



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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John 8 v 1-11 'If anyone of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her'

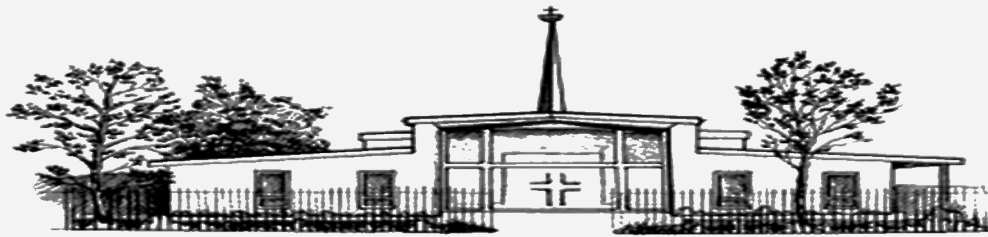
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week 1)

Sunday 6th April	8.30am	Patricia Curtis Intention
	10.30am	Esther Planner Intention
	5.45pm	Stations of the Cross (Led by the Choir)
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 7th	9.30am	Mary Paulson RIP
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 8th	9.00am	Private Intention
Thursday 10th	6.15pm	Stations of the Cross
	7pm	Knights of ST Columba Intention
Friday 11th	9.30am	Aoife McCloskey RIP
Saturday 12th	5-6pm	Confessions

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

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



Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday, therefore unavailable on this day.

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.

Advance Notice: Fr Ansel will be away from 23rd to 30th April, returning to the Parish on Thursday 1st May.

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 from St Anthony's

In this Spring Term school update, I would like to start by thanking the parish of St Margaret Mary for letting us keep the altar that used to be in the small chapel that had been loaned to us. I hope you don't miss it now that you have a new altar, beautifully crafted by Chris. We used to use a refectory table for Masses and assemblies so being able to keep this altar is thoroughly appreciated by the school community and me.

This Spring half term began with Shrove Tuesday celebrations including pancake races, serving pancakes to the children and concluded with our Palm Burning service. We kicked off Lent with an Ash Wednesday Mass for the children, led by Year 3 and Fr Ansel. I would like to thank Fr Ansel for organising so many members of the clergy to attend our reconciliation service during the second week of Lent and to hear the confessions of our Years 5 & 6 children. The GIFT team and Head Pupils led the readings and Fr Ansel was joined by Canon John Cooke, Monsignor Vincent Harvey, Fr Matthew King, Deacon John Cumpstey and Deacon Larry Muraski. Once again, I was overwhelmed by the maturity of our children as nearly all of them came forward for confession and they were so positive about the experience.

During Lent, the children have written Lenten promises on blossom flowers that have been added to our tree of faith, in the school hall - a visual reminder of what we are trying to do during Lent. In our primary school, we focus on what children can take up (eg helping others) by fasting from their electronic devices as they're too young to fast from food. Our chosen charity has been the Two Saints, as our children are passionate about helping our local homeless neighbours. Families have been collecting items such as toiletries, towels and pyjamas for the local hostels in Fareham and Gosport and we had a 'Dress down Friday' to raise additional funds for the charity so I hope our children are learning what it feels like to help others and live out our Catholic Social Teaching principles by making the world a better and fairer place.

Although Holy Week falls in the second week of the Easter holidays, we have been remembering the events of Holy Week this week. Our Key Stage 2 children have performed their Passion Play to parishioners and parents with 3 performances in total. Our Year 1 children led our Palm Procession Mass on Thursday, celebrated by Fr Ansel and attended by families and the parish.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter, when it comes. With best wishes, Katrina Straker.

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. Week beginning 7th April, the office will be open Mon-Thurs and closed Friday 11th Apr. The newsletter issued on Thurs 10th Apr will be a two-week issue to cover Easter as the office will also be closed 18th and 21st Apr. Good Friday & Easter Monday. 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



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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.

Knights of ST.Columba — Next meeting Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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

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](#)

A BIG thank you, to everyone for their support for the Spring lunch— £700 was raised.

A notice of all the events held to raise funds for Mary's Meals will be issued once all final totals are known.

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.



Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are meeting at 1.30 pm in the Hall of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington, on Wednesday 9th April. We will begin with the Stations of the Cross in the Chapel. Our group consists of members from all the parishes in this area and we would welcome visitors, so come along and meet us. For further information, please contact:

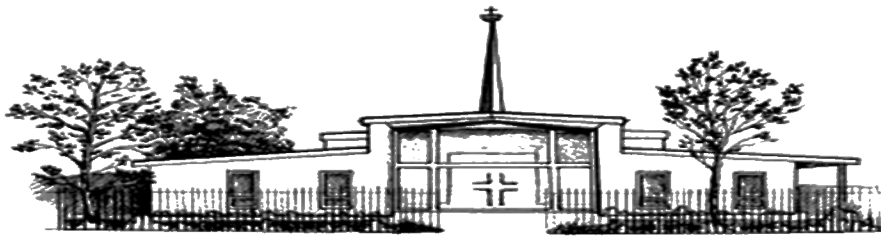
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Gift Aid—If you gift aid, please can you remember to write your name and Gift Aid number on your envelopes please. This helps to identify donations and gift aid and so enable us to claim back from HMRC. If you cannot remember your gift aid number, 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.

The Secular Clergy Common Fund ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London.

The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe secretary@secularclergy.org.uk Closing date 28th April 2025.

Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass.—Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 21st June at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact YOUR PARISH SECRETARY or email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form. If you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass



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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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

Anita Fitzpatrick: 07743 481363 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)

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