



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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**I AM
THE
WAY
THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE
NO ONE COMES
TO THE
FATHER
EXCEPT
THROUGH
ME**
JOHN 14:6



Sunday 3rd May

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Psalter Week 1)

8.30am Maureen T & Family Intention
10.30am Bridget McLaughlin RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 4th

9.30am Private Intention
7pm Adoration

Tuesday 5th

9.30am John Meehan Intention

Thursday 7th

7pm Kathy Donohoe RIP

Friday 8th May

9.30am Edward & Margaret Hanly RIP

Sunday 10th

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Psalter Week 2)

8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Richard Inwards Intention
6.30pm Shaun Murphy RIP

Monday 11th

9.30am No Intentions
7pm Adoration

Tuesday 12th

9.30am No Intentions

Thursday 14th

Feast Day of Ascension—Holy Day of Obligation

Pastoral area Mass 7.30pm instead of 7pm.

Knight of St Columba Intention

Friday 15th

9.30am No Intentions

Jesus Youth UK—Eucharistic Day of Adoration

from 10am through to 9pm

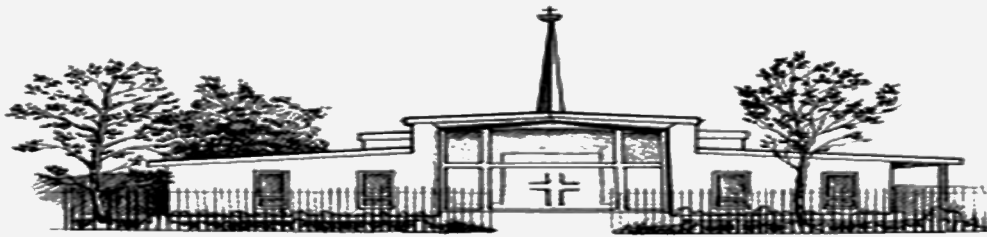
Sunday 17th

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Psalter Week 3)

8.30am Michael Dowling RIP
10.30am People of the Parish
6.30pm No Intentions

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.

Advance Notice: Fr Ansel will be away from the Parish from Thursday 21st May to Thursday 4th June, returning to the Parish on Friday 5th June for 9.30am Mass.

Thank you for your generous Easter collection which is much appreciated and helps make up my salary for the year.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who helped in the preparation for Lent and Easter and helped us celebrate Jesus's Passion death and resurrection with great love, care and joy. A big thank you also to all our volunteers who minister in the Parish in many different ways helping to keep the Parish functioning.

Happy Easter to you all. **God bless Fr Ansel**

This weeks Gospel—John 14 v 1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life: Jesus didn't say that He would show us a way; He said that He is the way. He didn't promise to teach us a truth; He said that He is the truth. Jesus didn't offer us the secrets to life; He said that He is the life.

- I'm wandering about; I don't know where I'm going. Jesus is the way.
- I'm confused; I don't know what to think. Jesus is the truth.
- I'm dead inside and don't know if I can go on. Jesus is the life.

No one comes to the Father except through Me: Jesus made this remarkable statement, claiming that He was the only way to God. In this He set aside the temple and its rituals, as well as other religions. It was a claim to have an exclusive way, truth, and life – the only pathway to God the Father, the true God in heaven.

No one comes to the Father except through Me: Simply put, if Jesus is not the only way to God, then He is not any way to God. If there are many roads to God, then Jesus is not one of them, because He absolutely claimed there was only one road to God, and He Himself was that road. If Jesus is not the only way to God, then He was not an honest man; He was most certainly not a true prophet. He then would either be a madman or a lying devil. There is no middle ground available.

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority: Jesus repeated something emphasized in the Gospel of John; that Jesus lived and spoke in constant dependence upon God the Father and did nothing outside His authority and guidance (John 5:19, 8:28).

Believe Me... or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves: Jesus presented two solid foundations for our trust in Him. We can believe Jesus simply because of His person and words, or we can also believe Him for the sake of the works that He miraculously did.

Ascension of the Lord—14th May

Ascension Day is important because it marks Jesus Christ's return to Heaven, completing His early mission and affirming His authority as Lord, while empowering believers for their mission on earth. The Ascension is not just a historical event; it carries profound spiritual implication. It strengthens the faith of believers showing that Jesus is alive and reigning in Heaven. It also marks the beginning of a new phase of Christian life, where Jesus intercedes for His followers and sends the Holy Spirit to empower them for their mission. The disciples were instructed to be witnesses "to the ends of the earth" highlighting the launching point for the Church's mission.

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 office is closed 4th-8th May for annual leave. Office reopens on Monday 11th May at 9am.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is: Sunday 31st May @ 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 - Join us 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 30th May from 2-4pm.

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

Knights of ST Columba—Next meeting, Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Grandparent's Prayer Group—Starting Tuesday 5th May after 9.30am morning Mass.

This group will meet monthly on the first Tuesday of the month, led by Dcn Brian Stoker. This is an opportunity for grandparents to pray for their children and grandchildren's faith, safety and wellbeing. The group will bring by sharing any prayer intentions members may have for their families. The Rosary will be prayed, followed by further prayer for grandparents and the elderly. The prayer session will finish with tea and coffee..

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 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.

Opportunities have arisen to join the Church and Hall cleaning teams.

A healthy, safe and welcoming environment in our Church and our Hall shows dedication to our faith and respect for our community. If you can spare an hour, once a month, to join one of the teams, please leave your contact details with the Parish office stating which team you would prefer — office@stmargaretmary.co.uk or 01489 572797

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.

Flowers for Prayer Garden— The planting in the prayer garden has been completed and makes a great display as well as making it a very welcoming space together with the Statue of Our Lady and the Stations. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the flowers, pots, etc it would be much appreciated. There is a option on the Dona machine or monies in an envelope but please mark your envelope. Thank you.

Polling Station—Thursday 7th May—St.Margaret Mary Parish Hall. Fareham Borough Council are using our Parish hall as a polling station on 7th May, so please be aware the car park will be much busier than usual if you are attending 7pm Mass, with extra cars and people walking to and from the hall. There is a public car park next to the Church site.

Significant Wedding Mass—Saturday 20th June @ 11am at ST Bede's in Basingstoke.

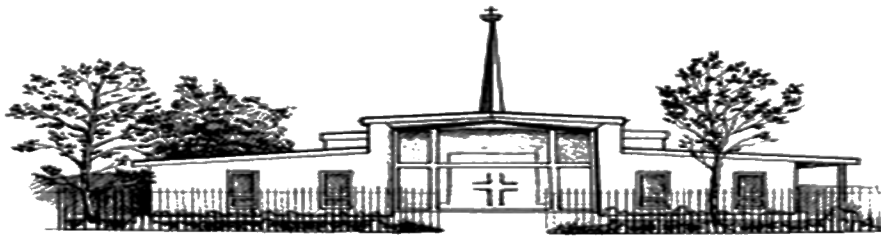
Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. The Mass will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please contact the parish office for a form to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire at kmcquire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are meeting at 1.30 pm in the Hall of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington, on Wednesday 13th May. Our group consists of members from all the parishes in this area and we would welcome visitors, so come and see what we do. For further information, please contact

Marguerite Boulter 07751 435 487 margieboulter@aol.com or Maria Owen 07790 378 097 mariaeowen@gmail.com



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

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Sunday 17th May—Catholic Communication Network.

The Catholic Network is the UK's leading provider of Catholic eNews, conversation and publishing support to the UK Catholic community. Run by a dedicated team of independent Catholic journalists and creatives, our work has included the editing, production and distribution of national weekly Catholic newspapers, magazines, brochures, directories and major events materials.

We are also very proud to be the editor, publisher and distributor of the annual Official Catholic Directory of England & Wales, on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales.

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Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact: safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Anita Fitzpatrick: 07743 481363 or Fran Slater: 07899 691094

Hall Bookings:

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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)

Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator: Ruth Attfield 023 9421 6486

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