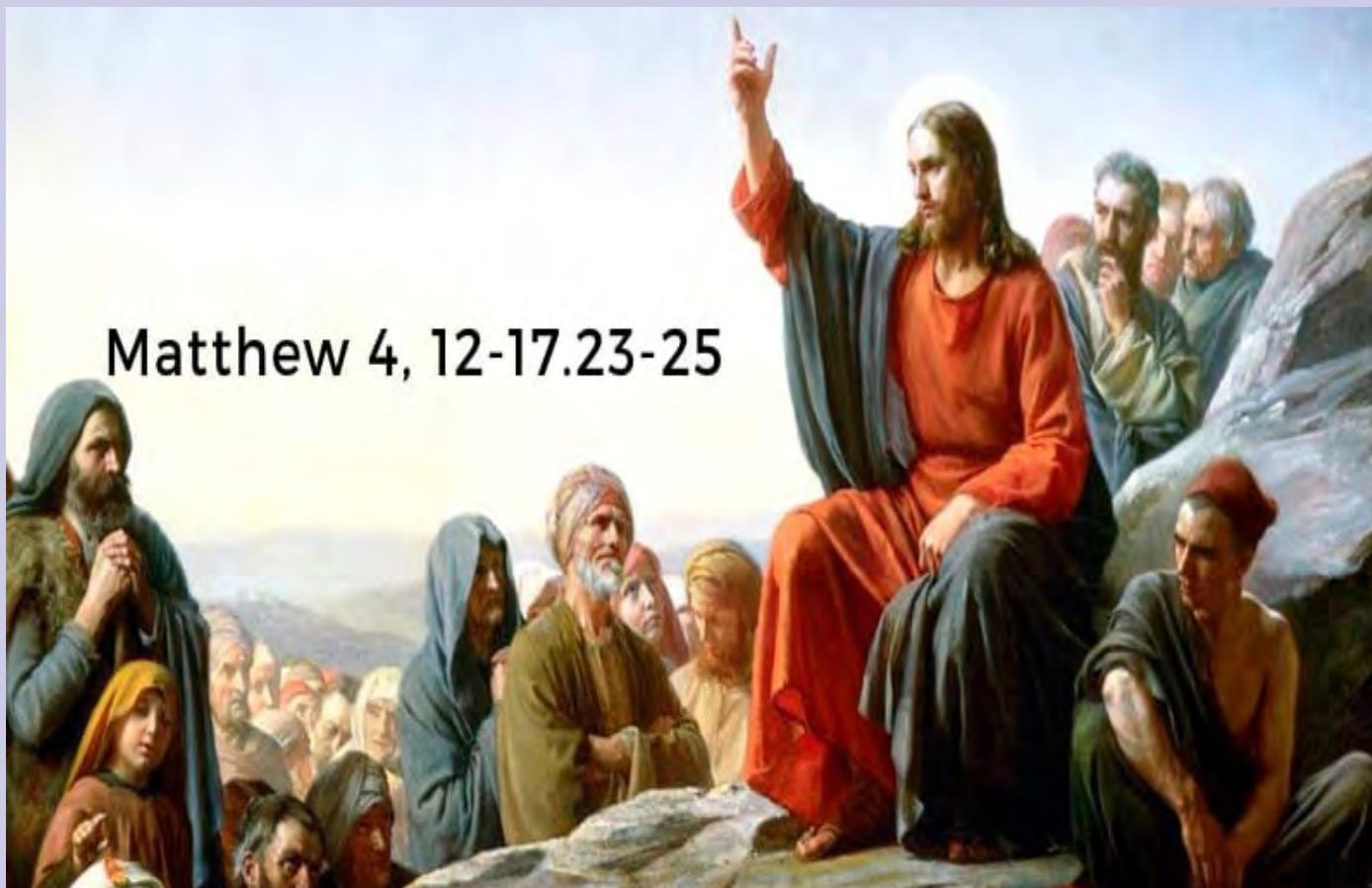




**The Catholic Church in Park Gate  
St Margaret Mary**

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**Matthew 4, 12-17.23-25**

Sunday 25th

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 3)**

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

6.30pm Jim Neville RIP

Monday 26th

9.30am Paddy & Carmel O'Gorman RIP

7pm Adoration

Tuesday 27th

9.30am John Lewis RIP

Thursday 29th

7pm Rhoda Parratt RIP

Friday 23rd

9.30am John Hutchins RIP

Sunday 1st Feb

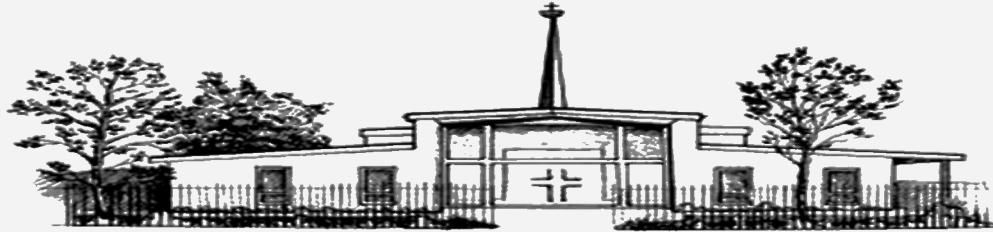
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 4)**

8.30am David Meredith RIP  
10.30am People of the Parish  
6.30am Clare & George Grima RIP

**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

**Short Reflection on this weeks Gospel—Matt 4 v 12-25**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles:  
The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,  
And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
Light has dawned."

**That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet:** As is his custom, Matthew sees Jesus' ministry in Galilee as a fulfilment of prophecy. Light has come to this region, largely populated by Gentiles, and Isaiah 9:1-2 predicted this of the ministry of the Messiah.

**From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

Jesus began to preach: One might say that this was the main occupation of Jesus. He did heal and minister to many miraculously; but on the whole, it seems fair to say that Jesus was a preacher and teacher who healed, more than He was a healer who also preached and taught. This is the priority of Jesus' ministry as stated in Matthew 4:23.

**Repent:** The gospel Jesus preached began the same place that the gospel John preached began – with a call to repentance (Matthew 3:2). In fact, since Jesus waited until John had been put in prison (Matthew 4:12), He probably saw Himself as picking up where John left off. But Jesus would go further than John ever did, because John announced the coming of the Messiah, and Jesus is the Messiah.

**For the kingdom of heaven is at hand:** Some people make elaborate distinctions between the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God. There actually seems to be no difference at all, especially in light of the Jewish custom of often not even naming God directly, but referring to Him by the place where He lives heaven – a custom that Matthew, a Jew writing to Jews, often employs.

**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**



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**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.

The office will also be closed on Tuesday 27th January due to attendance at offsite training.

**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)



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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 and 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.

**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.

**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 390 102

**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 chaplaincy service:  
Southampton General 02381 208517  
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

### **Second Collections**

#### Sunday 25th January—Cathedral

Our cathedral is situated in the most deprived part of the diocese. The parish collection covers just over half of the ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week. Please support the second collection on 25 January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the mother church of the diocese been more critical or needed. Thank you.

You can also donate online using the attached QR code.



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##### **Parish Priest: Fr Ansel D'Mello**

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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 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.cbcdistribution.co.uk](http://www.cbcdistribution.co.uk) for items you can order)

##### **Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator:** Ruth Attfield 023 9421 6486 Email: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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