



# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 28th

## **Ss PETER & PAUL**

8.30am Ronnie Gaova RIP  
10.30am People of the Parish  
6.30pm Fr Frank Murphy RIP

Monday 29th

9.30am Madonna Lewis RIP  
7pm Adoration

Tuesday 30th

9.30am Joseph Perry & Eleanor Thrupp Intention

Thursday 2nd July

7pm Sean Whyte RIP

Friday 3rd July

9am First Friday Devotions  
9.30am Clare & George Grima RIP

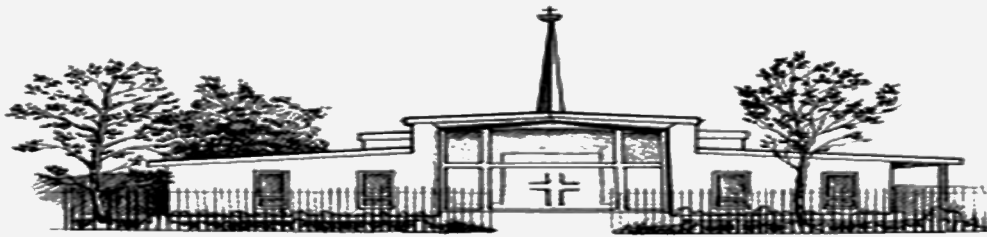
Sunday 5th July

## **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)**

8.30am Philomena Swatton RIP  
10.30am Mgr Brendan Murphy 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 day off is Wednesday, so 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 celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul.** As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord.

He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67.

He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

**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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[www.stmargaretmary.co.uk](http://www.stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Please submit any notices for the Newsletter by Tuesday lunchtime.**

**Advance Notice:** The Parish office will be closed Mon 4th-Fri 10th July for annual leave. The newsletter issued on Friday 3rd July will be a two-week issue with the next one being published on Friday 17th July. Please bear this in mind if you have events/notices you wish to advertise.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group**—The next meeting is: Sunday 28th June @ 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** - 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 27th June from 2-4pm.**

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

Today, there will be a 'Strawberry Tea'. For catering purpose, please can you let a member of the SVP know you will be coming or ring the number as above, 07935 941686.

**Grandparent's Prayer Group—Next Meeting 7th July 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.

**Knights of St Columba** — The next meeting is Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm. All welcome.

If you interested to find out more about the organisation, please join us or contact Kevin on 07791653775

Thank you Father Ansel for the opportunity to inform the parish of the work of the Knights of St Columba and our involvement in the parish, schools and diocese. Following our appeal for more members, I'm pleased to inform you we had five enquiries. Two new members will be installed on Sunday 5th July at the 8:30 Mass. We are hoping the others will follow in time.

**Fish & Chip Event (20th June)** We are also delighted to inform you, that the Fish & Chips event held last Saturday was attended by 61 people. After expenses, we raised over £1000 for the ALMA MATER charity and the Knight's fund. Many thanks to those who attended and to other parishioners for your generous donations.

**Church and Hall cleaning Volunteers—Update**

We are very grateful to the person who volunteered to join the cleaning teams. To maintain the current level of cleaning, we need 4 more people to join the Church cleaning team and at least 5 more to join the hall cleaning team. This would allow us to have a monthly rota with enough people on the teams to cover when people are away. If you can spare one hour each month to look after our beautiful church and hall please leave your contact details in the Parish office or email [office@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Refreshments Team (Sunday)** - Would you be willing to join our valued teams to help out with refreshments after 10.30 masses on Sunday? It works out on average every other month—so 5 or 6 times per year per team of two. Please contact [maggie@raymontc.plus.com](mailto:maggie@raymontc.plus.com) for further details.

**Rev. Jack Ryan** will, God willing, be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood by Bishop Philip on Saturday 18th July at 11am, as St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

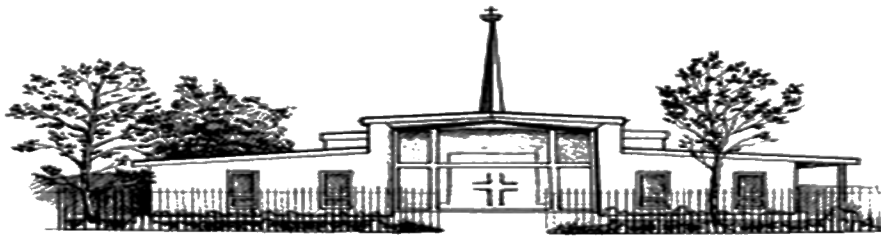
All are welcome and there will be a reception afterwards.

His first Mass of Thanksgiving will be at St Margaret Mary's on Sunday 19th July at 10.30am.

If you would like to make a gift towards Jack, there is be an option on the DONA machine and also a second collection on **Sunday 5th July.**

There will be a reception on Sunday 19th July in the St Margaret Mary Parish hall at 10.30am after Rev Jack Ryan's first Mass.

**Missio—Red Box Holders.** All Red Box holders can find a prayer card and new Missio magazine in the box in the foyer. More info Marguerite Boulter 07751 435 487



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 coming up in June and July.**

### **Sunday 28th June—Peter's Pence**

Peter's Pence is a gesture of solidarity that allows members of the Catholic Church to participate in the Pope's mission as the Pastor of the universal Church. Contributions are directed to the Holy See to fund humanitarian initiatives, social promotion projects, and the administrative needs of the Vatican, as well as to assist communities and individuals in need around the world

### **Sunday 5th July—Rev Jack Ryan**

### **Sunday 12th July—Stella Maris—The Apostleship of the Sea**

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**Out of hours please get in touch as below**

Email: [office@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) Tel: 01489 572797 (this number is linked to Office & Presbytery, please leave voicemail message when office is closed)

**Parish Gift Aid:** Milton Hewins Email: [accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:accounts@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

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**Hall Bookings:**

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