



# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 1st Feb

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 4)**

8.30am David Meredith RIP  
 10.30am People of the Parish  
 6.30pm Clare & George Grima RIP  
 9.30am Private Intention  
 7pm Adoration  
 9.30am Deceased Members of the Hewins Family RIP  
 7pm Damian Perry  
**9.00am Presentation of the Lord Mass  
 at ST. Anthony's School.**

Parishioners are welcome to attend, please park in Primate road and report to school office on arrival.  
 Please note earlier time if you are attending today.

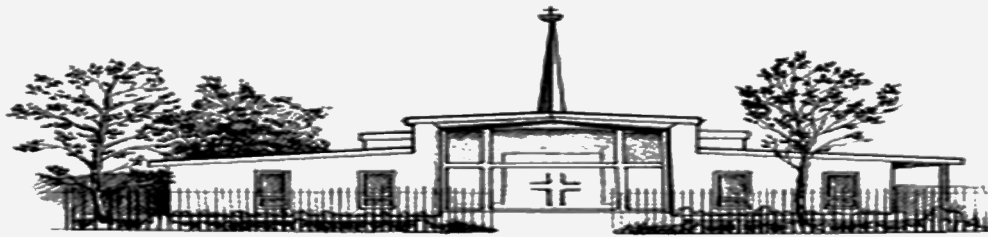
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## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 5)**

8.30am Colin & June Mudie RIP  
 10.30am Thelis Family Intention  
 6.30am 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 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.

**Advance Notice: Monday 2nd February.**

Our grateful thanks to Fr Andrew Moore who will be coming to celebrate morning Mass at 9.30am

Also, thanks to Dcn Brian Stoker who will lead Adoration at 7pm

**Update on Second Collections**

Fr Ansel Christmas Collection— £4,469.45

SVP— £171.10

Amounts raised for the Crib offering and Alb's still to be confirmed and of course last weeks collection for the Cathedral.

**Dear Fellow Parishioners.**

Happy New year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your Christmas cards, presents, kind messages, and a very generous Christmas collection.

I hope your new years resolutions are going well and I wish you and your families many blessings for the year ahead.

**God bless Fr Ansel**

**The Beatitudes: the character of kingdom citizens.**

**Then He opened His mouth:** This means that Jesus used his voice in a strong way to teach this crowd. He spoke with energy, projecting His thoughts with earnestness.

The first portion of the Sermon on the Mount is known as the Beatitudes, which means "The Blessings" but can also be understood as giving the believer his "be – attitudes" – the attitudes he should "be." In the Beatitudes, Jesus sets forth both the nature and the aspirations of citizens of His kingdom. They have and are learning these character traits.

All of these character traits are marks and goals of all Christians. It is not as if we can major in one to the exclusion of others, as is the case with spiritual gifts. There is no escape from our responsibility to desire every one of these spiritual attributes. If you meet someone who claims to be a Christian but displays and desires none of these traits, you may rightly wonder about their salvation, because they do not have the character of kingdom citizens. But if they claim to have mastered these attributes, you may question their honesty.

It presents a radically different agenda than what the nation of Israel expected from the Messiah. It does not present the political or material blessings of the Messiah's reign. Instead, it expresses the spiritual implications of the rule of Jesus in our lives. This great message tells us how we will live when Jesus is our Lord. "In the first century there was little agreement among Jews as to what the messianic kingdom would be like. One very popular assumption was that the Roman yoke would be shattered and there would be political peace and mounting prosperity." (Carson)

**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](http://www.stmargaretmary.co.uk)

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

**Advance Notice:** the Parish office will be closed from Thurs 12th Feb to Weds 18th, office will re-open on Thurs 19th at 9am. Week beginning the 9th, the newsletter will be issued earlier on the 11th Feb due to office closure, please bear this in mind if you need a notice included.

### **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](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

**Friday Coffee Morning** - Join us for coffee morning in the Paray room after morning Mass. No coffee morning on 6th Feb as morning Mass is taking place at St. Antony's School.

**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—are now available after Mass from the 8th February.

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](mailto:kathleen.mercer@btinternet.com) or the parish office at [office@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) Proceeds will be going to the Lenten Charity—to be confirmed.

### **NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK EVENT**

**MARRIAGE SANKOVA RETREAT AND WORKSHOP**

Saturday 7th February. 11am - 6pm

St Philip Howard Church & Hall.

Gen 1:28 - Sacred Embrace & Natural Family Planning Day

Retreat Master: Fr Anthony Chiatu

NFP expert; Dr Olive Duddy

Suggested donation; £20/ person or £35 / couple

Two course home cooked lunch with cakes , tea & coffee Book your place by RSVP message to Aba on 07780 390102



Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are meeting at 1.30 pm in the Hall of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington, on Wednesday 11th February. Our group consists of members from all the parishes in this area and we would welcome visitors, so come and see what we do.

For further information, please contact Marguerite Boulter 07751 435487 [margieboulter@aol.com](mailto:margieboulter@aol.com) or

Maria Owen 07790 378 097 [mariaeowen@gmail.com](mailto:mariaeowen@gmail.com)

### **PARISH CATECHISTS' FORMATION DAY – LENT '26**

**Saturday 14th March 9.30am - 3.30pm at St Philip Howard**

Led by Sr Hyacinthe OP. [www.lightoftruth.uk/courses](http://www.lightoftruth.uk/courses)

A date for the diary, please, for all new and existing Catechists. We are very blessed to have the Dominican Sisters of Sway come to our Solent Pastoral Area and lead a formation day for us. It is the 3rd Saturday in Lent, a refreshing day of formation and prayer, as we seek to bring people to Christ.

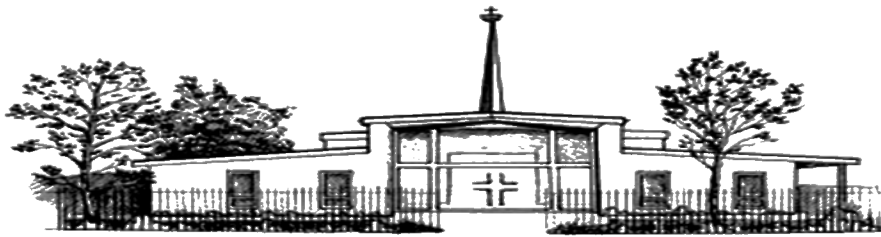
### **Underfloor Heating—(Paray room, Foyer, Chapel and Sacristy)**

As you are aware we have had issues with the underfloor heating. An engineer visited this week, the 21st and in his words we have a 'very poorly boiler' Because of the various issues he has had to leave it switched off due to the heat regulator not working properly, but there are other issues too.

We are waiting for quotes to repair/replace parts or to replace boiler.

Extra fan heaters have been provided until we can get this resolved.





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  
chaplains service:  
Southampton General 02381 208517  
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

## Second Collections

### Sunday 1st February—Racial Justice.

CTBI promotes Racial Justice Sunday as an important moment in the church calendar for self-critical reflection on our contribution as churches to the work of racial justice, and works in partnership with member churches and the national ecumenical instruments in the work of anti-racism and inclusion. An important partnership in this area is the Racial Justice Advocacy Forum which works to address issues of racial injustice and advocate for reparations for those impacted by the legacy of trans-atlantic chattel slavery.

Please visit their website to learn more: <https://ctbi.org.uk>

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**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)

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