



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Matthew 20, 1-16

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

Monday 21st

9.30am Knights of St Columba
7pm Adoration

Tuesday 22nd

9.30am Pat Morrish Intention

Thursday 24th

7pm **No Mass**

Friday 25th

9.30am Jesus Youth UK Intention

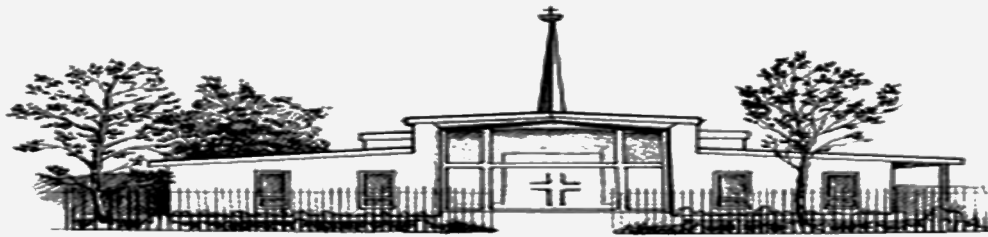
Sunday 27th

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 2)

8.30am Paddy Morgan and deceased members of Morgan family,
O'Boyle family and Anderson family
10.30am Carmel Fittal 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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Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday. For any urgent sick calls on this day, 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 20 v 1-16

So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the labourers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius.

Call the labourers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first: These are day labourers, so they are paid at the end of each day. When it came time to pay the workers, the men hired last were paid first – and paid for a full day of work! The men who were hired at the eleventh hour – who worked only about one hour – were obviously elated about being paid first, and being paid for a full day.

They supposed that they would receive more: The men who worked for the landowner all day saw the men who worked for only an hour come away from the pay table, and they supposed, "If the landowner is paying these guys a full day's pay for one hour's work, then we will get far more."

They complained against the landowner: After being paid, the men hired first took up their complaint with the landowner. They were offended that the landowner gave the men who worked less equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.

So the last will be first, and the first last: Peter and the disciples knew they had given up a great deal to follow Jesus. Peter wanted to know what they would get in return. Through this parable Jesus assured Peter and the disciples that they will be rewarded – but the principle of many who are first will be last and the last first (Matthew 19:30) meant that God may not reward as man expects – even as the parable illustrated.

Last will be first, and the first last: This is the essence of God's grace, when He rewards and blesses man according to His will and pleasure, not necessarily according to what men deserve.

It is important to see that the landowner did not treat anyone unfairly, though he was more generous to some than to others. We can be assured that God will never, ever be unfair to us, though He may – for His own purpose and pleasure – bestow greater blessing on someone else who seems less deserving. The point isn't that all have the same reward – though all God's people do go to the same heaven (where they will have reward in different measure). The point is that God rewards on the principle of grace, and we should therefore expect surprises. He will never be less than fair, but reserves the right to be more than fair as pleases Him. God's grace always operates righteously.

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



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

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—Tuesday 3rd November after 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 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

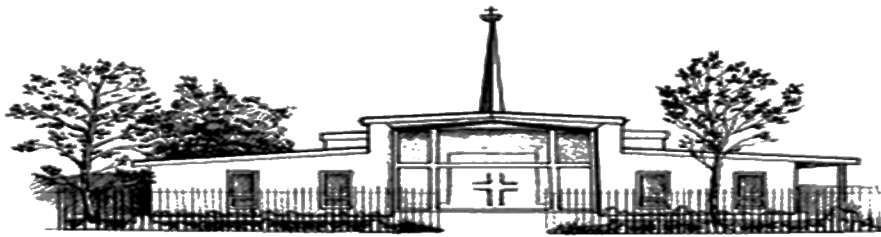
The closing date for applications is Sunday 26th September 2025.

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 20th September—Home Missions

On Home Mission Sunday, the bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. When we speak of 'Home Mission' we are not neglecting our sisters and brothers around the world (World Mission Sunday gives due attention to this important work), but we recognise that we are called to witness to Christ in our homes, at work, in our friendships and in every aspect of our daily life. Please visit the website at www.cbcew.org.uk

CAFOD Family Fast day is coming up on Friday 2nd October.

CAFOD second collection will be on Sunday 4th October.

Envelopes will be available in the foyer of the Church the week before for donations. On Sunday 27th Sept, Frankie Lane, (parish representative) will give a short talk about the work of CAFOD at all three Mass times.

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:

Katrina Straker, Primate Road, Titchfield Common, PO14 4RP 01489 579100

Email: office@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk www.saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk

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