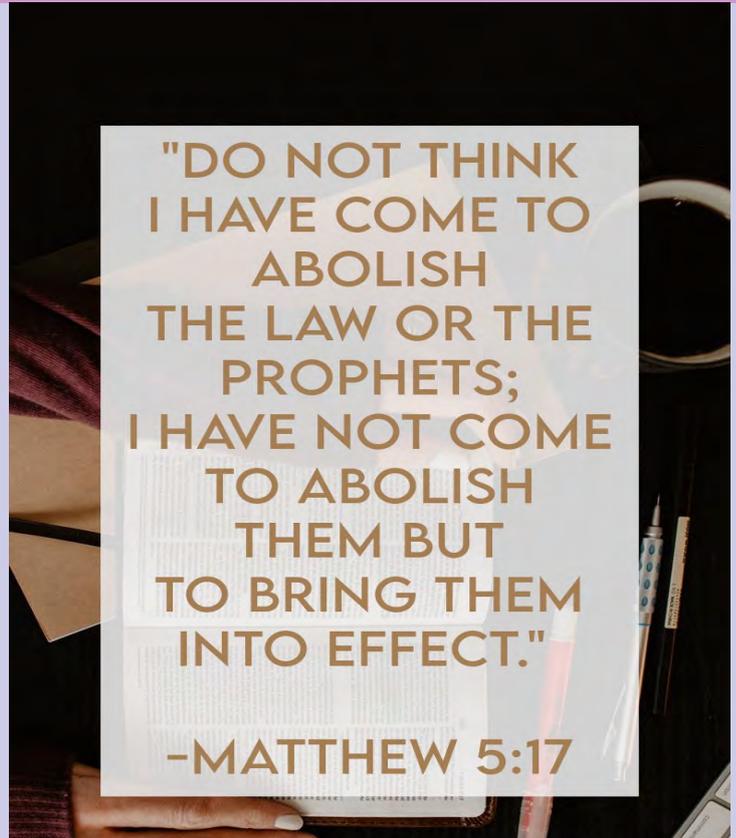
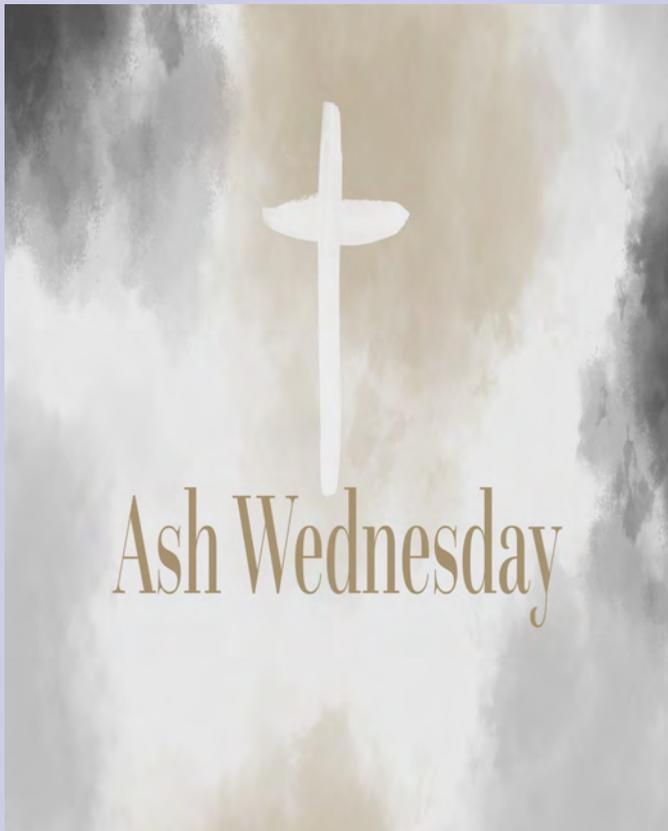




# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

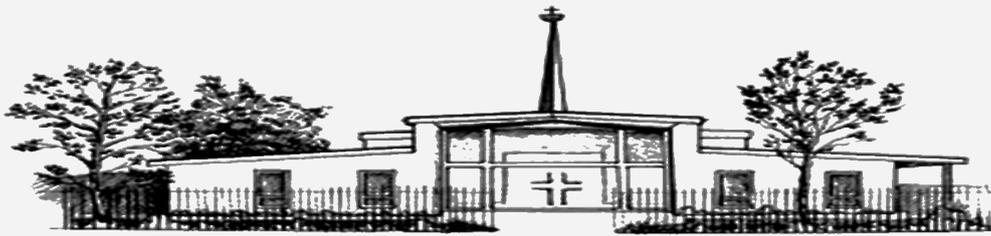
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I HAVE NOT COME  
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TO BRING THEM  
INTO EFFECT."  
-MATTHEW 5:17

Sunday 15th Feb	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)</b>
	8.30am People of the Parish
	10.30am Knights of ST Columba Intention
	6.30pm Linda McDonald RIP
Monday 16th	9.30am Private Intention
	7pm Adoration
Tuesday 17th	9.30am Private Intention
Wednesday 18th	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY—BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT</b>
	9.30am Morning Mass
	7.30pm Evening Mass
Thursday 19th	<b>10.45am Requiem Mass—Simon Donohoe RIP</b> <b>here at ST.Margaret Mary</b>
	7pm David White RIP
Friday 20th	9.30am Ken Keogh RIP
Sunday 22nd Feb	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter Week 1)</b>
	8.30am Geraldine Daly Intention
	10.30am People of the Parish
	5.30pm Stations of the Cross (Led by Fr Ansel)
	6.30am Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP

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



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.

#### **Further information on Lent.**

Starting on Thursday 26th Feb there will be Stations of the Cross at 6.15pm

Starting on Saturday 28th Feb there will be Confessions from 5-6pm every Saturday during Lent.

Stations of the Cross will also take place on Sunday's from Feb 22nd at 5.30pm led each week by a different group.

#### **Ash Wednesday—February 18th.**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, repentance, and spiritual preparation leading up to Easter. Ash Wednesday serves as a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for repentance

Ash Wednesday also sets the stage for Lent, a season reflecting on Jesus' 40-day fast and temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). The day before, known as Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, is often a time of feasting before the fasting and discipline of Lent begin.

#### **This weeks Gospel—Matt 5 v 17-37**

**Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets:** Jesus here began a long discussion of the law, and wanted to make it clear that He did not oppose what God gave Israel in what we call the Old Testament. He did not come to destroy the word of God, but to free it from the way the Pharisees and Scribes had wrongly interpreted it.

“**Jesus fulfils** the Law and the Prophets and they point to him, and he is their fulfilment.” (Carson)

- **Jesus fulfilled** the doctrinal teachings of the Law and the Prophets in that He brought full revelation.
- **Jesus fulfilled** the predictive prophecy of the Law and the Prophets in that He is the Promised One, showing the reality behind the shadows.
- **Jesus fulfilled** the moral and legal demands of the Law and the Prophets in that He fully obeyed them and He reinterpreted them in their truth.
- **Jesus fulfilled** the penalty of the Law and the Prophets for us by His death on the cross, taking the penalty we deserved.

**In a word, Christ completed the law:** In itself, it was only the shadow, the typical representation, of good things to come; and he added to it that which was necessary to make it perfect, HIS OWN SACRIFICE, without which it could neither satisfy God, nor sanctify men

**DONA Machine.** Please can we ask if you notice the DONA machine is offline, to let the office know. This indicated by a small red dot in left hand corner of console. Although donations can be taken if machine is offline, amendments from the office to update collection list are not actioned. We do try and check the machine regularly but the sooner we know it is offline the better. If we know machine is offline, we can rectify. Thank you for you help with this.

#### **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. Any emails received during closed period will be answered as soon as possible when office re-opens. If your matter is urgent please ring the usual office number 01489 572797 which is linked to office and presbytery and leave a message.

### **Padre Pio Prayer Group**

The next meeting is: Sunday 22nd February @ 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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Donation cheques to be made out to : B170413 SVP St Margaret Mary Park Gate

### **Requiem Mass—Simon Donohoe RIP**

Thursday 19th February at 10.45 here at St Margaret Mary, followed by Portchester Crematorium at 12.15pm.

### **Requiem Mass—David White RIP.**

Friday 27th February at 12.30pm here at St Margaret Mary, followed by Portchester Crematorium at 2.15pm

**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.

### **Lenten Fundraising.**

#### **ST. Patrick's Night Celebration—Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.**

Tickets £10 (pre-booked only) —are now available after all Masses from the 8th February.

All welcome—an evening of Irish flavoured fun and light entertainment. Come along and join in the craic.

ALL PROCEEDS to our special Lenten Charity, **BAMENDA**. For further details for tickets contact Maggie at [maggie@raymontc.plus.com](mailto:maggie@raymontc.plus.com)

#### **Other Dates for the diary:**

**Sunday 8th March**—Spring Lunch in Parish Hall & **Sunday 15th March**—Cake Sale after all Masses.

**Knights of St.Columba** — Next meeting Thursday 12th February @ 7.30pm. All welcome



As part of the Lent appeal for CAFOD, I am taking part, once again, in 'The Big Lent Walk'. This involves me walking 200Km during the 40 days of lent. I plan to walk 4-5 miles each weekday to try and reach the target before the start of Holy Week (a busy time with the choir!). If you could sponsor me to help me reach my

£500 target that would be great. You can do this on line using [this link](#) (once in page, scroll down to find a fundraiser and type in Christopher Lane and you will see the page come up) or scanning the QR code.

Alternatively you can see me after 10:30 Mass any Sunday. Thank you for your support. God Bless, Chris Lane



### **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.

### **Young Adults Retreat (Ages 20-35)**

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd February at the Verbum Dei Centre on the Isle of Wight.

Theme: "The light shines in the darkness" (John 1 v 5)

A weekend of prayer, reflection and sharing to begin our Lenten journey, and an opportunity to meet with fellow young Catholics. Contact: [sisteryadira@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sisteryadira@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Underfloor Heating—(Paray room, Foyer, Chapel and Sacristy)** The Finance Committee have approved replacement boiler due to age of current one and some replacement parts being obsolete and even if repaired, this is no guarantee of no further problems. The work is booked for the 2nd/3rd March.



If you are unwell and would like a Eucharist Ministry team member to bring Holy Communion to you at home. Please contact Jane Green on

If you are going in to hospital, please contact the relevant chaplaincy service:  
Southampton General 02381 208517  
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

## Second Collections

The next collection will be on Sunday 1st March—CAFOD.

Family Fast day will be on 27th February.

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with our support.

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Tel: 01489 572797

**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**

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**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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