



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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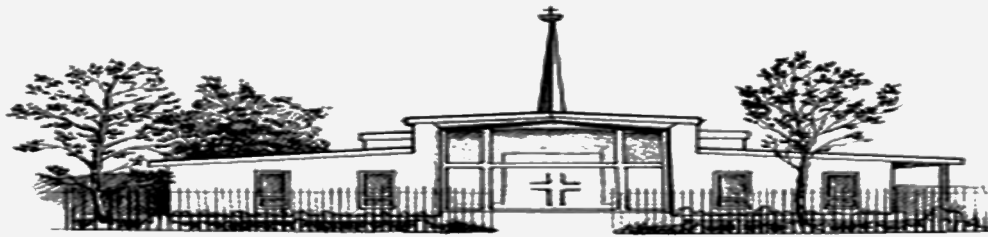


Matthew 13, 24-30

Saturday 18th	Ordination to the Priesthood—Dcn Jack Ryan 11am, ST. John's Cathedral Reception afterwards
Sunday 19th	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 4) 8.30am Kenneth Alderson RIP 10.30am People of the Parish Rev Jack Ryan's first Mass of Thanksgiving—followed by Reception in Parish Hall 6.30pm Philomena Swatton RIP
Monday 20th	9.30am Moyra Thomas RIP 7pm Adoration
Tuesday 21st	9.30am John Holton Jnr RIP
Thursday 23rd	7pm Pamela & Godfrey Cushnahan Intention
Friday 24th	9.30am Caldwell Family Intention
Sunday 26th	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Plaster Week 1) 8.30am Fr Shaun Budden RIP 10.30am Jane Swales 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.

Reminder that the Church will be closed on Wednesday.

The prayer garden will be open during office hours, Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9am-3pm

Rev Jack Ryan.

This weekend will be the final opportunity to give towards an Ordination gift to Jack on the DONA machine.

The parable of the Wheat and the Tares—Matthew 13—This weeks Gospel

In Matthew chapter 13, Jesus tells a parable known as the Parable of the Weeds. The scene is set in a field where a man sows good seed, but an enemy comes and sows weeds among the wheat while everyone is asleep. As the wheat begins to grow, so do the weeds. The owner's servants notice the weeds and ask if they should go and pull them out, but the owner tells them to let both the wheat and the weeds grow together until the harvest.

This parable of the wheat and weeds is a powerful reminder of God's ultimate judgment and justice. Just like the farmer separates the wheat (representing the righteous) from the weeds (representing the wicked), God will also separate the good from the evil at the end of time. This parable teaches us that while evil may exist alongside righteousness in the world, there will come a day when God will intervene and bring about a final judgment.

Have you ever wondered why there is suffering and evil in the world? This parable highlights that while God allows them to coexist for a time, there will be a day of reckoning when God will separate the two. It reminds us to stay faithful and righteous, even in the face of challenges and trials, knowing that God sees all and will bring about justice in the end. So, let us take comfort in the fact that God is in control and that in His perfect timing, He will separate the wheat from the weeds. We should strive to be among the righteous, living our lives in accordance with His will, and trusting in His ultimate judgment.

The relevance of this parable to contemporary society is striking, as we continue to witness the coexistence of good and evil in the world. It serves as a reminder to exercise patience and trust in God's sovereignty, knowing that He will ultimately bring about justice and righteousness. The parable also prompts introspection, challenging individuals to evaluate whether they are contributing to the growth of goodness or perpetuating evil in their actions and choices.

An anecdote illustrating the parable's message can be seen in a community garden scenario, where volunteers encounter a similar dilemma of weeds infiltrating their crops. The experienced gardener's advice to wait and nurture the garden reflects the wisdom of allowing time for discernment and growth before making decisions. This mirrors the parable's call for patience and trust in God's providence, urging us to focus on cultivating our faith and righteousness while leaving the final judgment to Him.

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 **Tuesday** lunchtime.

Padre Pio Prayer Group —The next meeting is: Sunday 26th July @ 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 - 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 25th July from 2-4pm.

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

Knights of St Columba. There is be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Grandparent's Prayer Group—Next Meeting 4th August 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.

Sunday 26th July is the sixth World Day for Grandparents and Older People.

Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), emphasizing God's unwavering love for every person, even in the frailty of old age, and offering a message of comfort and hope for grandparents and the elderly, particularly those who feel lonely or forgotten

Update on Recent Second Collections & Fundraising.

KSC (Alma Mater) — £1,018.40

Day for Life — £235.50

Peter's Pence — £394.25

Whilst we are experiencing UK Heatwaves, here is some advise from the Government website.

Actions you can take to stay safe in hot weather

- While many people enjoy warmer summer weather, hot weather can cause some people to become unwell through overheating (becoming uncomfortably hot), dehydration, heat exhaustion and heatstroke.
- if you are going to do a physical activity (for example exercise or walking the dog), plan to do these during times of the day when it is cooler such as the early morning or the evening
- keep your home cool by closing windows and curtains in rooms that face the sun
- drink plenty of fluids and limit your alcohol intake
- check on family, friends and neighbours who may be at higher risk of becoming unwell, and if you are at higher risk, ask them to do the same for you
- know the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heatstroke and what to do if you or someone else has them
- Try to avoid direct sunlight, especially between 11am and 3pm when UV levels are highest
- If you are going out during this time, cover up with suitable clothing, wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses, seek shade and apply sunscreen liberally and re-apply frequently

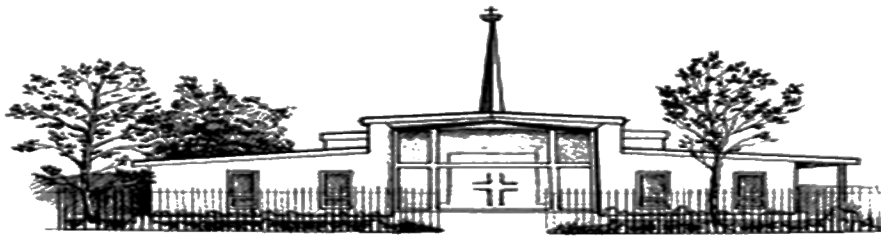
Various Events in July and August:-

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT - 25th July 10am - 1.00pm Theme "HIS BANNER OVER US IS LOVE." On Zoom. Responding to God's Invita on. Join us for a mini retreat morning with Mass, Adora on, prayer, praise, and a talk by Russ Fairman (Na onal CHARIS Renewal Team)

Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2026

'CELEBRATE' 15th – 19th Aug. www.celebratefesval.org Worth Abbey, West Sussex. The UK's premier Catholic family event will feature keynote talks, worship, and family ac vi es around the theme "Let There Be Light".

SILENT RETREAT - VERBUM DEI RETREAT CENTRE 21st - 28th August. Isle of Wight. www.uk.verbumdei.org
Time to be renewed, empowered, re-energised by being with and listening to God. verbumdei.iow@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

Second Collections.

The next second collections will be in September. Details to follow.

Contact Details: St Margaret Mary, Middle Road, Park Gate, Hants SO31 7GH

Parish Priest: Fr Ansel D'Mello
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Parish Administrator: Heather Skittlethorpe
Parish Office hours: Monday, Tuesday and Friday—9am-3pm.

Out of hours please get in touch as below

Email: 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

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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