



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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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
6.30pm Barsh Family Intention

Monday 30th

9.30am Reilly Family Intention
7pm Adoration

Tuesday 31st

9.00am Jim Brown Intention
11.00am Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Newnham Family Intention

GOOD FRIDAY

3pm Passion of our Lord
10am Stations of the Cross

There will be the opportunity for the children to lead Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Please could we ask any children who wish to participate to arrive at 9.30 am in the church. Thank you. Tea and Hot Cross buns afterwards.

8pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8.30am Patricia Franno RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

EASTER MONDAY

9.30am Pamela Short RIP
7pm **No Adoration**

Tuesday 7th April

9.30am **No Mass**

Thursday 9th April

7pm **No Mass**

Friday 10th April

9.30am **No Mass**

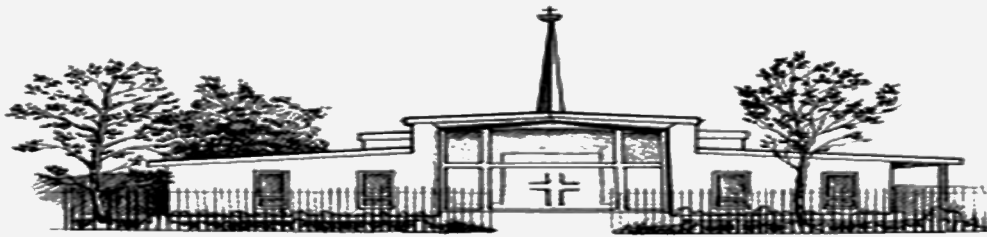
Sunday 12th April

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am Patrick & Brigid Berrill RIP
10.30am Jeannie Wills RIP
6.30pm 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 will be away from the Parish from Wednesday 8th Apr to Weds 15th April.

For any urgent sick calls during this time, please contact Cn John Cooke at Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869. The Church will be open from 9am-1.30pm for private prayer except Thurs 9th and the weekend.

Our thanks to Fr Andrew Moore who is coming to celebrate Mass at 8.30am and 10.30am and Fr John Adikwu who will celebrate Mass at 6.30pm on Sunday 12th April. Dcn Brian Stoker will lead Adoration on Monday 13th April.

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.

Update from St Anthony's School.

Our Spring Term kicked off with a phone call from Ofsted on our first day back after the Christmas holidays but as you will have seen from a recent newsletter, we are really pleased with the outcomes of the inspection. We found the inspection under the new Ofsted framework to be incredibly rigorous and the benchmarks for the new grading system are so much tougher than before. However, I am really proud of the 3 areas in which we have been graded strong: inclusion, attendance and behaviour, and personal development and wellbeing. These areas are at the heart of St Anthony's and I believe they are what makes our school such a special place for children and staff.

Just before half term we recognised Shrove Tuesday with pancake races and our Palm Burning service, led by Fr Ansel.

A couple of weeks ago, we held our Lent Reconciliation Service and I would like to thank Fr Ansel for organising so many members of the clergy to attend and hear the confessions of our Years 5 & 6 children. The GIFT team and Head Pupils led the readings and Fr Ansel was joined by Monsignor Vincent Harvey, Fr Matthew King, Fr Francis Sasinowski and Deacon Larry Muraski. Once again, I was overwhelmed by the maturity of our children and the number who came forward for confession; they were so positive about the experience.

This year, our chosen Lent charity has been CAFOD and we welcomed Steve from CAFOD, who spoke to our school about a current project in Bangladesh to support farmers with growing food on floating beds in response to the worsening floods caused by climate change. Our children have participated in the Big Lent Walk, logging the kilometres they have walked with their families at the weekends and adding them to the kilometres logged last week during our whole school Big Lent Walk in the woods opposite St Anthony's. Our target was to raise £500 and, unbelievably, we have exceeded it by more than triple. At the time of writing, we have raised £1,690 for CAFOD - incredible for a small school! We are so grateful to the families who have got behind the children and encouraged their walking efforts. This has been a fantastic way for children to put their Catholic Social Teaching into action and to make a powerful difference for others.

We have been marking the events of Holy Week in this last week of term. Our Key Stage 2 children have performed their Passion Play to parishioners and parents with 3 performances in total. Our Year 1 children led our Palm Procession Mass on Thursday, celebrated by Fr Ansel and attended by families and the parish.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter, when it comes.

With best wishes, Katrina Straker.

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: This Newsletter is a two-week issue to cover the Easter period. The next issue will be on Friday 10th April. The Parish office will be closed over Easter from Thurs 2nd and re-open on Tuesday 7th April. Any emails received will be responded to asap when office re-opens on the 7th April.



BST!! The clocks 'spring forward' this weekend for British Summer Time

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



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 - 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.

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 full details available about this event on the notice board.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT A big thank you to all who made this a most memorable and successful evening - our talented artistes, tech and hall crews, fundraising team and all who attended or supported the event in any way. A magnificent £1150 was raised for our Lenten Charity - Bamenda.

The next event in support of Bamenda will be the SPRING LUNCH on 17th MAY. Save the date, more information and tickets available soon.

Thank you to all those who supported the Cake & Bake sale on Mothering Sunday.

We raised an amazing £518.75 for the 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.

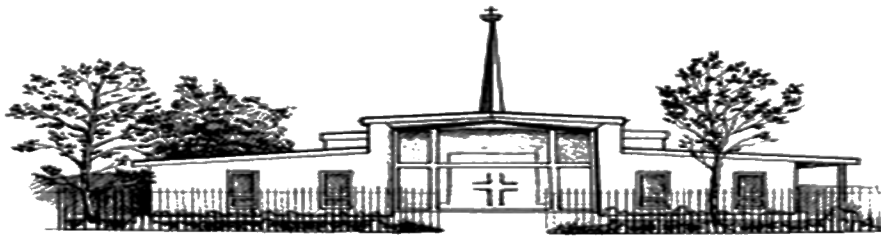
Training is taking place on **Saturday 28th March, from 1000-1300 hours at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham.**

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

Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima and Nazare. 1st—7th October 2026. Full details and itinerary are on the noticeboard.

Church Hall availability. From Sat 28th March to Mo 6th April the Church hall is unavailable due to Holy week.

Chrism Mass - Mass of the Sacred Oils 11am St John's Cathedral—Tues 31st March at 11am. All are very welcome for this important gathering of the Diocese in the Cathedral, with the Bishop and his Clergy renewing their Ordination promises. Do try and join us! The Solemn Blessing of the Oils; of Catechumens, the Sick and consecration of the Oil of Chrism for our community.



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 29th March—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 <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/bamenda/>

Friday 3rd April—Holy Places.

The Collection for the Holy Places, also known as the Good Friday Collection, is an annual collection, taken up at the request of the pope, in Catholic churches around the world for the support of Christians in the Holy Land.

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Email: facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Repository (Greeting Cards, Books, Gifts and more)

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

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