



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Luke 12 v 31-21

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)

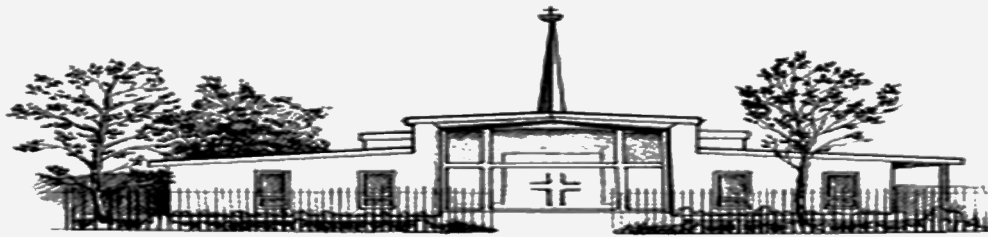
Sunday 3rd August	8.30am	Philomena Swatton RIP
	10.30am	Madonna Lewis RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 4th	9.30am	Tom Turnbull RIP
	7pm	Adoration
	Midday	Requiem Mass — Ellen White RIP
Tues 5th	7pm	Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP
Thurs 7th	9.30am	Peter & Liam O'Mahony RIP
Friday 8th		

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 3)

Sunday 10th	8.30am	Hector Nobre RIP
	10.30am	Benedicta Manso 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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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 from this weeks Gospel—Luke 12 v 13-21

In the passage from Luke 12:13-21, we find Jesus amidst a large crowd, teaching and imparting wisdom when a man interrupts with a request for Jesus to settle a family dispute over inheritance. This interruption serves as a backdrop for the profound lesson Jesus imparts through the parable of the rich fool. The central theme revolves around the dangers of greed and the significance of being "rich toward God."

Jesus begins by cautioning his listeners, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed." This warning underscores the pervasive and deceptive nature of greed, which can take various forms and divert our focus from spiritual matters. He emphasizes that true life does not hinge on the abundance of possessions, highlighting the transient nature of material wealth in contrast to the enduring value of spiritual richness.

The parable takes a poignant turn as Jesus narrates the fate of a wealthy man who, consumed by his desire to amass more wealth, neglects the deeper aspects of life. The man is rebuked as a fool, as his life is abruptly taken from him, leaving behind his earthly treasures. This abrupt end serves as a stark reminder of life's unpredictability and the emptiness of hoarding material possessions. Jesus urges his audience to be "rich toward God," emphasizing the importance of investing in spiritual wealth through faith, love, and good deeds.

Illustrating the contrast between a wealthy but spiritually bankrupt individual and a modest person rich in relationships and faith brings the parable's message to life. The anecdote underscores the profound difference between material accumulation and spiritual abundance, highlighting the emptiness that accompanies a life solely focused on wealth.

Drawing parallels with other biblical passages, such as Matthew 6:19-21 and 1 Timothy 6:10, reinforces the consistent message of prioritizing spiritual treasures over earthly riches. Proverbs 11:28 further underscores the fleeting nature of material wealth and the enduring value of righteousness. These passages collectively caution against the pitfalls of greed and the pursuit of wealth at the expense of spiritual well-being.

In conclusion, the parable of the rich fool serves as a poignant reminder to reassess our priorities and guard against the allure of material wealth. By striving to be "rich toward God," we can discover genuine fulfilment and purpose that transcends the fleeting satisfaction derived from possessions. This narrative challenges readers to align their actions with the teachings of Jesus, prioritizing spiritual wealth over material gain, and fostering a life of lasting significance.

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

Dates of Funeral Masses:

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

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.

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.

Other dates for your diary:

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

Parish Social – November 8th – details to follow

Knights of ST.Columba. The next meeting is Thursday 14th August @ 7.30pm. All welcome.

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

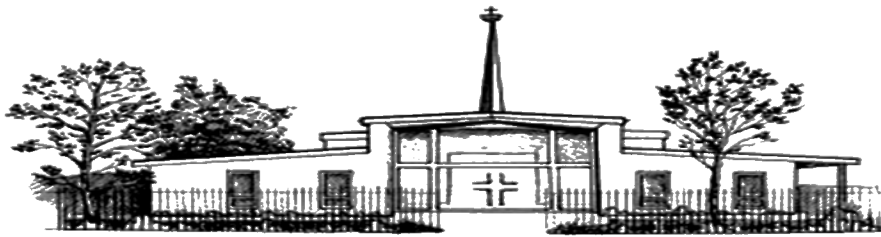
Come and find out about the wonders of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland first hand from Fr Tom Grufferty.

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.

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

Mary Meals. We have received a 'thank you' card after our recent Lenten Charity donation. This is on the noticeboard, please do read.



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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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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Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact: safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Anita Fitzpatrick: 07743 481363 or Fran Slater: 07899 691094

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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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