



## The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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# Children Of The Light

Luke 8: 16-18



**"NO ONE LIGHTS A LAMP AND HIDES IT..."**

### **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)**

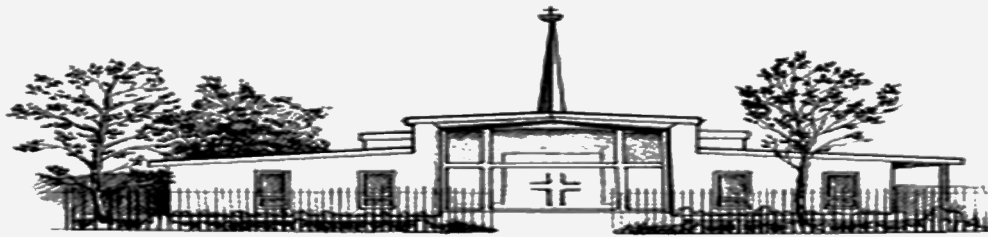
Sunday 28th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	No Intentions
Monday 29th	6.30pm	Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP
	9.30am	Anne Price Intention
	7pm	Adoration
Tues 30th	9.30am	Rose & Francis Hanley RIP
Thurs 2nd October	7pm	Simon Donohue Intention
Friday 3rd	9.30am	Robert Cowan RIP

### **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 3)**

Sunday 5th	8.30am	Ron & Win Gilbert Mills RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Eugene McGinty RIP

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

2025



Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday, so unavailable on this day. For any urgent matters on this day, please call Fr John Cooke at Fareham on 01329 318869. The Church will open for anyone 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 8 v 16-18**

In Luke 8:16-18, Jesus imparts a profound lesson on the significance of hearing and responding to God's word. Through the metaphor of a lamp, He elucidates how believers should live out and share their faith. Just as no one lights a lamp only to conceal it, we are called to let the light of God's truth shine brightly in our lives, illuminating our surroundings with His love and grace. This imagery underscores the importance of not hiding our faith but rather displaying it openly for all to see.

Jesus emphasizes the inevitability of truth being revealed and hidden things coming to light. This serves as a reminder of the importance of integrity and transparency in our actions and intentions. The call to "consider carefully how you listen" urges us to be attentive and receptive to God's word, emphasizing the need for active engagement and application of His teachings in our daily lives. Those who embrace and live out God's word will experience spiritual growth, while neglecting it leads to spiritual loss.

Related passages such as Matthew 5:14-16, Mark 4:21-25, and Ephesians 5:8-14 further reinforce the message of being a light in the world, living openly as children of light, and exposing darkness with righteousness. These verses provide additional context and depth to Jesus' teachings, guiding believers on how to embody the light of God's truth in their lives. In today's world, filled with darkness and confusion, the call to be a light and live authentically is more relevant than ever.

Imagine a scenario where one person lights a candle in a dark town and instead of keeping it hidden, they place it in a window for all to see. Soon, others are inspired to do the same, and the entire town is illuminated by the collective light. This anecdote beautifully illustrates how one person's faith and actions can spark a chain reaction of positivity and hope, impacting those around them.

In conclusion, Luke 8:16-18 challenges us to actively live out our faith, be intentional in our listening and application of God's word, and be a beacon of light in a world that desperately needs it. Let us heed the call to shine brightly, sharing the light of God's truth and love with those around us, and in doing so, make a lasting impact on our communities and beyond.

### **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 some Mass/Sympathy cards available to purchase in the main office, cash only please.

**Parish Database.** We now have confirmation of plans from the Diocese to move to a new database in the Autumn. 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. The list has now been broken down into smaller alphabetical chunks to make it easier.. 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](http://www.stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Please submit any notices for the Newsletter by Wednesday lunchtime.**

### **Padre Pio Prayer Group**

The next meetings are: Sunday 28th September and Sunday 26th October @ 7.30pm

You are all most welcome. For more information, please contact David Walford: [walford101@hotmail.com](mailto: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, in confidence, between 9am and 6pm on 07935 941686.

Donation cheques to be made out to : B170413 SVP St Margaret Mary Park Gate

### **SVP HAMPER APPEAL 2025**

Last year, with the help of very generous donations from parishioners, we were able to provide 110 hampers, for local families. These families were identified by local schools. The average cost of a hamper was £40. This year food prices have increased and we may have to do smaller hampers. **Last year we spent £4,200 and we now have £1,347.56 in our hamper fund.**

We appreciate how generous you have been in previous years, and hope you will be equally generous this year.

If donations can be Gift Aided, they would be increased by 25%.

Donations can be made by BACS; B170413 SVP ST MAR Sort Code 60-60-04 Acc 46076646.

Please put your surname as a reference followed by GA if you can gift aid. A different Gift Aid form needs to be used, just for SVP, these should be in rack in foyer. Cheques should be made out to B170413 SVP St Margaret Mary Park Gate.

**Vinnie's Café.** Next meeting Saturday 25th October, 2-4pm in the parish hall. Drop in for a friendly cup of tea and cake. All welcome. 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.

**We are running Alpha within our parish starting in early November 2025.** Please see separate notice on noticeboard.

**Knights of St.Columba.** Next meeting Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm. All welcome.

### **First Holy Communion Programme 2026 (Applicable for Year 4 and above)**

Applications for the FHC programme for 2026 are now invited. The programme is a commitment of 20 weeks. The classes are held on a Saturday morning between 10-11am. It is also important that applicants regularly attend Mass. A starting date is to be confirmed, at which time the schedule of classes will be made available.

Please contact the office at [office@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) for application and application form.

**THIS WEEKEND — Sunday 28th September 2025** is the closing date for applications.

After the closing date, people will be contacted to arrange an appointment with Fr Ansel.

### **Fundraising Team — Forthcoming Events.**

#### **November 8th from 7pm—Autumn Hootenanny in the parish hall.**

A fun, informal evening of folk songs, ballads and shanties, performed by ODD WEDNESDAY MEN. Open to everyone. Light supper provided, BYOB. Tickets £10, on sale from 5th October after all Sunday masses or contact [maggie.raymont@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.raymont@gmail.com) for more details or to receive.

**Patronal Feast**—Sunday 19th October after 1.30am mass in the parish hall.

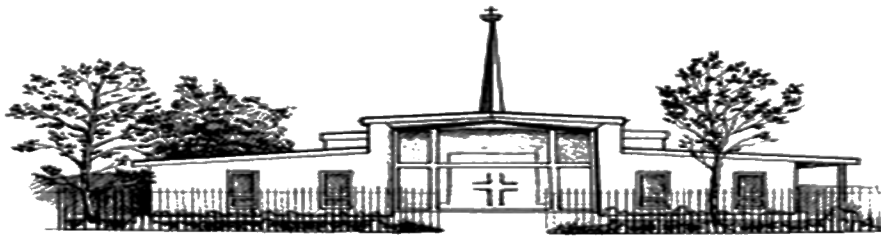
Bring & Share—cold finger food only (nothing containing nuts). Contributions to be left in hall from 10am.

**CAFOD: Response in Gaza** Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.

### **Advance Notice of Works.**

The Parish Hall will be closed **Monday 13th October to Wednesday 15th October inclusive**. This is to allow for the replacement of the boiler.

**Car Park**—issue of rain water not soaking away is being investigated.



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

### CAFOD Family Fast day appeal this harvest—Friday 3rd October.

Please donate to the Family fast day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offer "signs of hope" in this jubilee year which helps build more water tanks in communities like Ware's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water.

**Use CAFOD envelopes available at the back of the Church**, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

## Sunday 5th October—CAFOD Sunday

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**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](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) Tel: 01489 572797

**Parish Gift Aid:** Milton Hewins Email: [accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact:** [safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

Anita Fitzpatrick: 07743 481363 or Fran Slater: 07899 691094

**Hall Bookings:**

Email: [hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Maintenance:**

Email: [facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Repository (Greeting Cards, Books, Gifts and more)**

Enquires: [office@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) (please see [www.cbcdistributors.co.uk](http://www.cbcdistributors.co.uk) for items you can order)

**Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator:** Ruth Attfield 023 9421 6486

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