



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 3)

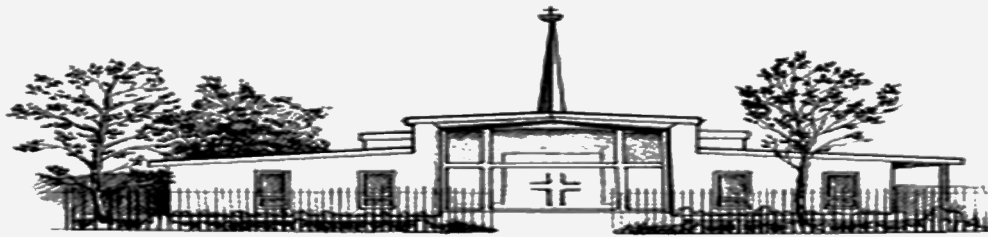
Sunday 7th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Kevin Green RIP
	6.30pm	Philomena Swatton RIP
Monday 8th	9.30am	Eileen White RIP
	7pm	Adoration
Tues 9th	9.30am	Rita Harbour RIP
Thurs 11th	7pm	Knights of ST Columba Intention
Friday 12th	9.30am	No Intentions
Saturday 13th	12.30pm	Baptism Service

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday 14th	8.30am	Philomena Swatton RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Straker Family Intention

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 John Cooke at Fareham on 01329 318869. The Church will open during Fr Ansel's absence for anyone wishing to come for private prayer from 9am-1.30pm.

Advance notice: Fr Ansel will be away from Friday 19th to Thursday 25th of September, returning to the parish on the 26th. Sunday Masses will take place as usual on the 21st September.

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 14 v 25-33

Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple."

Now great multitudes went with Him: As Jesus continued toward Jerusalem, many went with Him. He then spoke an appropriate word to these great multitudes (He turned and said to them).

He cannot be My disciple: Jesus clearly spoke about the kind of person who could not be His disciple. The word disciple simply means "learner." A disciple is someone who is a student, a learner of Jesus.

Previously, Jesus said that coming to God was like accepting an invitation (Luke 14:16-24). Jesus was careful to add that there is more to being His follower than simply accepting an invitation.

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple: Jesus boldly said that the true disciple comes to Him without reservation, setting Jesus first. Other relationships are definitely of lower priority than faithfulness and obedience to Jesus

And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."

And whoever: We remember that Jesus spoke this to the great multitudes, instructing them on what it meant to be His disciple – especially, that it is more than accepting an invitation.

Bear his cross and come after Me: Here Jesus said to the great multitudes something very similar to what He said privately to all His disciples in Luke 9:23 – that being a follower of Jesus is something like bearing a cross.

Sit down first and count the cost: In the parable of the tower Jesus said, "Sit down and see if you can afford to follow Me."

Sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand: In the parable of the king Jesus said, "Sit down and see if you can afford to refuse My demands."

Jesus perhaps alluded to the idea that the work of His kingdom was like building and battle. Each of these are usually more costly than one thinks before beginning.

Forsake all that he has: This ancient Greek phrase had the idea, "To say goodbye to." Jesus told us to say goodbye to everything we have, entrusting it to Jesus.

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

Please submit any notices for the Newsletter by Wednesday lunchtime.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is: Sunday 28th September @ 7.30pm

You are all most welcome. For more information, please contact David Walford: walford101@hotmail.com



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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

Vinnie's Café. Next meeting Saturday 27th September, 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.

Knights of ST.Columba — Next meeting Thursday 11th Sept @ 7.30pm. All welcome.

FAO of all DBS checked volunteers in the Parish.

It is a requirement of holding a DBS that you complete some form of safeguarding training on entering the role and then at least once every three years. With this in mind, we have arranged an in-person training session to be held in the parish hall on **13th September 2025 from 1300-1600**. This will be run by a member of the Diocese safeguarding team. If you are able to attend, please let the parish safeguarding team know by emailing

safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk or speak to Fran Slater. Thank you.

We are running Alpha within our parish starting in mid-October 2025. Alpha is a series of evenings discussing the big questions of life. Alpha is for everyone, no matter your background or beliefs. Whether you're new to exploring faith or simply open-minded about it all, Alpha is for you. Everyone is welcome. We all bring different thoughts to the table, and at Alpha we want to create a space that's open for everyone to find what faith means for them. The short films are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. Each session includes some food and a short film which explores the big issues around faith and unpacks the basics of Christianity. Afterwards, in small groups, there's a discussion where everyone can ask questions, talk through issues, build relationships and experience more of what the Christian life is really like. Please spread the word amongst your family and friends. To register your interest please email office@stmargaretmary.co.uk or call the parish office 01489 572797. Further details will follow.

Chosen—our Pastoral Area Confirmation Group will be holding an information evening on Friday 26th September from 7-8.30pm at ST, Philip Howard Church, to which they invite all young people in Years 8 and above together with their parent/carer to come along and find out more about the group. **After the information evening**, please contact the parish office at office@stmargaretmary.co.uk who will provide you with an application form.

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 for application and application form.

The closing date for applications is Sunday 28th September 2025.

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

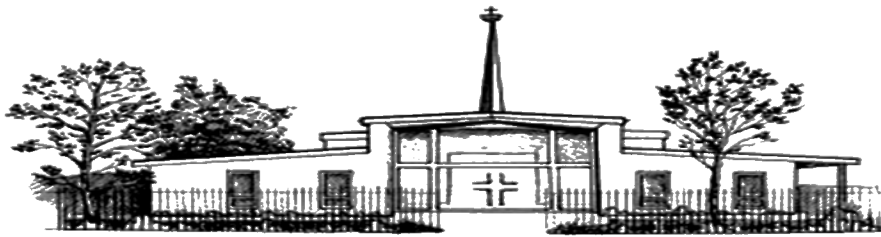
RCIA. The Catholic Church welcomes you. Are you looking for answers about the Catholic faith? If you are not a Catholic or you know someone who isn't, or who was baptised as Catholic but never confirmed, then we have the perfect course to attend. Our group starts on Wednesday 24th September and is set to meet in Sacred Heart church hall at 7:15pm. In the words of Christ, 'Come and see!' We talk about the evidence for the existence of God, how God speaks to us, the person of Jesus, Mary, Sacraments and other key beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church. Email office@stmargaretmary.co.uk to find out more.

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 and Parish Social – November 8th – details to follow.

CAFOD Meeting You are invited to a CAFOD meeting at St Bedes Church Hall Basingstoke on **Saturday 20th September from 10:30am to 1:30pm**. Come and hear about the difference your donations are making to communities around the world and CAFOD's work with partners in Southern Ethiopia. A simple lunch will be provided so please book your place by emailing Jo on jlewry@cafod.org.uk.



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—September 2025

Sunday 14th—Catholic Education Service

We represent the Bishops' national education policy in relation to the 2,169 schools, colleges, academies and universities for which the Church is responsible in England and Wales.

Sunday 21st—Home Missions

The origins of this Sunday lie in the work of the Catholic Missionary Society, created by Cardinal Bourne in 1903. This special Sunday focuses on the evangelisation work that takes place in each parish and diocese, offering a theme and resources for reflection this Sunday and asking each parish to have a collection so that the national work of evangelisation could be supported through the Home Mission Office.

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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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