



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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**Pope Francis—Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, May he rest in peace.
Amen**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

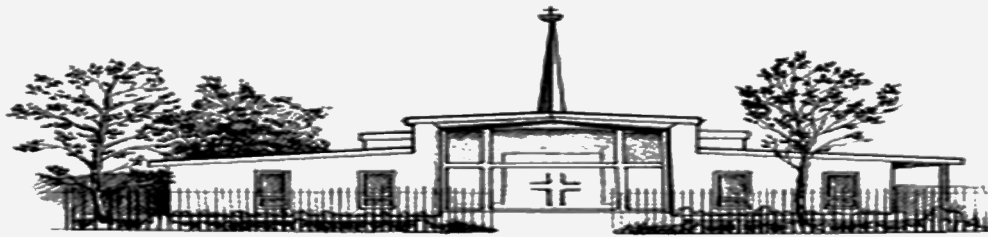
Sunday 27th	8.30am	Margaret Mary Holland RIP
	10.30am	Kathy Huntley RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 28th	9.30am	No Mass today
	7pm	Holy Hour for Pope Francis RIP
Tuesday 29th	9.30am	No Mass today
Thursday 1st May	7pm	Mass for Holy Souls
Friday 2nd May	9.30am	Peter O'Mahony RIP
	7.30pm	Memorial Mass for Pope Francis RIP
Saturday 3rd May	12.30pm	Baptism Service

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Psalter Week 3)

Sunday 4th May	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Jane Rymer RIP
	6.30pm	Mass for Holy Souls

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

2025



Fr Ansel is currently away until Weds 30th April, returning to the Parish on Thursday 1st May.

For any urgent sick calls on this day, 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.

Thanks to Deacon Brian who will lead the Holy Hour for Pope Francis RIP on 28th April at 7pm.

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.

Short Reflection on the life of Pope Francis

He was born in Buenos Aires on 17 December 1936, the son of Italian immigrants. His father Mario was an accountant employed by the railways and his mother Regina Sivori was a committed wife dedicated to raising their five children. He graduated as a chemical technician and then chose the path of the priesthood, entering the Diocesan Seminary of Villa Devoto. On 11 March 1958 he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus. He completed his studies of the humanities in Chile and returned to Argentina in 1963 to graduate with a degree in philosophy from the Colegio de San José in San Miguel. From 1964 to 1965 he taught literature and psychology at Immaculate Conception College in Santa Fé and in 1966 he taught the same subject at the Colegio del Salvatore in Buenos Aires. From 1967-70 he studied theology and obtained a degree from the Colegio of San José.

On 13 December 1969 he was ordained a priest by Archbishop Ramón José Castellano.

As Archbishop of Buenos Aires — a diocese with more than three million inhabitants — he conceived of a missionary project based on communion and evangelization. He had four main goals: open and brotherly communities, an informed laity playing a lead role, evangelization efforts addressed to every inhabitant of the city, and assistance to the poor and the sick. He aimed to reevangelize Buenos Aires, "taking into account those who live there, its structure and its history". He asked priests and lay people to work together. In September 2009 he launched the solidarity campaign for the bicentenary of the Independence of the country. Two hundred charitable agencies are to be set up by 2016.

And on a continental scale, he expected much from the impact of the message of the Aparecida Conference in 2007, to the point of describing it as the "Evangelii Nuntiandi of Latin America".

Until the beginning of the recent sede vacante, he was a member of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Congregation for the Clergy, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, the Pontifical Council for the Family and the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

He was elected Supreme Pontiff on 13 March 2013.

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.

Please note: The Parish office will be closed Monday 5th May for the bank holiday and re-open on Tues 6th.

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. 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

Vinnie's Drop-in Café—Saturday 26th April, 2-4pm in the Parish Hall.

Friday Coffee Morning. The next coffee morning is on the 2nd May after Mass.

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

Lenten Charity, Mary's Meals —Please visit their website to learn about their work at [Homepage | Mary's Meals](#)
The running total at Easter was £2.029.00. Once the final total is confirmed this will be published.

Knight's of St.Columba. The next meeting is on Thursday 8th May at 7.30pm. All welcome.;

Rosary Rally.

Saturday 26th April at 2pm.

Join the Marian Franciscans and the Parish of the Holy Family . Please see poster on noticeboard for full details.

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.

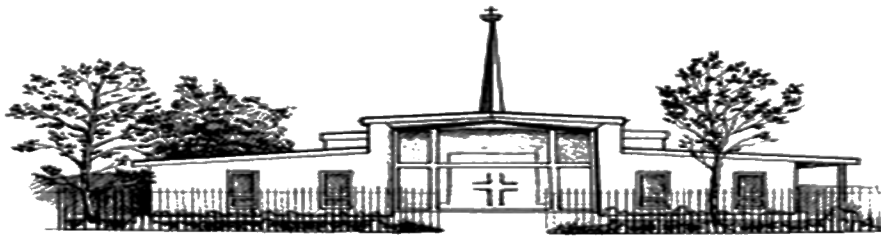
Parish Pilgrimage to Cathedral — Saturday 14th June.

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.

Sunday 11th May—Diocese Clergy Training Fund.

The Diocesan Clergy Training Fund is used to support the formation of seminarians preparing for priesthood, who receive no funding from the state. It also supports the training of Permanent Deacons and the ongoing formation of all Clergy, helping them to grow and adapt in their ministry.

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

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