



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Philippians 2:1-11

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

Monday 28th

9.30am Private Intention

Tuesday 29th

9.30am Private Intention

Wednesday 30th

9.30am John O'Neill RIP

Thursday 1st Oct

7pm **No Mass**

Friday 2nd Oct

9.30am **No Mass**

There will be a Mass with First Friday Devotions at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington @ 9.30am

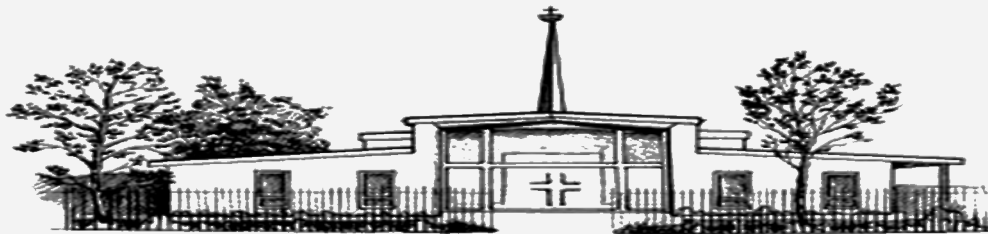
Sunday 4th

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 3)

8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Joan Kennedy RIP
6.30pm Clare & George Grima RIP

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

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Fr Ansel will be away from 1st-9th October with the Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima.
Our grateful thanks to Cn Paul Townsend who will be coming on Sunday 4th Oct to celebrate Mass.
For urgent sick calls during this time, 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 also be open during office hours only while Fr Ansel is away.

Short Reflection on this weeks Gospel — Phil 2 v 1-11

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

Therefore: This draws back to what Paul has built on in Philippians 1:27-30, telling the Philippians how to stand strong for the Lord against external conflicts. Now he tells them how to act against internal conflicts in the body of Christ.

If there is any: This introduces the basis for Paul's exhortation to unity, humility and love among believers. The idea is that if the Philippian Christians have received the things he mentions, then they have a responsibility to do what he is about to describe.

Fulfil my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition: This is the first step to this kind of unity. In the flesh, we are often motivated by selfish ambition or conceit. Much of what we do is not done out of love for others, but out of our own desire for "advancement" or "promotion" (selfish ambition).

Let nothing be done through... conceit: This is the second step to this kind of unity. Conceit is thinking too highly of one's self, of having an excessive self-interest and self-preoccupation.

In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself: This third step to the kind of unity described in Philippians 2:2 is completely contradictory to the attitude of the world, because lowliness of mind is about the least attractive thing to the thinking of this world.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Paul will, in wonderful detail, describe for us the mind of Jesus in the following verses. But here, before he describes the mind of Jesus, he tells us what we must do with the information.

Let this mind be in you: It is all too easy for us to read the following description of Jesus and admire it from a distance. God wants us to be awed by it, but also to see it as something that we must enter into and imitate. Let this mind means that it is something that we have choice about.

Remember also that this mind is something granted to us by God. 1 Corinthians 2:16 says that we have the mind of Christ. But let this mind shows us that it is also something we must choose to walk in. You have to let it be so.

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.

Newsletter — from next week, the newsletter will look slightly different, but still have all the same information and news. This is because, Microsoft are retiring Publisher, the current software we use to produce the newsletter.

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

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.

Here are a couple of items from St Anthony's School website.

St Anthony's has wonderful grounds and we are making good use of these with a Forest School & Farm School.

All of our children, from our pre-school up to Year 6, love visiting the farm school and tending to the animals' different needs. Our animals are well cared for and adore the attention from the children. As well as giving children practical skills and an important sense of responsibility, it also imbues our pupils with a real sense of wonder and enthusiasm about nature and the outside world. We hope that this stays with them long after they have left us.

Our Forest School is both an outdoor classroom and an exciting place for creative play - the children love toasting marshmallows round the campfire, building dens and exploring the wooded area with fairy doors hidden amongst the tree roots. Our children love our two treehouses and the zip wire so whether they are outside just to play or to learn some of the skills for their 'Wild Passport', our forest school is intrinsic to the wellbeing and happiness of our pupils. Both of these resources are part of our commitment to teaching children about sustainability. For more information, please read our Climate Action Plan.

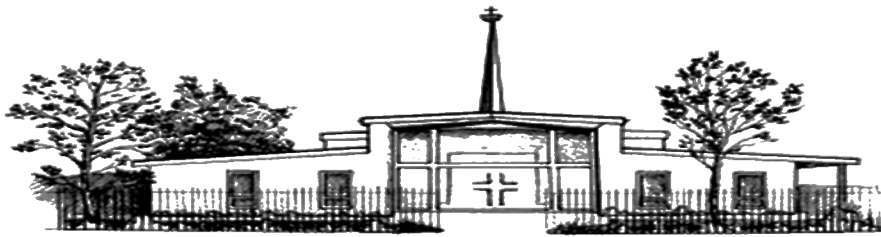
Our School Dog and Guinea Pigs

Bingley, our school dog, is an important part of wellbeing at our school.

He is a Tibetan Terrier and is non-moulting so is a good breed for children with allergies.

He is very good natured and loves the children. Bingley enjoys being walked at lunchtimes and is very good at helping to cheer children up if they've been upset.

Berry lives in the Year R classroom during the week. She is a long-haired guinea pig. She has grown up at St Anthony's so is well used to being handled by children. At St Anthony's, an important part of our curriculum is the stewardship of God's Creation. We want our children to learn about and benefit from looking after and caring for animals.



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.

A second collection will be taken on Sunday 27th September for the Catholic Education Service. This collection is taking place, as it did not take place on the 13th Sept as was scheduled. To read about their work, please open the link to their website.

<https://www.catholiceducation.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.

By giving we help communities support children in Zimbabwe like Tayla to stay in school with better access to water, school meals and gardens, where they can grow food.

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

Email: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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