



# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Jesus answered, "It is written:  
'Man shall not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.'"

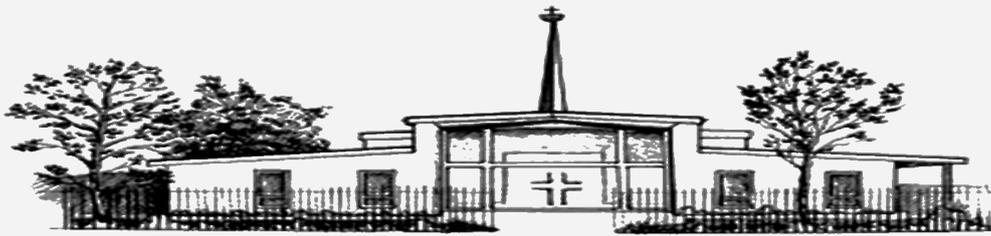
**Matthew 4:4**

**Matt 4 v 1-11**

Sunday 22nd Feb	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter Week 1)</b>
	8.30am Geraldine Daly Intention
	10.30am People of the Parish
Monday 23rd	6.30pm Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP
	9.30am George Frano RIP
	7pm Adoration
Tuesday 24th	9.30am <b>No Mass today</b>
Thursday 26th	6.15pm Stations of the Cross
	7pm Hazel & Zoe Newell RIP
Friday 27th	<b>12.30pm Requiem Mass—David White</b>
	<b>Here at ST.Margaret Mary</b>
Saturday 28th	5-6pm Confessions
Sunday 1st March	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter Week 2)</b>
	8.30am No Intentions
	10.30am Ellen & Tom Turnbull RIP
	5.30pm Stations of the Cross (Led by Readers)
	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.

#### **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.

#### **Short Reflection on this weeks Gospel—Matt 4 v 1-11**

**Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted:** After identifying with sinners in His baptism, Jesus then identified with them again in severe temptation. This was a necessary part of His ministry, so He truly was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness.

It was a remarkable contrast between the glory following Jesus' baptism and the challenge to be tempted by the devil.

- Then the cool waters of the Jordan; now the barren wilderness.
- Then the huge crowds; now solitude and silence.
- Then the Spirit rests like a dove; now the Spirit drives Him into the wilderness.
- Then the voice of the Father calling Him "Beloved Son"; now the hiss of Satan the tempter.
- Then anointed; now attacked.
- Then the water of baptism; now the fire of temptation.
- First the heavens opened; now hell.

Jesus did not need to be tempted to help Him grow. Instead, He endured temptation both so that He could identify with us (Hebrews 2:18 and 4:15), and to demonstrate His own holy, sinless character.

The Holy Spirit cannot tempt us (James 1:13), but the Holy Spirit may lead us to a place where we will be tempted. This is not to prove something to God (who knows all things), but to prove something to us and to the spiritual beings watching us.

Then the devil left Him means that Jesus won. He won because He recognized Satan's mode of attack: lies and deception. Primarily, Satan is a deceiver, and for those who live in light of the cross, deception is his only tool, because demonic powers were disarmed at the cross of their "real" weapons and power (Colossians 2:15). But deception is extremely effective at leading us into sin, and at causing us to live lives of fear and unbelief.

**Jesus showed the only effective counter to deception:** God's truth, not man's wisdom. First, we must see temptation for what it is – a lie. Then, we must combat temptation with the Word of God. Then, we must always build ourselves up in the truth, and have it in our heart.

**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 your 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**



**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.

### 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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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

### 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. There is no morning Mass or coffee morning on the 27th due to Requiem Mass for David White.

**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:

**Spring Lunch, Sunday 8th March—POSTPONED.** Unfortunately, our Spring lunch in aid of the Lenten Charity will not take place on 8th March as previously planned. Hopefully we will be able to do something similar later in the year.

**Sunday 15th March—**Cake Sale after all Masses.

#### Parish Stations and Prayer Walk—Saturday 28th March—11am-12pm. (Victoria Park, Hamble)

This Lent we are planning a short Stations and Prayer walk, followed by a picnic lunch in Victoria Park, Hamble. This walk will be open and accessible to all. Pushchairs, scooters, dogs, etc all welcome. Pop the date in your diary now and look out for more details in the next few weeks.



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 Pilgrimage to Fatima and Nazare.

1st—7th October 2026. £895.00 sharing, £995.00 in single room

Full details and itinerary are on the noticeboard.

### 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)** 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 07528 948536

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

## Second Collections

**Sunday 22nd February—Flowers for Holy Week.**

**Family Fast day will be on 27th February. Sunday 1st March—CAFOD.**

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.

Please collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with our support.

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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](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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