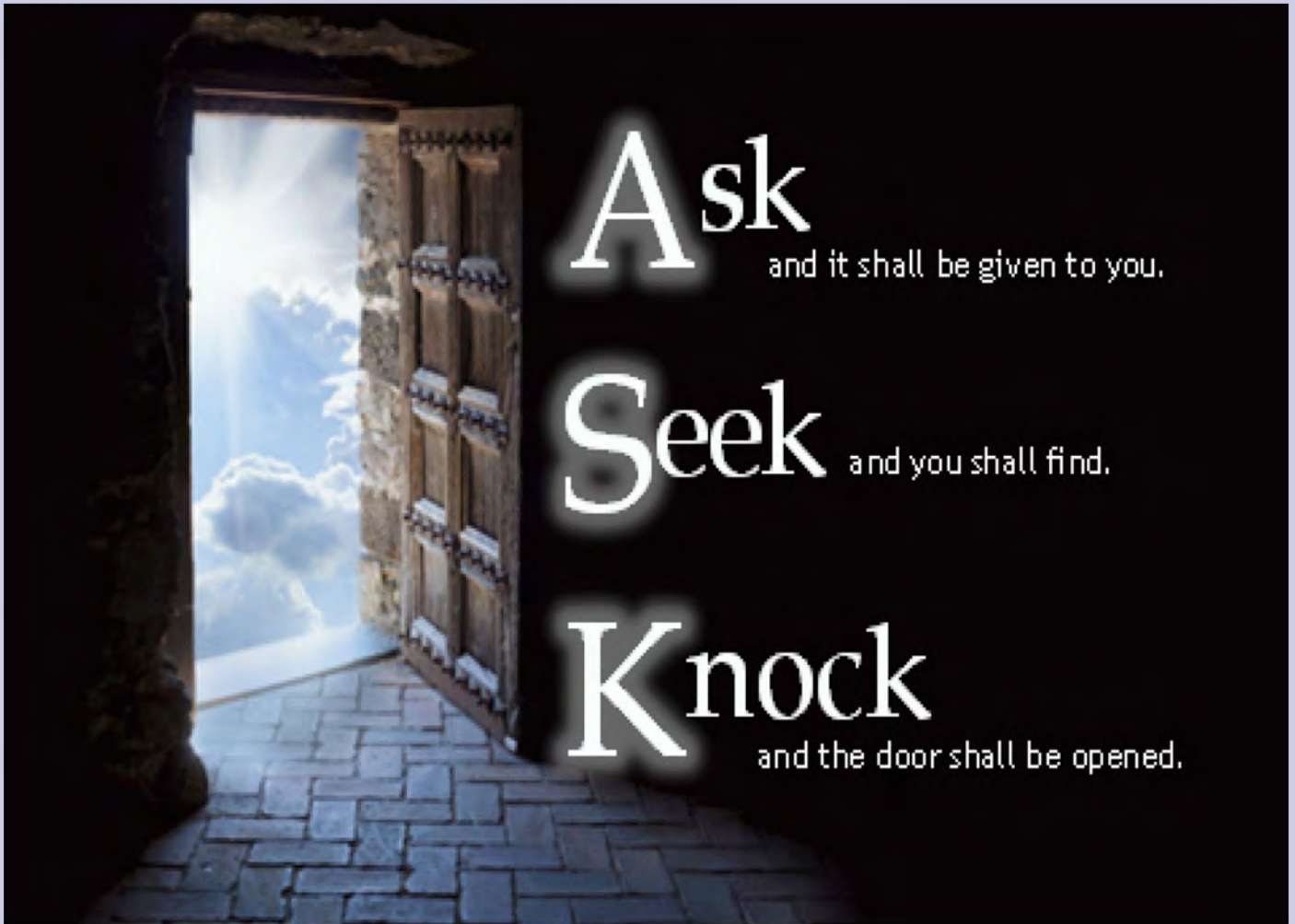




The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 1)

Sunday 27th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Bridget McLaughlin RIP
	6.30pm	Patrick Corry RIP
Monday 28th	9.30am	Janet Cook RIP
	7pm	Adoration
Tues 29th	9.30am	Roy Frank Edwards RIP
Thurs 31st	7pm	No Intentions
Friday 1st August	9.30am	Jim Sherman RIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)

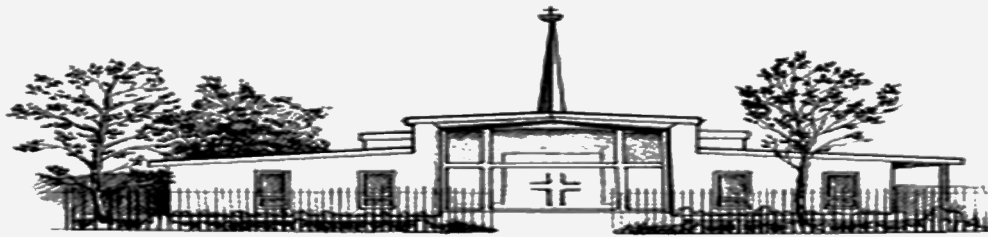
Sunday 3rd August	8.30am	Philomena Swatton RIP
	10.30am	Madonna Lewis RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

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

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- Please note the church car park is closed Monday 28th July and Tuesday 29th July to allow repairs to be carried out.

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“Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through his Church”



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>

Short Reflection on this weeks Gospel—Luke 11 v 1-13

As He was praying in a certain place: Jesus prayed as was His custom, but a request came when He ceased – the disciples allowed Jesus to finish praying. They stood there and watched Him, drinking in the power of His prayer, until He was finished.

Lord, teach us to pray: There was something about watching Jesus pray that made them want to learn how to pray as Jesus prayed. There was something magnetic about the prayer life of Jesus, and the way He prayed showed something of His relationship with God the Father.

Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven: The model prayer shows us passion for God's glory and agenda. His name, kingdom and will have the top priority.

Everyone wants to guard their own name and reputation. But we must resist the tendency to protect and promote ourselves first and instead put God's name, kingdom and will first. This shows that prayer isn't a tool to get what we want from God. It is a way to get God's will accomplished in us and all around us. Jesus wanted us to pray with the desire that the will of God would be done on earth as it is in heaven. In heaven there is no disobedience and there are no obstacles to God's will; on earth there is disobedience and there are at least apparent obstacles to His will. The citizens of Jesus' kingdom will want to see His will done as freely on earth as it is in heaven.

Pray with boldness and persistence.

Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight: In the custom of that day, a whole family lived together in a one-room house. On one side of the house was a raised platform where they all slept; down on the ground were all their animals – a cow, perhaps some sheep and goats and so forth. There was no way the man could come to the door without disturbing the whole household. Yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs: It took a lot of boldness for the man in the story to so shamelessly ask his friend in the middle of the night; he really wanted and needed the bread.

God often waits for our passionate persistence in prayer. It isn't that God is reluctant and needs to be persuaded. Our persistence doesn't change God; it changes us, developing in us a heart and passion for what God wants.

Pray with a childlike confidence.

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you: We are told to keep on asking, seeking and knocking. "All three verbs are continuous: Jesus is not speaking of single activities, but of those that persist." (Morris) These descriptions speak of an earnestness and intensity; all too often, our prayers are merely wishes cast up to heaven, and this is not real prayer. How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him! God especially loves to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. We never need doubt God's desire to pour out His Spirit. The problem is in our receiving, not in God's desire to give.

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 will now be a small selection of Mass cards available in the Parish office. This will be available for purchase by cash only and the precise monies.

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 meetings are Sunday 31st August and Sunday 28th September at 7.30pm.

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

Requiem Mass —Tuesday 5th August at Midday—Ellen White RIP here at St.Margaret Mary.

Requiem Mass—Philomena Swatton RIP @ Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington.

Vigil—21st Aug at 6pm. Service—22nd August at 10.30am.

Vinnie's Café — Saturday 26th July from 2-4pm in the Parish hall. Drop in for a friendly cup of tea and cake. 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.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 12th September—7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Guest Quiz Masters. All welcome. BYOB. The tickets at £5 each will be available after all Sunday Masses from the 3rd August or via maggie.raymont@gmail.com All proceeds will go towards furnishings for the Parish Prayer Garden.

Parish Prayer 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

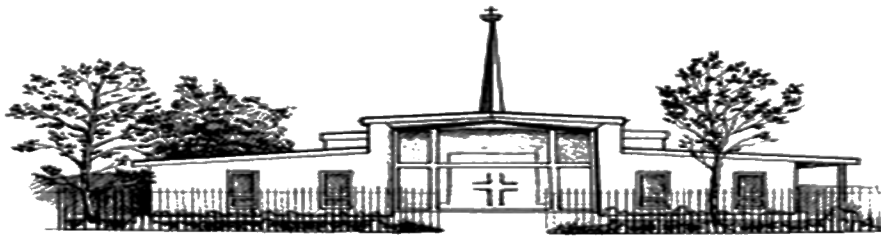
Feast of Our Lady of Knock Thursday August 21st @ 3pm St Philip Howard, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham, Hants PO141QSCome and find out about the wonders of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland first hand from Fr Tom Grufferty.

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.

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 chaplaincy 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

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Parish Administrator: Heather Skittlethorpe

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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

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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