



# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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**Luke 24 v 13-35**

Sunday 19th April

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Psalter Week 3)**

8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am Francis Navesey RIP  
6.30pm Knights of ST Columba Intention

Monday 20th

9.30am Walford Family Intention  
7pm Adoration

Tuesday 21st

9.30am Edwards Family Intention

Thursday 23rd

7pm Bridget & Patrick Power RIP

Friday 24th

9.30am GCSE Exams Intention

Sunday 26th

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.30am Annie & Gregory Bonavia RIP  
10.30am People of the Parish  
6.30pm Margaret Mary Holland RIP

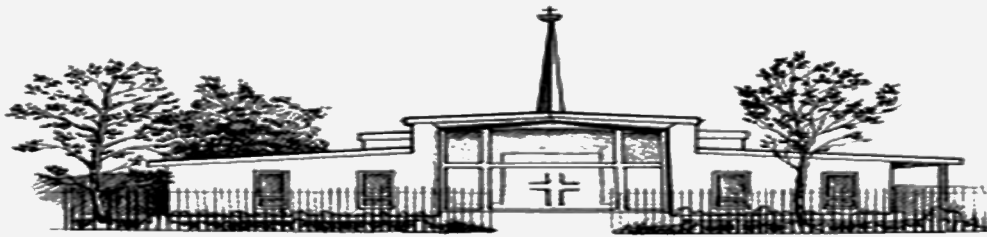
### **Holy Day of Obligation**

### **Feast Day of the Ascension —Thursday 14th May**

St Margaret Mary will be hosting a pastoral area Mass on this day at **7.30pm instead of 7pm.**

**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 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.

### **Short Reflection on this weeks Gospel—Luke 24 v 13-35**

Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so they did not know Him.

**They conversed and reasoned:** As they talked, they spoke of the things that were biggest on their hearts – all of these things which had happened, the things regarding the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus.

**Jesus Himself drew near and went with them:** Jesus came along side these disciples, and went with them for a while. Yet for a time they were miraculously prevented from seeing who Jesus was.

*Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"*

**He indicated that He would have gone farther:** Jesus acted as if He might continue on farther, but did not want to force His company on these disciples. But they constrained Him shows that even though they didn't know this was Jesus in their midst, they knew they wanted to spend as much time as they could with this man.

He took bread, blessed and broke it: These men were not present at the last supper Jesus had with his twelve disciples; they knew nothing of the sacramental nature of breaking bread in theological terms.

**Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him:** Though it was not what might be called a sacramental meal, there was something in it that showed them who the mysterious and wise guest was. Before their eyes were restrained (Luke 24:16); now their eyes were opened and He was known to them in the breaking of bread (Luke 24:35).

Jesus may be right in front of us, walking with us and sitting down with us at every meal – and our eyes could be restrained from seeing Him. We therefore should pray that God would open our eyes to see Jesus as He is, as being with us all the time.

**He vanished from their sight:** As soon as their eyes were opened to who Jesus was, He left miraculously and they both said what was on their hearts. Their hearts burned as they heard Him speak and teach.

**Did not our heart burn within us while He talked:** Even when they didn't know it was Jesus, even when they didn't believe He was risen from the dead, their heart still burned because of the ministry of God's Word and of Jesus, the Living Word of God.

God's word can have this same effect on our heart, even when we don't know that it is Jesus doing that work.

**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 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. The next newsletter will be issued on Friday 15th May

### **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](mailto:walford101@hotmail.com)



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**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 and Children £7.50 (free for under 6s)

Tickets will be available after Masses from 19th April or email [Gayeperry205@gmail.com](mailto:Gayeperry205@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME !

**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 & Turin & Assisi.**

There is a letter on the noticeboard or email [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for more details or to book.

**Lourdes**—Our pilgrimage will take place from Monday 6th July when we gather at Heathrow airport for a morning flight to France and end when we return to Heathrow on Friday 10th July.

The cost of the pilgrimage this year is £949 per person for a shared room, youth pilgrims can travel at £895.

**Turin & Assisi**—Join us on a pilgrimage to Turin in northern Italy and Assisi in central Italy to learn about and experience the lives of our two newest saints - St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati - Monday 20th July - Sunday 26th July.

**Mail Pigeon Holes—Paray Room**

A reminder that post is often left for people in the pigeon holes in the Paray room. Please check regularly. There are a number of unclaimed letters and Christmas cards. Thank you.

**Saturday 9th May—Opening of the Parish Prayer Garden.**

Please join us as we open the Parish Prayer Garden which is now complete. Our thanks to the many people who have worked very hard over recent months. Here is an approximate timetable for the afternoon.

3pm—Joyful mysteries of the Rosary

3.30pm—Placing of Flowers

3.40pm—Tea, Coffee and cake in the Parish Hall.

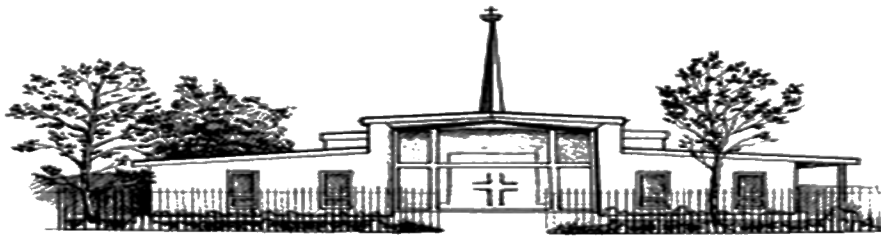
**Sacred Heart, Fareham—Mass on Anointing—Wednesday 6th May at 1.30pm.**

You are kindly invited to join this Mass.at 1.30pm followed by tea. If you are would like to attend, please email into the office here at [office@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) by Friday 1st May, so we can let Fareham know numbers.

**Portsmouth CDSC Life in the Spirit Seminars—starting 23rd April at ST.Bede's Church, Basingstoke.**

The Life in the Spirit Seminars are mainly used in the context of renewal, primarily for people who already identify as Catholic to bring those church members to a fuller experience of life in the Spirit.

Please see poster on notice board for more details.



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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**Parish Office hours:**

**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:**

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