

NEW TO THE PARISH? You're most welcome...
Please take/return a registration form from the Foyer.

'LITTLE LOTTO CLUB' FUNDRAISER 
Launch of our 2017-2018 Lotto begins this week. Join in May to take part in the *Joiners' Jackpot Bonus* of £100. Details on application form. Any queries, contact Cathie on 01489 576818

LADIES' NIGHT SOCIAL - Fri 9th June 7.30pm
Back by popular demand! A two course supper & welcome drink, (b.y.o.b.) with a sale of pre-loved clothing, accessories & the usual fun. Also, a chance to win £40 beauty / hair treatment courtesy of 'Capelli, Park Gate'
Ladies Night
Tickets £10 available after Mass or contact Maggie maggie@raymontc.plus.com. Please bring donations of good condition clothing (on hangers please) & shoes etc. on Sun 28th May / 4th June clearly marked '9th June' & leave in Paray Room / or contact Maggie. Please note any left over items will be donated to charity. **Last few tickets - nearly sold out!**

CRAFT GROUP 2 - 4 pm in the Paray Room
Next meeting Thurs 18th May (then 1st June). All welcome.

CHILDRENS LITURGY 10.15am Mass
We have introduced a new system of registering the children who would like to go to our Liturgy group on a Sunday during the 10.15am Mass 

Parents/guardians - when you come into the Church, please sign the book in the Foyer & take a laminated numbered card from the box.

Children - please bring the laminated card when you go out to join the Catechists for the session. This means that we will have the correct parental consent for your child to take part and attend the Liturgy session for that day.

Many thanks for your assistance. *Please note* - any child who does not have the card, can not stay.

ROSARY - Mondays & Wednesdays at 10.30am
We will pray in the Lady Chapel before Mass. 
Or on Thursdays at 11am you are invited to Sue & John Forer's home, 35 Heath Road North, Locks Heath SO31 7PN. All very welcome.

Other local contacts: Solent Pastoral Area:

Co-Ordinating Pastor: Fr John Cooke: 01489 572797	Parish Deacon: Dcn Langford Vincent: 01329 285617	
Parish Priests: Fr P. J. Smith 01329 318869 Fr Serafino Lanzetta: 02392 580119 Fr John Chandler 01329 663435	Parish Staff: Clare Ryan (PG): 01489 572797 Jacob Campbell (G): 02392 580119 Rebecca Chandler (L&S): 01329 664260 Martin Ryan (F&P): 01329 318869	

Our Neighbouring Church Communities
St Mary's, Gosport; Sacred Heart, Fareham; St John the Evangelist, Lee-on-the-Solent; St Margaret Mary, Park Gate; St Columba, Bridgemary; Immaculate Conception, Stubbington; St Philip Howard, Fareham; St Mary's Anglican Church, Portchester; The Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham.

'YOUR VOICE MATTERS' Mega Youth Poll
In 2018, Pope Francis is hosting a gathering to talk about Youth, Faith & Vocations and how we can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. 
If you are aged between 13-29 years old please help us by filling in a survey/Youth Poll, using the QR code or www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll

FUNDRAISING - CAKE SALE next weekend
Helena will be back next weekend, Sun 28th May, with a cake sale raising funds for our Church.

PARISH ECOLOGY GROUP (PEG) 
Fri 26 May at 7.30pm
You are invited to the next meeting of the PEG at Sacred Heart Parish hall, Fareham PO16 0NL. We'll be looking at CAFOD's new 'Power to be' campaign which calls for local renewable energy access for the world's poorest people with Lynda Mussell from CAFOD Portsmouth. All welcome.

SAFEGUARDING: Thurs 19th Oct 6.30-9pm
'Creating a Safe Environment'
Please save the date in your diary!
We are hosting a Compulsory Diocesan Safeguarding session for all those involved with Children/Vulnerable Adults while active in Parish ministry. It is essential to attend one of the Diocesan training sessions this year.

FAREHAM FOOD BANK
Thank you so much for your support.
Donations welcome of: tinned fish or meat, tinned rice pudding, tinned veg. & soup, fruit squash, dried pasta, biscuits, custard, cereals, jelly, soap, tinned meats, sugar, coffee, tea, tinned fruit, pasta sauce, jam, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorants (male & female), shaving foam, razors, toilet rolls, nappies (all sizes) & wipes. Please leave donations in the Foyer.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 **Thursdays 6 - 8pm in the Lady Chapel**
Silent vigil of adoration, an oasis of peace and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

BETHANY PRAYER GROUP Weds 10.30am
Meeting in the Paray Room for prayer & fellowship



ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH

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Web Site: www.stmm.org.uk **Reg. Charity No.** 246871
Priest: Rev. John Cooke.



Sixth Sunday of Easter Year of Matthew (A) Sun 21st May 2017

REFLECTION 'The Way to loving God'
"Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him/her." *Jn 14:21* We love God not just by expressing our love directly for him but by the way in which we extend Love to all those around us without any exceptions whatever.

We show this love for Jesus when we love Him in our brothers & sisters. We love him when we become not just a follower of Jesus, but a disciple – a joyful, willing disciple who can't help but share our experience of knowing Jesus Christ with others.

And the way to share this message is indicated by the 2nd reading today. "Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have." *1 Peter 3:15* Given that we have an inner conviction of the truth of Christ and His message, we must be always ready and able to give people an adequate explanation of our faith. It is not just something we hold because we were told to do so or because we read about it in a book. It may have begun there but now it is something based on an inner conviction arising from personal experience. As St Paul says, "I know in whom I believe." And that inner conviction must flow out into our behaviour – our words, our actions, the way we relate with other people whoever they may be.

Peter tells us to share our faith "with courtesy & respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring." It is a paradox that, like Jesus himself, our very goodness may be the reason we are attacked. But we need also to be sure that we have not given genuine cause for criticism, that we do not proclaim one thing and do something else. We know that happens too often with all of us.

And Peter adds, "If it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong." Indeed the 8th Beatitude describes as happy and fortunate those who are privileged to be maligned and persecuted for their faithfulness to truth, love & justice. And, if we think that strange, let us not forget that "Christ himself, innocent though he was, died for the guilty (and that means all of us) to lead us to God".

Being Christian is not easy, it is not comfortable - it is a challenge to persistently love, even when it hurts!

THE WEEK AHEAD *Diary - at a glance ...*

Sun 21st	10.15am	Rite of welcome
	4pm	Meeting with a wedding couple
Mon	10.30am	Rosary in the Lady Chapel
	7pm	RCIA - Paray Room
Tues	7.30pm	Choir Practice - Church
	7.30pm	S.V.P. Meeting - Paray Room
Weds	10.30am	Bethany Group & Rosary
Thurs	6pm	Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament
	7pm	Confirmation Session - Hall
	7.30pm	S.V.P. Meeting in the Hall
Fri	5pm	Beatitudes
Sat	2pm	Vinnies Cafe - Paray Room
Sun 28th	8pm	Padre Pio Prayer Group

 **CHRISTIAN AID** If you didn't get an envelope or yours wasn't collected. Please give to Marguerite after Mass on 21st.

'CALLED & GIFTED PRAYER'
As we start to prepare to hold 'Called & Gifted' in our parish (details/dates overleaf), let us join in prayer as a community for the spiritual fruit it will bring for all:-

Loving Father,
Pour out your Spirit on us
and on our Called & Gifted process.
Guide us to know how you are calling us personally
to be channels of your love
and provision to others.
Create in us hearts that are open
and expectant to receive all
that you want to give us.
Grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your word,
a new willingness to respond to your call,
and a new consecration to your service,
that those we meet may encounter
our risen Lord, Jesus, in whose name
we humbly make this prayer. Amen.



'GOSPEL WEBINAR' WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm
Unlock 'next Sunday's Gospel' every Wednesday evening with **Sr Hyacinthe**. To register & participate, see www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar

Pastoral Assistant Mrs. Clare Ryan c/o Church Office
tel. 572797 or e-mail: parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Church Office Mon - Fri 9am - 12noon (subject to meetings)
Safeguarding Co-ordinator Mrs. Christine Millward
Concerns & Advice Tel. 023 9281 6396 (Diocesan Office)
St Anthony's Primary & Pre-School Office Tel. 579100

NEW PORTSMOUTH R.C. DIOCESAN APP

is available to download for free on Apple & Android. Maps, info on Churches, calendar of events and many other features relating to Catholic life including a Holy Half Hour, with Bishop Philip presiding and Gregorian Chant from the Benedictine Sisters. More will follow!

'PRAISE & WORSHIP' MASS SUN 6.30PM Sun. 23rd July 2017

Reconciliation 5.30pm in the Lady Chapel

'Praise & Worship' c. 6pm to prepare with time in prayer & praise before our 6.30pm Sunday Mass.

Hospitality after Mass c. 7.30pm in the Hall A 'bring & share' style supper & time of fellowship. All welcome



S.V.P. GROUP YOUTH GROUP

'B-attitudes Group' for 14-18 yrs old.

'Putting faith & concern into action'

A time of faith, fun & friendship as we set ourselves challenge/undertake activities to help our community. Practical' faith - with friends. We meet fortnightly.

Next meeting: Fri 26th May 5pm in the Hall

Contact: stmpmp.b.attitudes@gmail.com for more info.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fri 18th – Fri 25th Aug '17

Why not consider joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bp Philip in August? A place of blessing, healing and strength; spiritual, emotional & physical.

Travel: Flying from Southampton! The blue brochures are available in the Foyer with further information.

No one is too sick or frail. All are welcome! We can take Pilgrims who need full time care to Lourdes, as well as those who need a little help getting around and about. Age & ability is not a barrier to travel!

Helpers & Medical staff are always welcome!

Perhaps you could consider joining the Team, caring for our Assisted Pilgrims.

Helper applications must be in by **1st June**. All other pilgrims booking forms by 31st July.

New for those Aged 14-17yrs.

Fr PJ is taking a youth group for the first time, to travel alongside the main pilgrimage, for a spiritual & active programme! Cost is £625 for the week. Please contact the office for info!

S.V.P. GROUP 'St Vincent de Paul'

Turning concern into action



SVP Meeting: Tues 23rd May 7.30pm

If you'd like to get in contact with the group, please call 07487 659 277 or email Parkgatesvp@gmail.com

Vinnies Café drop-in' Sat 27th May 2-4pm

All very welcome for a cup of tea, a chat and some friendly company. Meeting in the Paray Room.

Appeal: for a **Mobility Scooter** if anyone has one...

BAPTISM 'Welcome to God's Family!'



Our next preparation sessions Sept / Oct

You are most welcome to the sessions when you're expecting! A big thank you to the Team who have been welcoming & helping our families prepare this past year.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Thurs 25th May 7 - 8.45pm in the Hall

Session 7: 'Jesus Christ, Saviour'



ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH

Mondays 7pm in the Paray Rm

Mon 22nd May. All are welcome!

Our group is for anyone who would like to know more about their faith & explore it in more detail, or for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or for those who may not have been Confirmed as yet. You are free to come & free to go. There is no such thing as a silly question! Please see Fr. John for info.

DON BOSCO BOYS' CAMP Sun 23 - Sat 29 July

A camp for boys of secondary school age at Kintbury. Sport, outings, competitions, fun & games will take place during the week. within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and Morning Prayer. Cost is £200.

Fr Mark Hogan is the Chaplain for the group
dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



SUMMER CAMP 2017 'FANNING THE FLAME'

From 3pm Mon 21st Aug to 3.15pm Fri 25th Aug

For those aged 10-25 years. £100 per person. (NB Teaching will be streamed in ages). Participants can grown in their faith through liturgy, prayer, workshops, crafts etc.

For a booking form, contact Parish Office or if you have any queries please call the Dominican Sisters on 01590 681874 or email: ftfcm1995@gmail.com
www.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/apostolate/fanning-flame



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS Fri 2nd June

At the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham 9 - 11am. Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation & Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS Sat 3rd June

St Mary's Catholic Church, Gosport 9.30am to 12noon. Latin Mass followed by meditations Adoration & Rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

THE MARIAN GROUP meets at 12noon on Sat 3rd in St Mary's Hall, Gosport. Shared meal & talk.

PRAYERS PLEASE

For Irene Hollywood, James Brown, Pat Juke, Siobhan Jefferies, Samantha Donohoe, Tim Healey, Marion Celand, Eileen Parsons, Joseph Dolan, Ellen Nottley, Maria & John Marvaio, Thomas McCartney, Dennis & Mamie Allen, Kol Thelis, Pat Elward, Sue & John Forer, Josie Cutcliffe, Netta Tracy, John Kinneavy, Irene Otter, June Paris, Susan Bolton, Michael Cutcliffe, Mark Jones, Cn. Tim Healy, Joyce Redding, Maureen Meek, Peter & Carole Aspin, Natalie Mahon and Jeanne Key. Thank you.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for **Kitty Fitzgerald RIP**, Suzanne Hogg's Mother, who died last week. May she rest in peace & rise in glory.



PARISH OFFICE & AVAILABILITY

We are about to start a particularly hectic period in Parish life with various commitments / meetings that are often off the St Margaret Mary site. If you find the Office is not open, please leave a message/note and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Alternatively, if you wish to speak to someone in person, then please call ahead to ensure someone is around to avoid any frustrations or disappointments. Many thanks for your understanding & co-operation. *The Kingdom is alive and active...!!*



PADRE PIO SUNDAY PRAYER GROUP

Sun 28th May 8pm in the Lady Chapel

All welcome. We will pray the Divine Marcy Chaplet as recommended by Pope Francis.

MASS FOR SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years, and you wish to attend the Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Sat 24th June 11am**. Please contact: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or tel Liz on 01256 465214. Copies of your wedding photos can be sent in too - contact the office for info



'CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2017' Southampton

Faith and fun for the whole family organized by a team from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

30th Sept / 1st Oct at St George Catholic College, Southampton. Sat 9am - 9pm, Sun 9am - 5.30pm.

Groups for all ages & Young Adults (up to 22)

For information www.celebrateconference.org or phone Peter & Lynda Szymanski tel. 023 8029 2058. Booking is essential (for families with young children).

AN EYE FOR DESIGN...?

Our grateful thanks go to Ronni Gaoua for all she have given. After several years of great designs & ideas, Ronni is stepping down from doing our Church displays that include preparations for the Crib, the Altar of Repose (Maundy Thurs), the Easter & Pentecost displays too. If you are creative / arty and would like to help with these important seasonal jobs, please let Fr John know. These displays enhance the worshipping environment for us all.

CHEQUE PAYEE NAME UPDATE

'PRCDTR Park Gate St Margaret Mary' please!

COLLECTION *Thank you for your generosity*

Sun 14th May Loose Plate £345.15 Envelopes £311.00
Bankers Orders c.£850 Total £1,506.15

Next weekend; Collection for the World Communication Sunday

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE - 'CALLED & GIFTED'

Called & Gifted is a process from the *Catherine of Siena Institute, Colorado Springs*, that helps you understand your own calling and identify the specific charisms that the Lord has given you to share with others.



'A charism is more than a talent or personality quality. It is a grace, a gift that God gives through the Holy Spirit. Not because someone is better than others, but rather so that he puts it at the service of others with the same gratitude and love with which he has received it'.

Pope Francis

Three stages of the process

1. Weekend of retreat & teaching

Sat 23rd & Sun 24th Sept. Please save the dates!

We will look at the unique role of the laity, what personal vocation means, explain each of the charisms and offer you a time to pray and reflect.

2. One to one spiritual conversation

We will help you to look at patterns in your life that might indicate the presence of a charism. Where might God be at work in your life for the sake of others?

3. Small groups

Meetings of about 5 people, where you support and encourage each other in experimenting with a particular charism over a few months. This is the substance of the process.

St. M.M. 'Tasty Taster' Evening! Fri. 7th July 7pm

Ahead of our main weekend in September, we are hosting a B.B.Q. 'Called & Gifted' Taster Evening to give you a feel and zeal for the process to come.

'God is calling you to a work of love that will fill your life with a purpose and joy, and discerning your charisms can help you discover that call.' All are welcome!

Come & see. Find out what others are saying:-
[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/called and gifted](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/called-and-gifted)

Mass Times, Services & Intentions

Sixth Sunday of Easter 21st May 2017		Easter Proper Prayer of the Church - Wk 2	
Dawn Mass	8am	For the People of the Parish	
Day Mass	10.15am	Ces Smith RIP (Hartle)	
Evening Mass	6.30pm	Private Intention (Purves)	
Mon	Eastertide 12.15pm	In Thanksgiving	
Tue	Eastertide -	Sorry, no service	
Wed	Eastertide 12.15pm	Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist	
Thurs	St Bede -	Sorry, no service	
Fri	St Philip N 12.15pm	Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist	
Sat	-	No confessions	

Ascension of the Lord 28th May 2017		Easter Proper Prayer of the Church - Wk 3	
Dawn Mass	8am	Colin Mudie RIP	
Day Mass	10.15am	Ints. of Fr James Ryan	
Evening Mass	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish	

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sorry, no confessions