



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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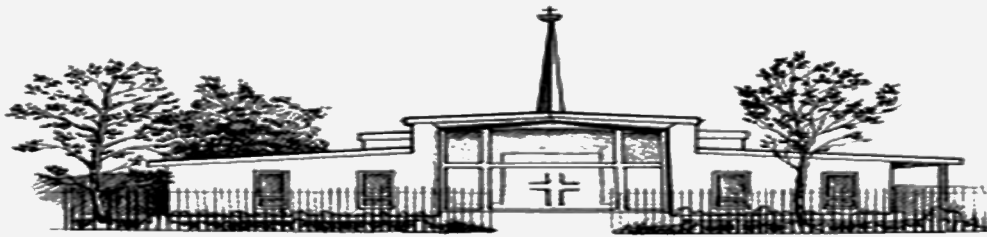


Although the doors were shut,
Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Sunday 12th April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
	8.30am Patrick & Brigid Berrill RIP
	10.30am Jeannie Wills RIP
	6.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 13th	9.30am No Mass
	7pm Adoration
Tuesday 14th	9.30am No Mass
Thursday 16th	7pm Claire & George Grima RIP
Friday 17th	9.30am Sean Whyte RIP
Sunday 19th	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Psalter Week 3)
	8.30am People of the Parish
	10.30am Francis Navesey RIP
	6.30pm Knight's of St Columba Intention

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

2026



Fr Ansel's is currently away from the Parish until Weds 15th April, returning on Thursday 16th Apr.

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, Weds 15th Apr 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.

This weeks Gospel—John 20 v 19-31

Where the disciples were assembled: It was good that the disciples stayed together. Jesus told them that when He departed they must love one another, which assumes that they would stay together (John 15:17). He also prayed for their unity after His departure (John 17:11). **Peace be with you:** After their desertion of Jesus on the day of His crucifixion, the disciples probably expected words of rebuke or blame. Instead, Jesus brought a word of peace, reconciling peace.

Receive the Holy Spirit: Jesus gave His disciples the Holy Spirit, bringing new life and the ability to carry out their mission.

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." Thomas... was not with them when Jesus came: We are not told why Thomas was not with them and Thomas was not criticized for his absence. The unbelief of Thomas was strong, but honestly spoken. It was good that he refused to pretend to believe when he did not believe

After eight days: The idea is that Jesus had this meeting with the disciples now including Thomas on the following Sunday.

Jesus entered the room in the same mysterious and remarkable way (the doors being shut, and stood in the midst). Jesus also gave the same greeting (Peace to you!).

Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side: Jesus granted Thomas the evidence he demanded. We suppose that Jesus was not obligated to do this; He could have rightly demanded faith from Thomas on the basis of the reliable evidence from others. Yet in mercy and kindness, Jesus gave Thomas what he asked for.

Do not be unbelieving, but believing: Jesus clearly commanded Thomas to stop his unbelief and to start believing. Jesus was generous and merciful to Thomas and his unbelief, but Jesus did not praise his unbelief. Jesus wanted to move him from doubt and unbelief to faith

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed: There is a special promised blessing given to those who believe. Thomas demanded to see and touch before he would believe in the resurrected Jesus. Jesus understood that the testimony of reliable witnesses was evidence enough, and there was a blessing for those who accepted that sufficient evidence.

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.

Please note the week beginning the 13th April, the office will be open Mon/Tues/Thurs and Friday 9am-2pm
The office will be closed on Weds 15th and therefore the Church will also be closed that day.

Advance Notice: The office is closed 4th-8th May for annual leave. The Newsletter issued on the 1st May will be a two-week issue, so please bear this in mind if you have items to advertise.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is: Sunday 26th April @ 7.45pm

You are all most welcome. For more information, please contact David Walford: 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 - 17th April in the Paray room after morning Mass.

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

Vinnie's Café—Saturday 25th April from 2-4pm.

Come along for a friendly chat and cup of tea. All welcome. Free, but donations welcome.

SPRING LUNCH SUNDAY 17th May 2026 - IN AID of the BAMENDA APPEAL

Our popular Spring Lunch will be held on **Sunday 17th May, 12-2pm in the parish hall.**

Come and enjoy a delicious two-course lunch and convivial company. while supporting our Lenten Charity.

Adults £15

Children £7.50 (free for under 6s)

Tickets will be available after Masses from 19th April or email Gayeperry205@gmail.com to reserve your place.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME !



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A huge thank you for all the sponsorship and messages of support while I took part in the CAFOD 'Big Lent Walk. As a result of your generosity CAFOD has received an amazing £832 – more than that required to provide sustainable water for a whole community. Also, thanks to your prayers, I only got wet twice and then only slightly! God Bless, Chris Lane

Also—this is an article in the recent Portsmouth Diocese e-news.....

Andrea Hoyland reports that this year sees the highest number of Catholic Schools taking part in the Big Lent Walk as 'Pilgrims of Hope' to live out their Jubilee pledge. A record number of pupils are taking part in the charity's annual fundraising challenge, walking 200km over 40 days, in the biggest Big Lent Walk so far.

The children of St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School in Fareham recently took part in a Big Lent Walk in their school grounds and raised £1690.

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

For everyone, but may be of particular interest to those booked on the Parish pilgrimage, there is a National pilgrimage of Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. 2nd/3rd May at the Cathedral of St. Michael & St. George in Aldershot.

See details on noticeboard.

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth are organising two pilgrimages to Lourdes & Turn & Assisi.

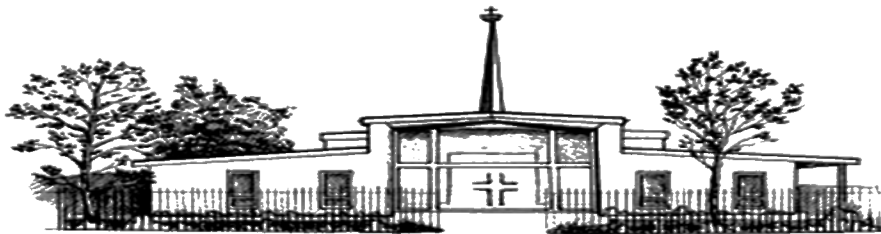
There is a letter on the noticeboard or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ProFamily Foundation Talks at the Cathedral

The ProFamily Foundation Talks will take place at the Cathedral Discovery Centre, St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3QA on Thursday 16th April and Thursday 14th May.

Thursday 16th April at 7pm: Building a lasting marriage / Thursday 14th May at 7pm: Building a strong family

These talks cater for parents with children of all ages or couples looking to start a family. Parents can bring along babies. However childcare is not provided. Teas and coffees will be available.



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 26th April—Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund

The Clergy Training Fund is a vital resource for various dioceses and colleges in the UK, providing financial support for the formation of future priests and deacons

These funds are essential for the ongoing ministry of the Church, providing the necessary resources for the training and development of clergy. By supporting the Clergy Training Fund, individuals can contribute to the future of the Church and the ministry of their community.

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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.cbcdistributors.co.uk for items you can order)

Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator: Ruth Attfield 023 9421 6486

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