



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 18th

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am	George Quinn RIP
10.30am	Fr Shaun Budden RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
9.30am	Siobhan Jefferies RIP
7pm	Adoration
9.30am	Private Intention
7pm	Pamela Shott RIP
9.30am	Anne-Marie Francis RIP

Monday 19th

Tuesday 20th
Thursday 22nd
Friday 23rd

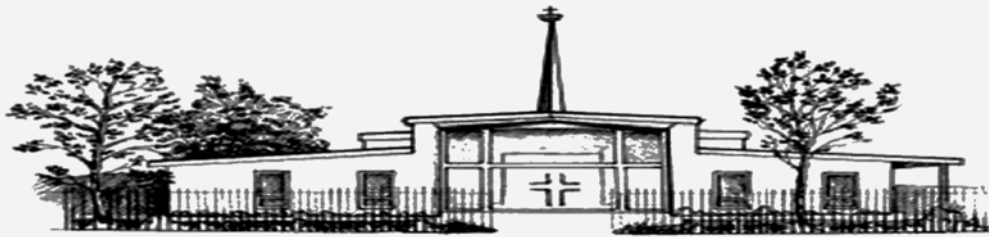
Sunday 25th

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am	People of the Parish
10.30am	Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP
6.30am	Jim Neville RIP

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

2026



Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday, so he will be unavailable on this day. For any urgent sick calls, please ring Cn John Cooke at Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869. The church will be open for private prayer between 9am-1.30pm .

Christmas Collection for Fr Ansel (This is the last week the collection will be on DONA machine)

The Christmas and Easter collections are a good way for parishioners to thank Fr Ansel for his ministry at St.Margaret Mary. These collections form a significant part of his income and I know you will want to be generous in your support for him. There are three easy ways you can make your Christmas offering.

There is a dedicated page on Give as you Live which enable online donations and our dedicated Christmas collection page is: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/park-gate-st-margaret-mary-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2025>

2. Between now and the Feast of Epiphany, you can donate using the Dona machine at the entrance to Church.

3. The collection at Mass on Christmas Day.

If you use option one or two, you can gift aid your offering and this will also go to Fr Ansel.

Thank you from the Finance Committee.

Short Reflection on this weeks Gospel—John 1 v 29-34

Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! At the dawn of His ministry, Jesus was greeted with words declaring His destiny – His sacrificial agony and death on the cross for the sin of mankind. The shadow of the cross was cast over the entire ministry of Jesus.

John didn't present Jesus as a great moral example or a great teacher of holiness and love. He proclaimed Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. It wasn't "Behold the great example" or "Behold the great teacher" – it was Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Behold! John said this as he saw Jesus coming toward him. As a preacher, John first saw Jesus himself and then told all his listeners to look upon Jesus, to behold Him.

The Lamb of God: John used the image of the sacrificial lamb, represented many times in the Old Testament. Jesus is the perfect fulfilment of every time that image is displayed.

- He is the lamb slain before the foundation of the world.
- He is the animal slain in the Garden of Eden to cover the nakedness of the first sinners.
- He is the lamb God would Himself provide for Abraham as a substitute for Isaac.
- He is the Passover lamb for Israel.
- He is the lamb for the guilt offering in the Levitical sacrifices.
- He is Isaiah's lamb to the slaughter, ready to be shorn

Each of these lambs fulfilled their role in their death; this was an announcement that Jesus would die, and as a sacrifice for the sin of the world.

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God: The solemn testimony of John the Baptist was that Jesus is the Son of God. He is the Son of God in the sense shown in John 1:18 – the One who perfectly declares the nature and personality of God the Father.

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.

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 25th January @ 7.45pm

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

Friday Coffee Morning - Join us for coffee morning in the Paray room after morning Mass.

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

Vinnie's Drop-in Café —Saturday 31st January from 2-4pm in the Parish hall.

Come along for a friendly chat and cup of tea. All welcome. Free, but donations welcome.

Lenten Fundraising.

ST. Patrick's Night Celebration—Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets £10—available soon.

Could you contribute to the entertainment for this celebration? Can you sing, play an instrument, dance or tell a story?

If you would like to be involved please contact Kathleen Mercer at kathleen.mercer@btinternet.com or the parish office at office@stmargaretmary.co.uk Proceeds will be going to the Lenten Charity—to be confirmed.

Fareham Food Bank.

Thank you all for your food donations to the food bank. It continues to be very necessary because sadly demand is growing. A poster with the current shopping list is on the noticeboard. A container is located in the Church foyer for donations — thank you.

Gregorian Chant Course 2026—ST John's Cathedral

There are three workshops taking place in 2026:

10th January, 14th February and 14 March.

For more details on how to book a place, please see the leaflet on the noticeboard.

The Portsmouth Gregorian Chant Course 2026 is proud to announce the addition of Father Matthew Jarvis OP, Prior of St Dominic's Priory (the Rosary Shrine), London, to its distinguished teaching team. As a preacher and author, Father Matthew brings exceptional expertise in both Gregorian and Dominican Chant, enriching the course's unique blend of musical mastery and spiritual depth.

ONLINE GIFT CARD FRAUD

Gift card or voucher fraud is an increasingly common way of tricking victims into purchasing gift cards and sharing their details, leading to financial loss. Please be aware that there have been scam messages circulating which appear to come from clergy or diocesan officers, asking people to buy gift cards or provide financial help urgently. The Diocese and its clergy will never ask for money, gift cards, vouchers, or personal details by email, text message, or social media. If you receive a message of this kind, do not respond and do not act on any request. Please report it to your parish office or to the Diocese communications team so that we can alert others. Thank you for your vigilance and for helping to protect our parish communities.

Our Diocesan Vocations Promotion Team invites those discerning a calling to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life to join them for the next Seeker Saturday on 17th January.

Seeker Saturdays take place from 11am-3pm, at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham. PO16 ONQ. Why not sign up for this month's Seeker Saturday on 17th January?

If you are discerning if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, then spending time with like-minded people can be really beneficial to any vocational journey. Our time together includes prayer, discussion, Mass, Adoration and lunch too.

Future Seeker Saturday dates for your 2026 diary are: 28th February, 21st March, 25th April, 16th May and 13th June.



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 25th January—Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist (also known as St John's Cathedral) is a Roman Catholic cathedral in Portsmouth, England. It was opened in 1882 and is the first cathedral to have been built in Portsmouth. It is the mother church of the Portsmouth diocese and seat of the Bishop of Portsmouth, currently the Right Reverend Philip Egan. It was dedicated on 10 August 1882.

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Repository (Greeting Cards, Books, Gifts and more)

Enquires: office@stmargaretmary.co.uk (please see www.cbcdistributors.co.uk for items you can order)

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