



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 3)

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| Sunday 10th | 8.30am | Heitor Nobre RIP |
| | 10.30am | Benedicto Manso RIP |
| | 6.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday 11th | 9.30am | Canon William Murphy RIP |
| | 7pm | Adoration |
| | 9.30am | John Marvao RIP |
| Tues 12th | 9.30am | John Marvao RIP |
| Thurs 14th | 7pm | No Mass today |

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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| Friday 15th | 9.30am | Guin (Ana) Satchwell RIP |
| | 7.30pm | Pastoral Area Mass at ST.Philip Howard, Fareham |

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 4)

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| Sunday 17th | 8.30am | People of the Parish |
| | 10.30am | Philomena Swatton RIP |
| | 6.30pm | Clare & George Grima RIP |
| Monday 18th | 9.30am | Eileen White RIP |
| | 7pm | Adoration |
| | 9.30am | Kevin Green RIP |
| Tuesday 19th | 9.30am | Kevin Green RIP |
| Thursday 21st | 7pm | Knight's of ST Columba Intention |
| Friday 22nd | 9.00am | John Hutchins RIP |

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 1)

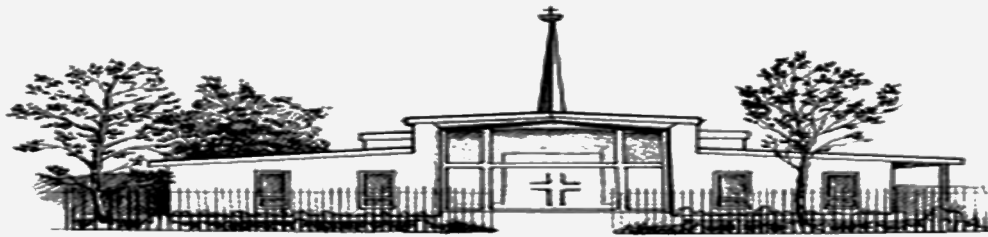
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| Sunday 24th | 8.30am | Philomena Swatton RIP |
| | 10.30am | People of the Parish |
| | 6.30pm | Agostino Meccariello RIP |
| Monday 25th | 9.30am | Ralph Fordham RIP |
| | 7pm | No Adoration today |
| | 9.30am | June Mudie RIP |
| Tuesday 26th | 7pm | Vigil—Bernadette Wall RIP |
| Wednesday 27th | 11am | Funeral Mass—Bernadette Wall RIP |
| Thursday 28th | 7pm | Connie Hartland RIP |
| Friday 29th | 9.30am | No Mass today |

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)

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| Sunday 31st | 8.30am | Philomena Swatton RIP |
| | 10.30am | Brian Jarvis Intention |
| | 6.30pm | People of the Parish |

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

2025



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. Week beginning the 25th, Fr Ansel's day off will be Friday 29th. Please note while the office is closed, the Church will unfortunately not be open on Wednesday's.

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>

Matt 9 v 35-10 v 1 'Seeing the crowds, He had compassion on them.

This verse from Matthew 9:36 provides a profound insight into the heart of Jesus. When He saw the crowds, His reaction was not one of annoyance or indifference. Instead, Jesus felt a deep sense of compassion for them. This is significant because it reflects Jesus' understanding of the human condition. The people He saw were harassed and helpless, much like sheep without a shepherd. They were vulnerable, lost, and in need of guidance. This imagery of sheep without a shepherd is powerful, as it emphasizes their need for leadership, care, and protection.

The compassion Jesus felt is a reminder to us about how we should respond to others. Life can be challenging, and many people face burdens that are invisible to us. When we notice others in distress, we are encouraged to respond with empathy and kindness, much like Jesus did. His compassionate heart not only moved Him to feel but also motivated Him to act. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus consistently reaches out to help the marginalized and the suffering, and this instance in Matthew 9:36 is no different.

The word "compassion" in this context conveys a heartfelt symphony of emotions that Jesus experienced. It comes from a Greek word that means "to be moved in one's inner being." Thus, His compassion was not a superficial feeling; it resonated deeply within Him. In our lives, we can strive to emulate this compassionate spirit. When we see someone struggling, we can choose not to walk by but to pause and lend a helping hand or even just a listening ear.

The phrase "harassed and helpless" paints a vivid picture of the crowds Jesus observed. Many were likely suffering from diseases, oppression, or spiritual desolation. They were in desperate need of hope, healing, and guidance. Just as sheep rely on their shepherd for direction and protection, the people sought someone to lead them towards better times. Jesus recognizes this fundamental human need for guidance, and that speaks volumes about His mission on Earth. He did not come solely as a healer; He came as the Good Shepherd who guides us toward fulfilment and purpose. In the context of our world today, we face similar challenges. Many people feel lost, anxious, and disconnected. There are those who experience emotional or physical pain that renders them helpless. As believers, we are called to extend the compassion we have received from Christ to those around us. Just as Jesus responded to the needs of the crowds, we should be moved by the needs of our friends, families, and communities.

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'. There are now a small selection of Mass/Sympathy cards available to purchase in the office. Payment by cash only please and the exact amount.

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.

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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.stmargaretmmary.co.uk

Please submit any notices for the Newsletter by Wednesday lunchtime.

Advance notice: The Parish office is now 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. This newsletter covers the closed period, with next newsletter coming out Friday 29th August.

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

Friday Coffee Morning - come for coffee and chat after 9.30am Mass. (No coffee morning on the 29th August)

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

Knights of ST Columba—The next meeting is Thursday 11th September @ 7.30pm All Welcome

Dates of Funeral Masses:

Philomena Swatton RIP to be held at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington.

Vigil—21st Aug at 5pm. Service—22nd August at 10.30am.

Bernadette Wall RIP — Wednesday 27th August at 11am here at ST.Margaret Mary

Vinnie's Café — No Vinnie's in the Hall on Saturday 30th August.

We are going out! If you would like to join us, please ring Carmel on the SVP Phone 07487 659277

Leave a message, by Monday 18th August, and we will get back to you.

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.

Other dates for your diary:

Patronal Feast – October 19th – Midday in the Parish hall – details to follow.

Parish Social – November 8th – details to follow

Events taking place at ST Philip Howard, Fareham

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.

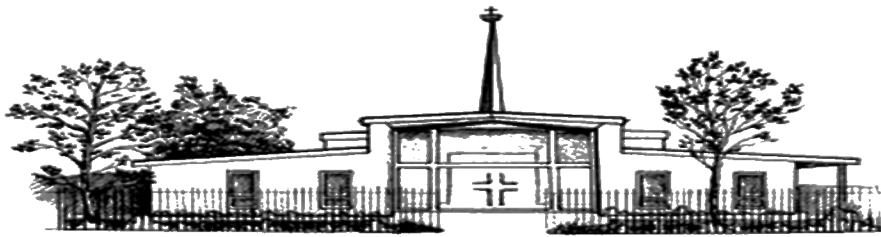
Afternoon tea -tea/coffee, scones and jam and biscuits will be provided.

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

Join March for Life UK on Saturday 6th Sept in London! The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society their most basic right, the right to life, which is why this year's theme is "Human Rights for All Humans". Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Find out more at www.marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.uk

Parish Database.

We now have confirmation of plans from the Diocese to move to a new database in the Autumn. For various reasons, people are longer part of the Parish here and yet we still hold information which has not been updated for some time. The cost to us of the new database is dependent on the number of records we hold, therefore we need to make sure our current records are accurate. There will be a list at the back of the Church on Sunday's. If you can kindly find your name and annotate the list, this will be a great help.



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.

There are no second collections in August.

The next Second Collections are in September:-

Sunday 14th September—Catholic Education Service

Sunday 21st September—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

Email: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St Anthony's Catholic Primary and Pre-School Headteacher:

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