



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 13th

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 4)

8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Thanksgiving
6.30pm John O'Neill RIP

Fr Jeremy Garrett will celebrate our 8.30am and 10.30am Mass and Fr John Adikwu will celebrate our 6.30pm Mass. Our grateful thanks to them both for coming to St Margaret Mary today.

Monday 14th

No Mass
No Adoration

Tuesday 15th
Thursday 17th
Friday 18th

No Mass
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9.00am Anneliese Pfaelzer RIP
Start of Term Mass at ST. Anthony's School led by Year 6
Parishioners are welcome to attend, please park in Primate road and report to school office on arrival.

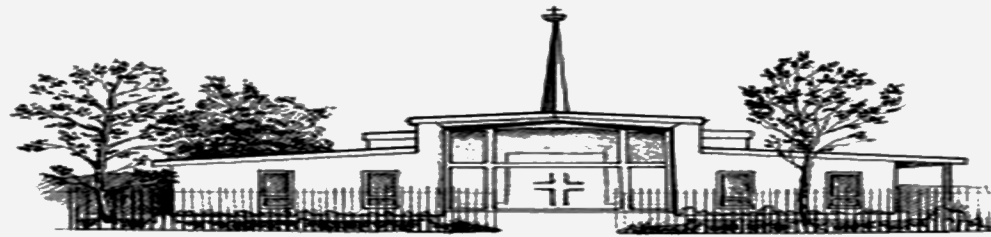
Sunday 20th

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 1)

8.30am Neide Nobre RIP
10.30am People of the Parish
6.30pm Thanksgiving

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

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Fr Ansel's is now away until Friday 18th Sept. Mass on Friday 18th will be at St. Anthony's School. For any urgent sick calls during this time, please contact Cn John Cooke at Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869. .

The prayer garden will be open during office hours, Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9am-3pm.
The Church will be open during this coming week on Friday, Monday and Tuesday when the office is open.

Short Reflection on this weeks Gospel—Matt 18 v 21-35

In Matthew chapter 18, Jesus is teaching his disciples about forgiveness. The scene is set on a grassy hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee. The disciples are gathered around Jesus, listening intently as he imparts his wisdom to them. The sun is beginning to set, casting a warm golden glow over the group.

Among the disciples present are Peter, James, John, and Andrew. They have been following Jesus for some time now, witnessing his miracles and teachings firsthand. As Jesus speaks about forgiveness, Peter, always eager to understand more deeply, asks him how many times he should forgive someone who sins against him. Jesus responds with the parable of the unforgiving servant, illustrating the importance of showing mercy and forgiveness to others.

This verse speaks powerfully about the importance of forgiveness in our lives. When we receive God's mercy and forgiveness, it should move us to extend that same grace and forgiveness to others around us. It's a reminder that forgiveness is not just a nice gesture but an essential aspect of our spiritual growth and wellbeing. We release the burden of resentment and anger that can weigh heavily on our hearts and minds by forgiving others, allowing us to experience peace and freedom.

Have you ever felt the weight of holding onto a grudge or harbouring resentment towards someone? It can consume our thoughts and emotions, leaving little room for joy and happiness. But when we choose to forgive, we break free from that cycle of negativity and open ourselves up to healing and restoration. Just as God's mercy knows no bounds, our forgiveness should also be generous and unconditional. It's a powerful way to demonstrate love and grace in a world that often seems filled with judgment and division.

So, let us reflect on the vastness of God's mercy and how it inspires us to show compassion and forgiveness towards others. Forgiveness is not a sign of weakness but of strength and courage. Practicing forgiveness brings healing to our own hearts and creates a ripple effect of love and reconciliation in our relationships and communities. We should seek to embody God's mercy in every aspect of our lives, starting with the act of forgiveness.

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

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 will be Sunday 27th Sept at 7.45pm

You are all most welcome. For more information, please contact David Walford: walford101@hotmail.com



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

Vinnie's Café –Saturday 26th September 2-4pm in St Margaret Mary Parish Hall

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**. Please bring some cash with you, raffle prizes to be won. Please also bring your own drinks and nibbles.

The tickets will be on sale after Mass or contact 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

PUTTING ON THE GLITZ—LADIES NIGHT— 13TH NOVEMBER FROM 7.30PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

A fun evening of **pre-Christmas sparkle** and an opportunity to purchase new/nearly new party wear and accessories for the festive season at below January sale prices. Light supper provided, BYOB. Tickets on sale soon at £10. Donations of VGC party wear required—(limit 3 garments per person) and/or accessories (5 per person) or maybe a Christmas jumper. Please bring to the Hall after Masses on Sunday 25th Oct or 8th Nov or contact maggie@raymontc.plus.com More details to follow—all proceeds to Parish funds.

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.

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

Grandparent's Prayer Group—Next Meeting TBC.

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 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

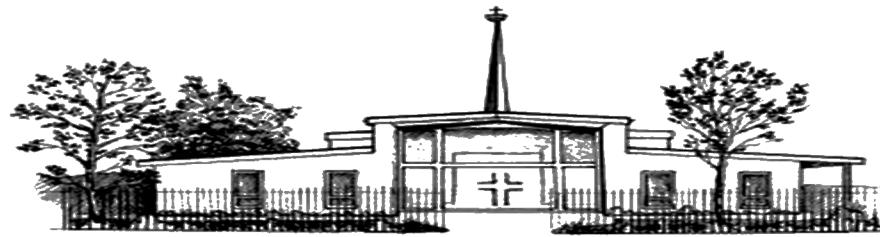
The closing date for applications is Sunday 26th September 2025.

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.

Solent Pastoral Area — Sacrament of Confirmation 2026/2027 (For young people in Years 8 or above) Applications for the sacrament of confirmation are now open for next years programme. If you would like to apply please could you email the office. Upon receiving your application we will register you for the open evening which will be held at Immaculate Conception Stubbington on Friday 25th September at 7pm. Please complete and submit your application form by 21st Sept.



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.

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

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 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

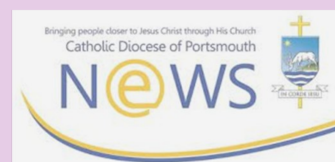
Repository (Greeting Cards, Books, Gifts and more)
Enquires: office@stmargaretmary.co.uk (please see www.cbcdistributors.co.uk for items you can order)

Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator: Ruth Attfield 023 9421 6486
Email: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St Anthony's Catholic Primary and Pre-School Headteacher:
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