sunday 18th May 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

For some friendly company come along to:-

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. Next meeting, Thursday 24th April. 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

Vinnies Drop-in Café: Saturday 26th April 2-4pm in the Parish Hall

Friday Coffee Morning. The next coffee mornings are 11th April then after Easter on the 2nd May.

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

Lenten Charity, Mary's Meals —There is now some information on display in the foyer all about our Lenten Charity.

Alternatively, please visit their website to learn about their work at [Homepage | Mary's Meals](#)

The current total stands at £2.029.00. This collection will remain on the DONA machine until Easter. Final total will be published as soon as confirmed. For details of events held please see noticeboard. **There will be a second collection this weekend, Sunday 13th, which will be added to total.**

The Knights of Columba would like to thank all who supported the cake and bake sale on Mothering Sunday.

Through your generosity we raised £641.50 through sales and donations.

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 or speak to any of the Welcomers at Mass.

Parish Pilgrimage to Cathedral—Saturday 14th June.

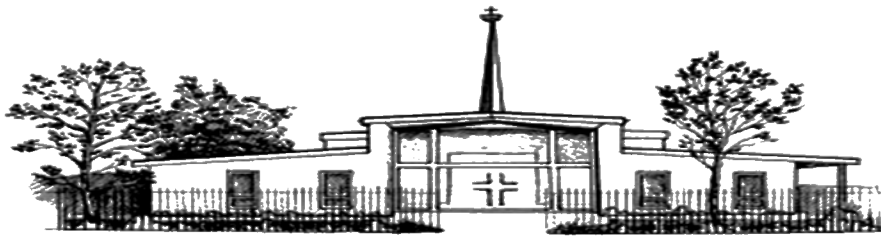
In light of the Jubilee year, there will be a parish pilgrimage to St. John's Cathedral on 14th June. The day will begin with an exhibition of the Shroud of Turin at 10am followed by an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Mass will be celebrated at 12.15pm followed by packed lunch in the Cathedral Parish hall. Please do come and join us. We hope the day will be a great opportunity for spiritual renewal and a chance for us to share fraternity and be together as a parish community. Fr Ansel will hold a preparation meeting on Sat 31st May in the Parish Hall at 10am to explain the Jubilee year and Indulgence.

Mass of the Anointing — ST. Philip Howard Church, Fareham — Wednesday 7th May at 1.30pm.

Members of Park Gate congregation are invited to join Fareham on the 7th May for this service. A tea will be held afterwards in the Church Hall. If you would like to attend please can you confirm by contacting

PresidentB170202@svp.org.uk, so they have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

Gift Aid—If you gift aid, please can you remember to write your name and Gift Aid number on your envelopes please. This helps to identify donations and gift aid and so enable us to claim back from HMRC. If you cannot remember your gift aid number, the list is kept in the Sacristy, so please ask. Alternatively, the list is also held in the Parish office, so again please ask if not sure. Thank you.



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 contact the relevant chaplaincy service:
Southampton General 02381 208517
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

Second Collections & Appeals

Sunday 18th April 2025—Holy Places

The annual Good Friday collection is for the maintenance of churches and the "pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works" of the Church in the Holy Land.. This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community in the region, living in difficult circumstances.

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal — Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030.

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Anita Fitzpatrick: 07743 481363 or Fran Slater: 07899 691094

Hall Bookings:

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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)

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