



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 2nd August

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)

8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Philippa Staley RIP
6.30pm Clare & George Grima RIP

Monday 3rd

9.30am Thanksgiving—Finishing Exams
7pm Adoration

Tuesday 4th

9.30am Michelle Radcliff RIP

Thursday 6th

11.30am FUNERAL MASS—NORA BERNADETTE WRIGHT

Friday 7th

7pm Holy Souls
9am Frist Friday Devotions
9.30am Michael & Anne Barnaville Intention

Sunday 9th August

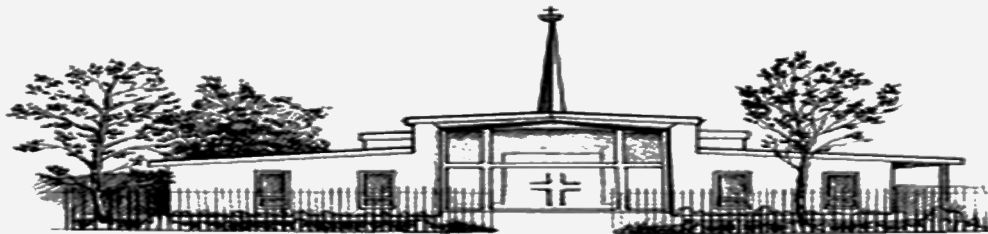
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 3)

8.30am Hector Nobre RIP
10.30am Pippa, Lucas & Rowan Intention
6.30pm People of the Parish

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

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“Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through his Church”



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 and Sunday morning.

Reflection on this weeks Gospel—Matt 14 v 13-21 The Feeding of the Five Thousand.

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

He was moved with compassion for them: The great compassion of Jesus for the multitude moved Him to heal the sick and to teach them (Mark 6:34). Jesus did this all the way until evening. His gracious compassion for the demanding crowds was remarkable.

You give them something to eat: With this, Jesus challenged both the compassion and the faith of the disciples. Yet He did not ask them to do anything to meet the need without also guiding them through the work.

We have here only five loaves and two fish: These were obtained from a little boy among the crowd (John 6:9). It is much to the credit of the disciples that they themselves travelled light, without carrying a lot of food for themselves. They trusted Jesus to make sure they were provided for.

Looking up to heaven, He blessed: Jesus blessed the Father for the food that He did have. He may have prayed a familiar Jewish prayer before a meal: "Blessed art Thou, Lord our God, King of the universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth."

He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes: This miracle displays Jesus' total authority over creation. Yet He insisted on doing this miracle through the hands of the disciples. He could have done it directly, but He wanted to use the disciples.

Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children: The number of 5,000 men suggests a total perhaps of 15,000 to 20,000 people when women and children are included in the count.

- Jesus could feed the people of God, even as Israel was fed in the wilderness. There was a common expectation that the Messiah would restore the provision of manna, and this adds to the messianic credentials of Jesus.
- Jesus had compassion and care for the people of God, even when we might have expected His patience would be exhausted.
- Jesus chose to work through the hands of the disciples, even when it was not essential to the immediate result.
- It shows a preview example of the great messianic banquet that the Messiah will enjoy with His people.

The feeding of the 5,000 also gives us three principles regarding God's provision.

- Thank God for and wisely use what you have.
- Trust God's unlimited resources.
- Don't waste what He gives you

Thank you Card—Please see the 'thank you' card from Fr Jack Ryan's family on the noticeboard.

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.

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday 4th August.

Advance notice: The Parish office will be closed from Mon 24th August to Friday 4th September for annual leave. The office will re-open on Monday 7th September.

Padre Pio Prayer Group — The next two meetings will be: Sunday 16th August and Sunday 27th Sept both at 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 29th August from 2-4pm. This meeting will not be held in the hall, as we are going out. If you would like to join us, please ring Carmel on the SVP Number and leave a message or email Marguerite on margieboulter@aol.com

Knights of St Columba. There will 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.



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 12th August**. 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

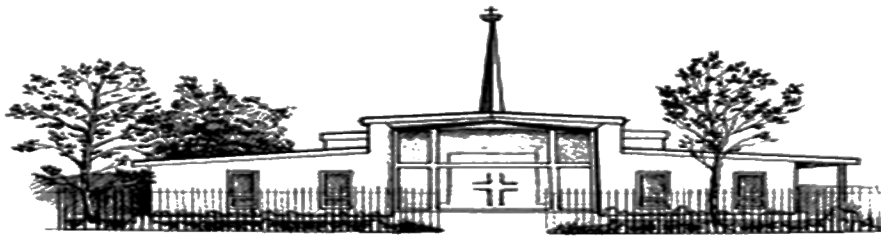
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End of Term report from St. Anthony's School. St Anthony's has finished this school year on a high by celebrating some strong academic results for statutory assessments. We are delighted that 94% of our Year 6 Pupils reached age-related attainment in the Reading, Maths and Grammar Key Stage 2 SATS, which is excellent when compared with the national percentages of 74-75%. Our Year 4 pupils also performed strongly in their Multiplication Tables Check with 73% of the class scoring full marks. Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 results are also expected to be above average levels, although the national data has yet to be published. These results reflect the hard work and determination of staff and pupils alike. Although academic success is important, we strive to deliver far more than this for our children and their families and this last summer term has been packed full of exciting experiences as part of our wider curriculum offering. Both our Year 4 and Year 6 classes have enjoyed 2-night and 4-night (respectively) residential this term and we have organised school trips to Sir Harold Hillier Garden Centre, the local park, a local farm, the zoo and an outdoor study centre. At the end of June, we welcomed a range of visitors from the emergency services for our '999 Heroes' theme week that focused on how we all keep safe and how others help to keep us safe. Some of our classes learnt valuable first aid skills that included how to put someone in the recovery position, how to perform CPR and use a defibrillator and how to stem bleeding. This summer's heat waves lead to a few events having to be postponed, such as our music concert and early years sports day, but we were delighted to squeeze in our main sports day in the last week of term. It is a popular event for families. I have felt blessed to have our beautiful grounds for this term's hot weather. It meant we could stay open when other local schools shut because staff were able to take the children outside to learn in the shadier spots around our school. Staff were also wonderfully creative in keeping children cool with resources trays being adapted to become water trays for hot feet in the afternoons! The Catholic Life and Mission of our school continues to thrive. This term, we held two masses including our annual St Anthony's Feast Day Mass in which children enjoyed what has become a traditional ice-lolly and extended shared playtime whilst parishioners and parents enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee. Fr Ansel also joined us for our Marian Procession and a Year 6 day of reflection. Fourteen of our children celebrated their First Holy Communion in local parishes.

Fr Ansel's support for our school has been invaluable. The staff are currently preparing to teach a new, updated RE curriculum from September that is being rolled out across the Diocese following a scheme of work called Lighting the Path. We are also thrilled to be welcoming a full cohort of 30 new Year R children in September and around 50% of them are baptised Catholics. One of our greatest achievements this year, however, is a sporting success. Earlier in the year, our Dodgeball team won a district tournament for local schools that enabled them to compete at a county level. Remarkably, they went on to win the county competition earlier this term and so took part in the National Schools Dodgeball Finals in Kettering 3 weeks ago. We came away with bronze medals! To be third in the whole country is astonishing for a small, one-form entry primary school.

So it is an extremely proud headteacher who wishes you all a very happy summer holiday period. I hope it is a chance for families and friends of the school to rest and recover before we start it all again in September.

With best wishes Katrina Straker (Headteacher)



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.

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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

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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)

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