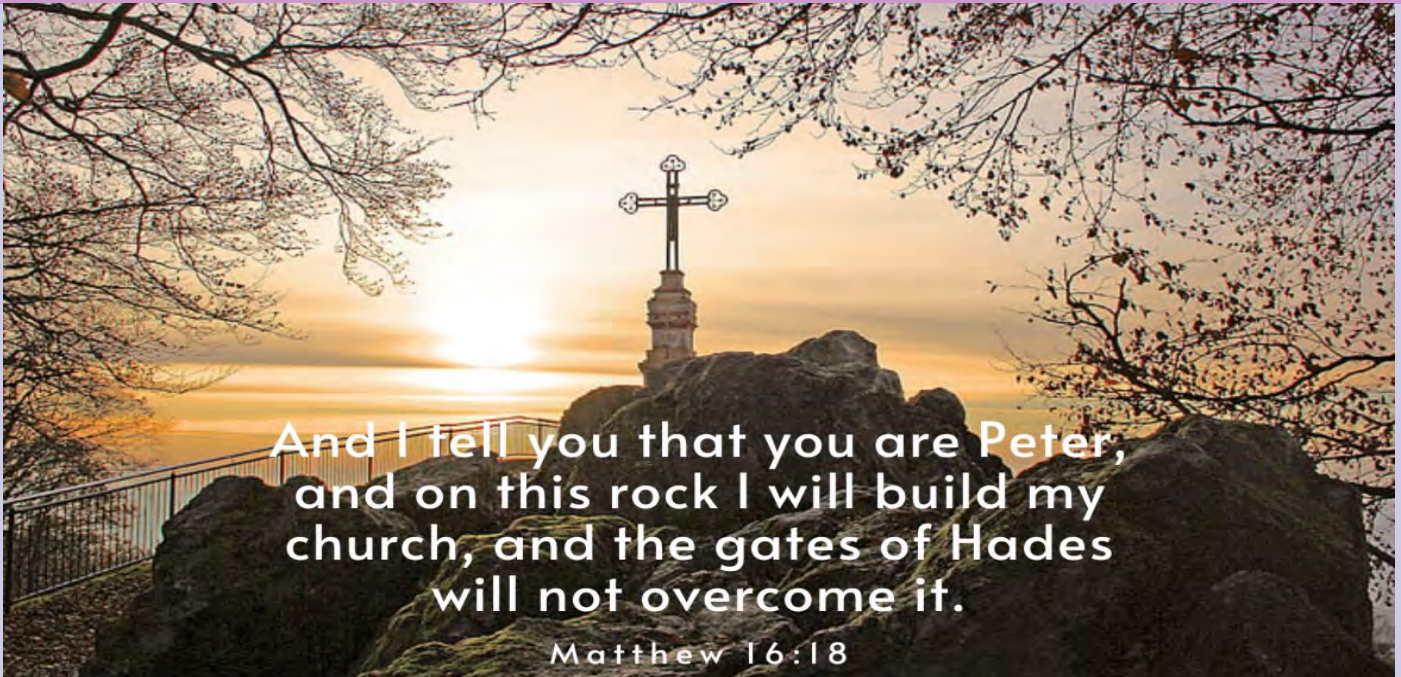




# The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

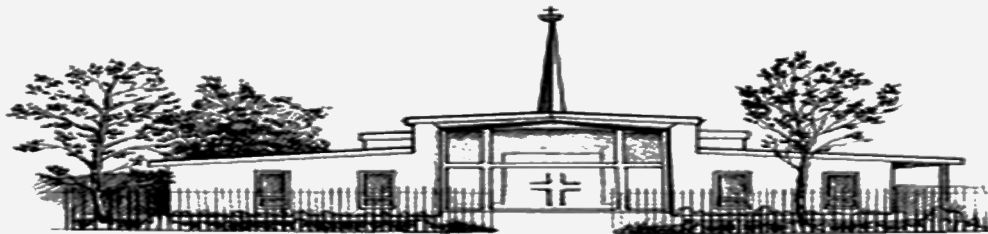
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| Sunday 23rd      | <b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 1)</b>  |                                  |
|                  | 8.30am                                                        | People of the Parish             |
|                  | 10.30am                                                       | Diana & Lionel Peagram RIP       |
|                  | 6.30pm                                                        | Agostino Meccariello RIP         |
| Monday 24th      | 9.30am                                                        | Private Intention                |
|                  | 7pm                                                           | Adoration                        |
| Tuesday 25th     | 9.30am                                                        | Merlyn Lewis Intention           |
| Thursday 27th    | 7pm                                                           | Peter Turbitt RIP                |
| Friday 28th      | 9.30am                                                        | Private Intention                |
| Sunday 30th      | <b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)</b> |                                  |
|                  | 8.30am                                                        | People of the Parish             |
|                  | 10.30am                                                       | Christine & Roy Spacey Intention |
|                  | 6.30pm                                                        | Thanksgiving                     |
| Monday 31st      | 9.30am                                                        | Newnham Family Intention         |
|                  | 7pm                                                           | <b>NO Adoration</b>              |
| Tuesday 1st Sept | 9.30am                                                        | Pamela Shott RIP                 |
| Thursday 3rd     | 7pm                                                           | Reilly Family Intention          |
| Friday 4th       | 9.00am                                                        | First Friday Devotions           |
|                  | 9.30am                                                        | Clare & George Grima RIP         |
| Sunday 6th       | <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 3)</b>  |                                  |
|                  | 8.30am                                                        | Thanksgiving—Health Care Workers |
|                  | 10.30am                                                       | Brett Brereton-Stiles RIP        |
|                  | 6.30pm                                                        | People of the Parish             |
| Monday 7th       | 9.30am                                                        | Holy Souls                       |
|                  | 7pm                                                           | Adoration                        |
| Tuesday 8th      | 9.30am                                                        | Edward & Margaret Hanly RIP      |
| Thursday 10th    | 7pm                                                           | <b>No Mass</b>                   |
| Friday 11th      | 9.30am                                                        | <b>No Mass</b>                   |

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.**

**Advance Notice:** Fr Ansel will be away from Weds 9th Sept through to Weds 16th Sept, returning to the Parish on Thursday 17th September. Normal Sunday Masses will take place on 13th September.

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.

#### **Short thought on this weeks Gospel—Matt 16 v 13-20**

Jesus and His disciples are in Caesarea Philippi, a region known for its pagan temples and Gentile population, symbolizing the broader world beyond Israel (Matthew 16:13) Here, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" to gauge public perception, and then, more personally, "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-15) This question shifts the focus from popular opinion to personal faith and recognition of Jesus' true identity.

Simon Peter responds, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16) This confession is pivotal

because it acknowledges Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and emphasizes His unique relationship with God the Father.

Jesus affirms that this insight is not from human understanding but revealed by God, highlighting the role of divine revelation in recognizing Christ (Matthew 16:17)

Jesus then declares, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18) This statement establishes Peter's foundational role in the Church, symbolizing stability and divine authority. The "keys of the kingdom of heaven" and the power to "bind and loose" (Matthew 16:19) signify the Church's authority to guide, teach, and exercise spiritual discernment in alignment with God's will

This passage invites reflection on personal faith, the recognition of Jesus' divine role, and the responsibility of the Church to act as a spiritual guide. It challenges believers to consider how their own confession of faith shapes their relationship with Christ and their participation in the Church's mission.

#### **Altar Servers Practise**

**Dear Parents.** On the 26th September, at 10am, Fr Ansel and MC, Nick Sadler will be hosting an Altar Servers practise. The practise gives a chance for the servers to refresh their knowledge and understanding of their role of serving the Lord during Mass and at the Altar. The Servers are also key figures in leading the congregation through Mass. We would be grateful if all Altar Servers could attend the training

To register for the practise, please could you email Nick at [nicksadler62@hotmail.com](mailto:nicksadler62@hotmail.com)

**Join March for Life UK in London on Saturday 5th Sept!** Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception to death and raise awareness of the impact of abortion on societal and family relationships. Abortion not only affects mothers and children, but it also affects fathers, grandparents, siblings and the wider family who are often affected by guilt and grief. The impact of these wounds are not always recognised by society and can fracture relationships and can lead to a breakdown of the family unit. That's why the theme for this year's March for Life is "Abortion hurts the whole family". Find out more at [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) or email [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

**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 Tuesday lunchtime.**

**Advance notice:** The Parish office is closed from Mon 24th August to Friday 4th September for annual leave. The office will re-open on Monday 7th September. This newsletter is a three-week issue with the next newsletter will be issued on Friday 11th September. Emails will be responded to as soon as the office re-opens. If your matter is urgent, please ring usual office number which is linked to presbytery and office and your call will be answered at the earliest opportunity.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group** — The next meeting will be Sunday 27th Sept at 7.45pm

You are all most welcome. For more information, please contact David Walford: [walford101@hotmail.com](mailto: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. At present, SVP are using a temporary number 07806 784201.

Donation cheques to be made out to : B170413 SVP St Margaret Mary Park Gate

**The SVP will be holding a quiz night on Friday 25th September at 7:30pm in the church hall.**

Tickets cost £5 per head with teams of up to 8. If you can't make up a team, you will be put in a team.

All monies raised will go towards the **SVP Christmas hampers and helping disadvantaged families**

The tickets will be on sale after Mass or contact [joan.brown750@btinternet.com](mailto:joan.brown750@btinternet.com) direct.

**Dates for your diary:**

**OCTOBER 18th — PATRONAL FEAST & 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

After 10.30am Mass in the Parish hall. Bring & Share (finger foods only and no nuts). If you have any photo's, etc of our rich history you would like to share for display please contact [maggie@raymontc.plus.com](mailto:maggie@raymontc.plus.com)

**LADIES NIGHT—13TH NOVEMBER—FASHION SHOW.**

If you would like to help our FR team with this event, contact [maggie@raymontc.plus.com](mailto:maggie@raymontc.plus.com). Details to follow.

The tickets will be on sale after mass or contact [joan.brown750@btinternet.com](mailto:joan.brown750@btinternet.com) direct.

**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 parish hall, as we are going out. If you would like to join us, please ring the SVP number and leave a message or email Marguerite on [margieboulter@aol.com](mailto:margieboulter@aol.com)

**Knights of St Columba.** The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

**Grandparent's Prayer Group—Next Meeting 8th September 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.

**First Holy Communion Programme 2027**

Applications for the FHC programme for 2027 are now invited.

The programme is a commitment of 20 weeks. The classes are held on a Saturday morning between 10-11am.

A starting date is to be confirmed, (usually first week in January) at which time the schedule of classes will be made available. Please contact the office at [office@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) for an application form.

An application form must be completed and returned to the Parish office by the closing date. Unfortunately, applications received after this date cannot be accepted

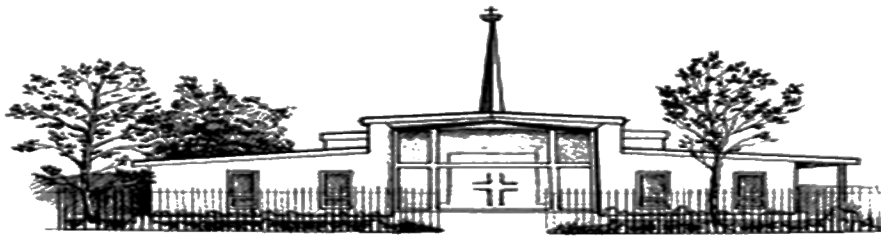
**The closing date for applications is Sunday 26th September 2025.**

After the closing date, people will be contacted to arrange an appointment with Fr Ansel.

On acceptance of application, Fr Ansel will issue you with a Mass Attendance card which he will sign each week. Mass attendance every Sunday is expected throughout the programme. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass each week is required by the church in Canon 1247 of the code of Canon Law. Sunday Mass attendance is also required to fulfil the commandment given to Moses on Mount Sinai, "keep the Sabbath Day Holy".

We look forward to receiving your application.

**N.B** Emails requests received while office is closed will be answered as soon as office reopens after leave, but if you require a hard copy in meantime, please see Fr Ansel after Mass. Completed forms can be emailed to office or posted through office letterbox.



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 13th September—Catholic Education Service**

We negotiate with the UK and Welsh Governments and other national bodies in order to safeguard and promote Catholic education. We also offer a Catholic contribution to English and Welsh educational debates, seeking to ensure the principles of Catholic teaching are reflected in all aspects of national education policy.

### **Sunday 20th September—Home Missions**



**The Red Box is 90!!** The income from the Red Box is shared 60/40 between Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Missio's share supports faith communities and the sharing of the Gospel message in dioceses where the Church is still young or poor overseas.

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**Parish Priest: Fr Ansel D'Mello**  
Tel: 01489 572797

**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](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)

**Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact:** [safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk)  
Anita Fitzpatrick: 07743 481363 or Fran Slater: 07899 691094

**Hall Bookings:**  
Email: [hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Maintenance:**  
Email: [facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk)

**Repository (Greeting Cards, Books, Gifts and more)**  
Enquires: [office@stmargaretmary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretmary.co.uk) (please see [www.cbcdistributors.co.uk](http://www.cbcdistributors.co.uk) for items you can order)

**Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator:** Ruth Attfield 023 9421 6486  
Email: [rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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