



The Catholic Church in Park Gate

St Margaret Mary

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THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST MATTHEW 22:1-14

Sunday 11th Oct

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

8.30am

Rose & Francis Hanley RIP

10.30am

People of the Parish

6.30pm

Graham Nixon RIP

Monday 12th

9.30am

Private Intention

7pm

Adoration

Tuesday 13th

9.30am

Holy Souls

Thursday 15th

7pm

Michael Foley RIP

Friday 16th

9am

Private Intention

(earlier time)

St Margaret Mary Feast Day Mass

(Year 6 from ST. Anthony's will be joining us today)

There will be refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass.

Sunday 18th

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

8.30am

Edward & Margaret Hanly RIP

10.30am

No Intentions

6.30pm

People of the Parish

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

2026

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (reg. Charity No: 1199568)

"Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church"

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 is open during office hours and on Sunday morning.

Short Reflection on this week's Gospel – Matt 22 v 1-14

The first invitation is refused.

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come."

Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables: Jesus continued to explain to the religious leaders and to the listening crowds the danger of rejecting Him.

The second invitation is refused and the king reacts.

Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared": The king persisted in making the invitation as attractive as possible. He really wanted those invited to come.

All things are ready is the message of the gospel. You don't come to God's feast and prepare your own meal. He has made it ready for you; you come to receive.

The third invitation.

"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests."

As many as you find, invite to the wedding: The king was determined that he would not have an empty banquet hall, so an invitation was given to all who would hear.

Those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both good and bad: When the first and second invitations were so dramatically rejected, the third invitation was made more broadly. All were invited, whether good or bad.

In this sense, we can say this is a parable about grace. Those who were invited – and who came – were utterly undeserving of the invitation, much less the wedding feast itself.

The parable also reminds us that although salvation comes from the Jews, God's will is to save all people, this is why He commissions disciples to go out to all the nations and baptise them.

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 'massint.' Thank you.

Standing Orders and Gift Aid.

Thank you for all you do to support your parish in many different ways.

If you have not 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.

DONA machine – Contactless giving available in foyer of Church.

Do you need our bank details?

CDP PARK GATE ST MARG MARY

Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 00883663



Also, scan this QR code to donate online.

Park Gate Noticeboard.

Also see our website at www.stmargaretmary.co.uk

Please submit any notices by Tuesday lunchtime.

Padre Pio Prayer Group – The next meeting will be Sunday 25th October 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-6pm. At present, SVP are using a temporary number, 07806 784201.

Donations cheques to be made out to: B170413 SVP ST Margaret Mary Park Gate

The SVP would like to extend its sincere thanks to everyone who supported and participated in our quiz night. Thanks to your generosity, we are delighted to have raised a record **£1,110.50** through ticket sales, our raffle and the many kind donations received. before, during and since the quiz. This support is greatly appreciated and will help the SVP continue its work helping those in need within the local community, through our Christmas Hampers. For further donations, there is now an option on the DONA machine in Church foyer.

Vinnie's Café – Saturday 31st October 2-4pm in the ST. Margaret Mary Parish Hall.
Come for a friendly chat and a cup of tea. All welcome. Free, but donations welcome.

Friday Coffee morning – Join us in the Paray room after morning Mass. No coffee morning 2nd or 9th Oct.

Dates for your diary:

October 18th – PATRONAL FEAST & 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

After 10.30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Bring & Share (finger foods only, 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 partywear and accessories for the festive season at below January sale prices. Light supper provided, BYOB. Tickets on sales soon at £10. Donations of VGC partywear required – (limit 3 garments per person) and/or accessories (5 per person) or maybe a Christmas jumper. Please bring donations to the hall after Masses on Sunday 25th October or 8th Nov or contact maggie@raymontc.plus.com. More details to follow – all proceeds to Parish funds. **Tickets on sale after all Masses from 11th October.**

Shop (Repository) – Please call in and see the range of Christian gifts and cards available.

Grandparent's Prayer Group – Next meeting Tuesday 3rd Nov after morning Mass.

This group meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. An opportunity for grandparents to pray for their children and grandchildren's faith, safety, and wellbeing.

Knights of St Columba – Next meeting Sunday 11th October @ 4pm. All welcome.

The Knights of St Columba have organised a day visit to the Church of English Martyrs near Goring on Sea (Worthing) This is a good opportunity to enjoy the spectacular work of a very talented parishioner who reproduced the paintings of the Sistine Chapel on the ceiling of his local church at Worthing.

Date: 22nd October 2026 Church: English Martyrs, Worthing

Meet at St MM at 9:30 Visit booked at 11:00

Transport: Car Share If you are able to offer anyone a lift, please let me know.

The visit will be followed by lunch at the local Toby Carvery.

Contact: Milton – Mob: 07788916372

Closing date: 19 October 2026

Housekeeping – Bags of Clothes, books, etc.

We currently do not accept donations of clothes, books, etc. Any items left outside the parish office will unfortunately be disposed of as, left overnight or the weekend items can be damaged by weather or animals. There are charity bins available in the public car park next to the Church. Please do not leave bags outside the office or Church buildings.

New to our Website.

Under the Resources tab you will now find an additional page which has lots of links to different teaching and prayer resources. Please have a look.

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 into hospital, please contact the relevant Chaplaincy service:

Southampton General 02381 208517
QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

Second Collections

Sunday 18th October – Missio World Missions Sunday.

We are delighted to be celebrating 100 years of World Mission Sunday this year!

Our shared mission to bring help and hope to our sisters and brothers in desperate need around the world is as vital as ever. Through World Mission Sunday, you can support missionaries like Fr Matthew in Malawi as they reach out with practical and spiritual help to families and communities facing huge challenges in one of the poorest countries in Africa.

Contact Details: ST Margaret Mary, Middle Road, Park Gate, Hampshire, 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 the Office and 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 and Fran Slater 07899 691094)

Hall Bookings

Email: hall@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Maintenance

Email: facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Repository (Greetings cards, Books, gifts and more)

Open on Sundays after Mass. (please see www.cbcdistributors for items you can order)

Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator – Ruth Attfield

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

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