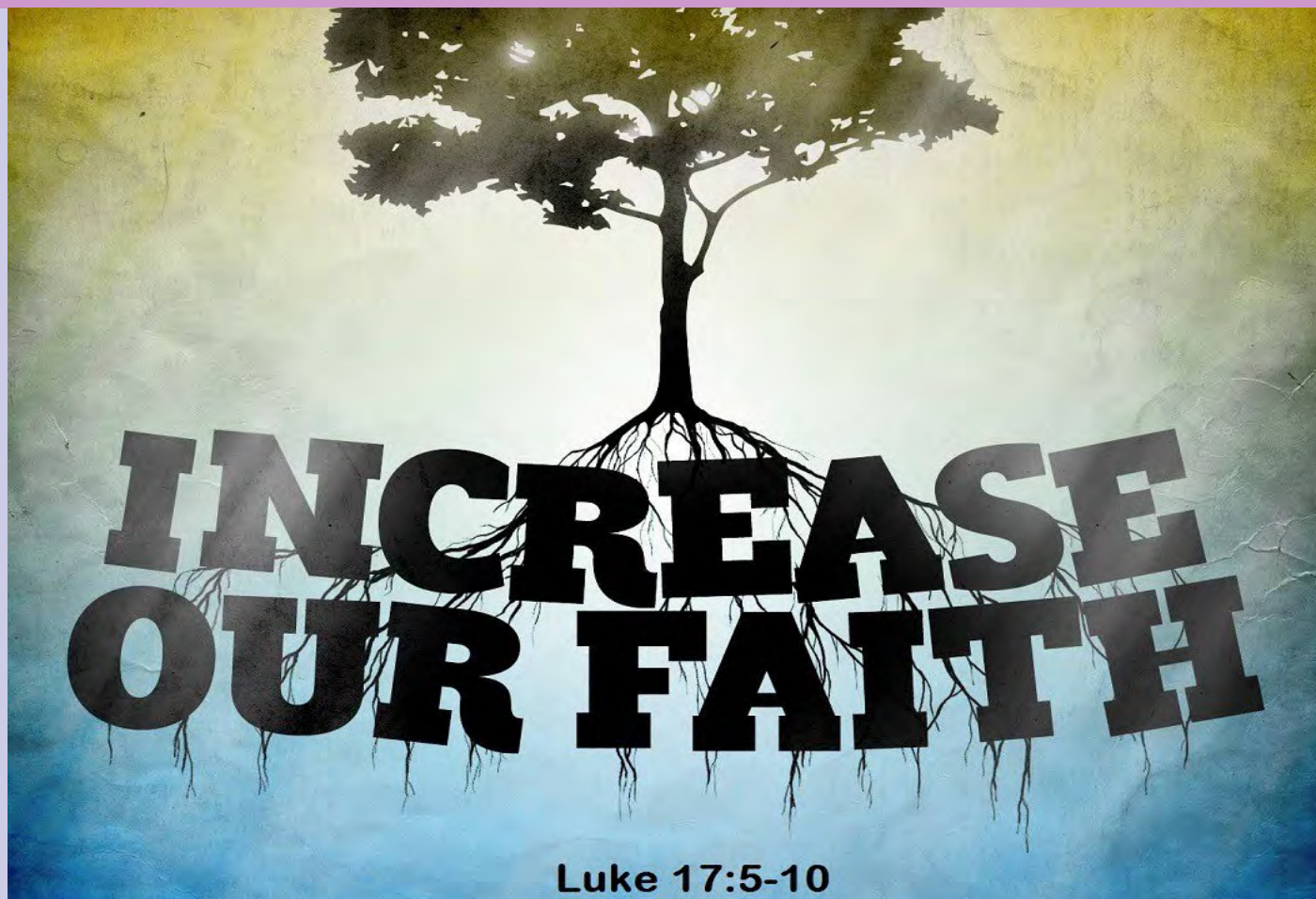




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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 3)

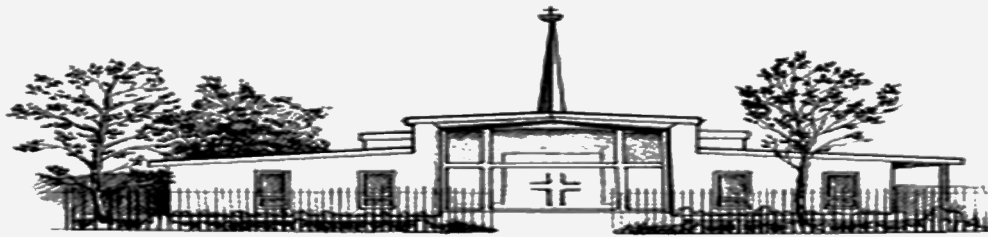
Sunday 5th	8.30am	Ron & Win Gilbert-Mills RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Eugene McGinty RIP
Monday 6th	9.30am	Jean & John Childs
	7pm	Adoration
	9.30am	No Mass today
Tues 7th	9.30am	No Mass today
Thurs 9th	7pm	Knights of St Columba Intention
Friday 10th	9.30am	Clanta

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 4)

Sunday 12th	8.30am	Inwards Family Intention
	10.30am	Brendan O'Connell RIP
	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 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 17 v 5-10

And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." According to Geldenhuys, the roots of the mulberry tree were thought to be extraordinarily strong; it was thought that this tree could stay rooted for six hundred years.

As a mustard seed: The faith that we must have is a faith that has more to do with what kind of faith it is than with how much faith there is. A small amount of faith – as much as a mustard seed (a very small seed) – can accomplish great things, if that small amount of faith is placed in a great and mighty God.

Little faith can accomplish great things; but great faith can accomplish even greater things. What matters most is what our faith is in, the object of our faith. "The eye cannot see itself. Did you ever see your own eye? In a mirror you may have done so, but that was only a reflection of it. And you may, in like manner, see the evidence of your faith, but you cannot look at the faith itself. Faith looks away from itself to the object of faith, even to Christ." (Spurgeon)

(7-10) We can't put God into debt to us; anything we do for Him is small repayment for His work in our life.

Having a servant plowing or tending sheep: Jesus had just spoken to His disciples about great works possible by great faith. Here Jesus added some words meant to work against pride that can rise when someone is used by God.

Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink: Jesus pictured a servant coming in from a hard day of work, either plowing or tending sheep. When the servant arrives home, the master does not compliment, or feed, or serve, or massage the servant. The master expected the servant to keep serving because there was still work to do.

There is always something we can do to serve our Master, and there is always some way we can do it. "If you cannot go out ploughing, you shall go down into the kitchen, and do some cooking; and if you cannot feed the cattle, you shall bring up a dish of food for your Master. This is a change of work for you; but you are to keep on as long as you live." (Spurgeon)

In the context of the preceding words of Jesus, we can say that there are still people to forgive; there are still great works of faith to be done. These works are hard, but in this mini-parable Jesus gave us the right attitude. His pleasure before our own. His people preferred before ourselves. His name before your own name.

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. Thank you for your help in recent weeks, checking the list for our database. This has been a great help. We do not have a date for the new database as yet, but will let you know once we have been notified.

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 26th October @ 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, 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. Please see separate notice on noticeboard. The Alpha Course will commence on **Thursday 6th November** from 1900. Venue TBC.

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

Fundraising Team — Forthcoming Events.

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.

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 for more details or to receive.

Starting School in September 2026?

If you have a child who will be 4-years old between 1st Sep 2025 and 31st Aug 2026, the 'application for schools' website is now open www.hants.gov.uk/admissions The closing date for applications is Thursday 15th January 2026.

If you are applying to St. Antony's, you will need to fill in a supplementary information form as well as the online form.

For more details or to arrange a school tour, please call 01489 579100.

Advance Notice of Works.

The Parish Hall will be closed **Monday 13th October to Wednesday 15th October inclusive.**

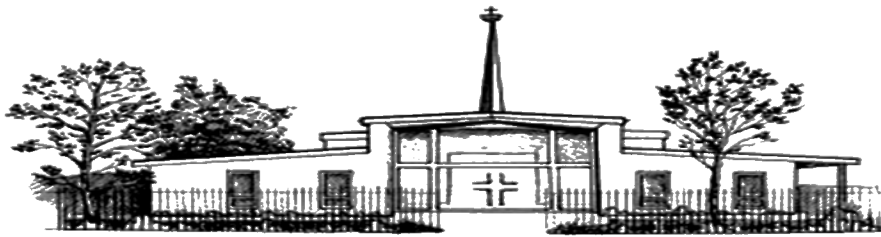
This is to allow for the replacement of the boiler.

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

World Mission Sunday—19th October 2025

On the 19th, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio—the Pope's charity for world mission—we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection bring God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need.

To donate, use the Missio envelopes., call 020 7821 9755 or visit mission.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

Sunday 5th October—CAFOD Sunday

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
Donations can also be made via the DONA machine.

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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)

Enquires: office@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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