



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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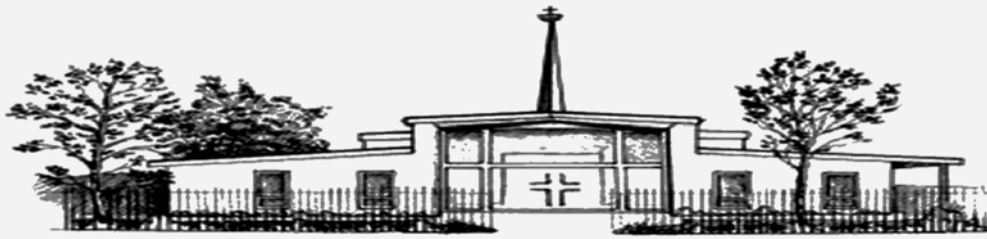
THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

John 11 v 1-45

Sunday 22nd March	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter Week 1)	
	8.30am	Deceased members of the Morrish Family RIP
	10.30am	Annie & Gregory Bonovia RIP
	5.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Led by the Choir)
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 23rd	9.30am	Andrew Hanly RIP
	7pm	Adoration
St Anthony's Passion Play —The Key Stage 2 children of St Anthony's warmly welcome parishioners to watch their Passion Play on Monday 23rd March at 10.30am in the school hall . Please sign in at the school office on arrival.		
Tuesday 24th	9.30am	No Intentions
Thursday 26th	6.15pm	Stations of the Cross
	7pm	No Intentions
Friday 27th	9.00am	Palm Procession Mass at St. Anthony's School No Mass at St. Margaret Mary.
Saturday 28th	5-6pm	Confessions (A list of other Confession times in our pastoral area is available on the notice board or our website)
Sunday 29th March	PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord (Psalter Week 2)	
	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Matthew Nolan Intention
	6.30am	Barsh Family Intention

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 will be unavailable.

For any urgent sick calls on this day, please contact Cn John Cooke at Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869. The Church will be open from 9am-1.30pm for private prayer.

Fr Ansel's Easter Collection

One of the ways in which the Parish can support our Parish Priest in his ministry is by contributing to the Easter Collection. There are four ways in which you can give:

1. The collection on Easter Sunday
 2. A bank transfer to the parish bank account, please put ref 'easteroffering'
 3. Contactless payment via Dona machine at the back of church - option marked "Priest Easter Collection"
 4. Use our give as you live page - <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/park-gate-st-margaret-mary-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2026>
- Thank you—Finance Committee.

This weeks Gospel. John 11 v 1-45 "I am the resurrection and the life".

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Your brother will rise again: Martha understood that her brother Lazarus would rise again with all the righteous on the last day. She did not even consider that Jesus might immediately bring Lazarus from the dead.

I am the resurrection and the life: Jesus did not claim to have resurrection and life, or understand secrets about resurrection and life. Instead Jesus dramatically said that He is the resurrection and the life. To know Jesus is to know resurrection and life; to have Jesus is to have resurrection and life.

He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live: Jesus boldly challenged Martha to trust that He was the source of eternal life. Jesus presented Himself as the champion over death. While humanity in general fears death, the Christian can only fear dying. The believer will never die, but simply make an instant transition from an old life to a new life. Jesus does not of course mean that the believer will not die physically. Lazarus was dead even then, and millions of Jesus' followers have died since. But He means that he will not die in the sense in which death has eternal significance." (Morris)

Jesus made an enormous claim: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. Only God could say such things in truth.

Do you believe this? Jesus challenged Martha not to debate or intellectual assent, but to belief. She must believe Jesus was who He said He was and that He could do what He said He could do.

Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world: Martha answered correctly. Jesus was and is indeed the Messiah (the Christ). Jesus was and is God in human form among us (the Son of God).

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.

Advance notice: The Newsletter published on the 27th March will be a two week issue to cover the Easter period the next issue being on 10th April, please bear in mind for items you need to advertise.

The Parish office will be closed over Easter from Thurs 2nd and re-open on Tuesday 7th April.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is: Sunday 29th March @ 7.45pm

You are all most welcome. For more information, please contact David Walford: walford101@hotmail.com



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 - The next coffee morning will be on Friday 17th April.

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

Knights of St.Columba—Next meeting Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Vinnie's Café—Saturday 28th March from 2-4pm.

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 7.00pm 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

Other Dates for the diary:

St Margaret Mary, Parish Way of the Cross walk.

Saturday 28th March—11am-12pm. (Victoria Park, Hamble)

Meeting at the information centre next to the Cedar rooms at 10.45am

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. There are now full details available about this event on the notice board.

Bamenda—there is now a display in the Church foyer where you can read more about our Lenten Charity.



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 the following link

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/chris-fundraising-page331> or by scanning the QR code. Alternatively, you can see me after 10.30am Mass any Sunday. Thank you for your support. God bless, Chris Lane.

Safeguarding Training—Solent Pastoral Area.

Training is mandatory for all those working in a role with children and/or vulnerable groups.

Training is taking place on **Saturday 28th March, from 1000-1300 hours at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham.**

To book, direct email, safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

Church Hall availability.

Please note from Saturday 28th March through to Monday 6th April the Church hall is unavailable due to Holy week.

Second Collections—Please see an update of recent second collections on the noticeboard. Thank you.



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 28th March—Bamenda, our Lenten Charity.

Fr Emmauel's visited to ST. Margaret Mary on the 15th March to talk about Bamenda.

There is a display in the Church foyer which gives some history and also some information of past and present projects being undertaken by the charity.

You can also visit the website using the link below.

<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/bamenda/>

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

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