



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Luke 10 v 38-42

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 4)

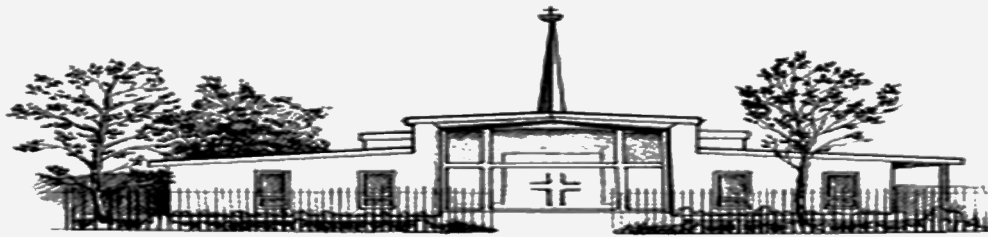
Sunday 20th	8.30am	Philomena Swatton RIP
	10.30am	Jonas Ledo RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 21st	9.30am	Private Intention
	7pm	Adoration
	9.30am	Canon Gerard Flynn RIP
Tues 22nd	7pm	Anna & Gregory Bonavia RIP
Thurs 24th July	9.30am	Eileen White RIP
Friday 25th July		

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 1)

Sunday 27th July	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Bridget McLaughlin RIP
	6.30pm	Patrick Corry RIP

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

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Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday so therefore unavailable. On this day if you have an urgent sick all, please call Fr Francis at Stubbington on 01329663435. The Church will open during Fr Ansel's absence for anyone wishing to come for private prayer from 9am-1.30pm.

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>

End of Term update from ST. Anthony's School

St Anthony's Primary School and Preschool celebrated the last day of the school year for pupils on Friday, although the staff are back on Monday for INSET day training.

Our half-term's RE focus has been Pentecost & Mission and Sacraments. The children have been learning about the fruits of the Holy Spirit and we have encouraged them to identify these fruits in each other and themselves when the Holy Spirit works through us. Throughout the year, we have had several examples of this with children organising and running after school cake and sweet sales to raise money for charities. Additionally, some children have led their own prayer sessions with either their class or younger pupils. I am always proud when our children lead others by putting their faith into action and this is very much in line with our Jubilee pledge as pilgrims of hope.

In June, we joined other diocesan schools with our GIFT team at the Annual Schools Mass at St John's Cathedral and enjoyed meeting Bishop Philip after the Mass. We celebrated the feast day of St Anthony with a parish Mass at school followed by ice-lollies and an extended playtime on the school field. Thank you to the parishioners who joined us for the feast day. This week, we have celebrated our end of year Mass with the blessing and distribution of St Anthony's statues to all those who are leaving our school this term. To those who are journeying to new pastures, we wish them the very best of luck and blessings from St Anthony's and to you, the parishioners, we wish you all a happy summer.

A Short Reflection from this weeks Gospel—Luke 10 v 38-42.

It can become so easy for us to get wrapped up in all the things we need to do and the things that need to be accomplished that we lose sight of what the most important thing is. Isn't it possible that we can get too wrapped up in the cares of life? Jesus makes this even more clear in the parable He told about the sower. "He who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful." Matthew 13:22.

The highest priority in our lives needs to be choosing the good part, as Mary did: to learn of Jesus so that we can become like Him. It's a love and devotion to Him that makes everything else of secondary importance. It is to seek the riches of wisdom and understanding that are in Him. If we don't do this, how can we follow Him, how can we be His disciples? A disciple learns of the Master. This is not an excuse to be lazy, and not take responsibility for anything. That is another trap entirely. We are to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only! (James 1:22) But what we do has to be led by the Spirit, whose voice we learn to hear by choosing the good part. Mary understood that she needed to learn more of her Master and to seek the things that have eternal value.

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 put all your details on envelope. The most important thing is that the sacrifice of Mass is offered, but we cannot guarantee the date. If you make a donation via BACS, please include reference of 'Mass Int'. Thank you.

There are spare dates in July and August if you would like to book a Mass, please contact the office by email or phone.

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 for summer leave, from 11th to 25th August and re-opening on Tuesday 26th August at 9am. During this time, any emails will not be answered, but responded to asap when the office reopens. If your matter is urgent, please ring the usual office number and leave a voicemail message. The newsletter published on the 8th will be a issue to cover this period, with next newsletter coming out on Friday 29th August. Please be aware of this, if you have something you wish to communicate.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is Sunday 20th July.

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

Vinnie's Café — Saturday 26th July from 2pm-4pm in Parish Hall.

Drop in for a friendly cup of tea and cake in the Parish hall. Free, but donations welcome.

Friday Coffee Morning - come for coffee and chat after 9.30am Mass.

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

DONA machine/Second Collections.

The DONA machine is now back in the foyer and working. For those who still wish to donate to last weeks Second Collection for Stella Maris—the Apostleship of the Sea, this option is still available.

Church Garden.

You have probably noticed the work that has been going on to restore the Church garden. A massive 'thank you' to the team who have worked very hard over many weeks to clear the site of the weeds and rubble and restore it with new fencing and gate. Once the ground is turfed and works finished off, it is the aim to purchase/fundraise for some benches, stations and a statue of Our Lady to make this space a welcoming and reflective garden. The hard work to restore this garden to a useable space once again is much appreciated.

Housekeeping.

Cooker in Church Hall—Following our annual safety inspection today, 14th, the engineers have turned off the gas supply to the hob due to the location next to the boiler. A quote has been requested to replace and relocate this boiler. It is hoped this can be done at the earliest opportunity. Until then, the ovens can still be used, but not the hob.

Events taking place at ST Philip Howard, Fareham

Thanksgiving & Healing Mass—Wednesday 6th August at 1.30pm.

Tea will be provided by SVP afterwards. If you intend to go, please can you email presidentB170202@svp.org.uk

Feast of Our Lady of Knock

Thursday August 21st @ 3pm St Philip Howard, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham, Hants PO141QS

Come and find out about the wonders of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland first hand from Fr Tom Grufferty.

Afternoon tea -tea/coffee, scones and jam and biscuits will be provided.

Please remember the new car parking system. You will need to register your vehicle on arrival on the device located in the reception area.

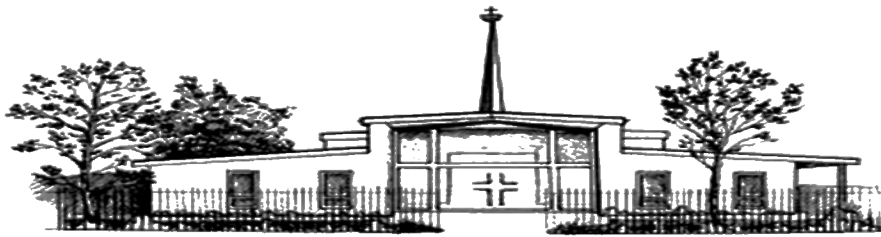
St George Catholic College sincerely thanks your parish for generously supporting our recent Picnic Bench Appeal.

Thanks to your kindness, the new benches are now in place for the children to enjoy. You can see photos on our website: [Saint George Catholic College - New Picnic Benches for Our Students](#)

(A Donation of £50 was sent by ST.Margaret Mary)

CAFOD are hiring.

Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. **Closing date 27 July 2025.** See cafod.org.uk/work-with-us



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
chaplains service:
Southampton General 02381 208517
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

Second Collections.

No collections in August.

September

Sunday 14th—Catholic Education Service

Sunday 21st—Home Missions

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

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)

Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator: Ruth Attfield 023 9421 6486

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