

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

**TRAVELLERS**

Please keep the community of travellers, who have been with our community these past two years, in your prayers. Most of them have 'shifted' this week, as 'Tynefield' has been sold to developers. There are not many official sites left now for travellers & their way of life is increasingly difficult. May they find a new home & a worshipping community to welcome them. Their presence, prayer and devotion (especially to Our Lady) has been a blessing for our parish community.



**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA Council 620**

**Tues 18th July 7.45pm** Council meeting following the Service in the Lady Chapel.

**PARISH 'SEPTEMBER SOIREE' Sat 16th Sept**

A late summer evening of music & entertainment. The marquee and grounds generously provided by the Woodhouse family (in Burseldon). Tickets available now for £10. There will be a bar and bbq or you can bring your own bottle & a picnic. Entrance will be by ticket only (not on sale on the night, so get one now!)

**PARISH OFFICE**

Mr Chris Lane has kindly agreed to help out in the Office, (once again) on a part time & temporary basis, to assist with the transition of Parish Priest in Sept.

**NFP Online Course Natural fertility Awareness:**

Ever wondered about a natural way to understand the physiology of your body as you try to achieve/avoid pregnancy or, better manage the menopausal years? This NFP online course is available from Feb 2018 with 12 units to cover. The course has had UK & international students graduate successfully. 8 hours study per week required. Studies through videos, lectures/presentations, with your own personal tutor. For info [mandfl@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mandfl@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**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 Priests:**

Fr P. J. Smith 01329 318869

Fr Serafino Lanzetta: 02392 580119

Fr John Chandler 01329 663435

**Q.A. Hospital Chaplain**

Fr Joe McNerney: 02392 286 408

**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.

**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 in our Hall for all those involved with Children and Vulnerable Adults while active in Parish ministry. It is essential to attend one of the Diocesan training sessions this year. Please make every effort to attend.

**CRAFT GROUP 2 - 4 pm in the Paray Room**

Next meeting Thurs 27th July. All welcome.

**CHURCH 'FRUIT & VEG MARKET'**

There is a box in the foyer for you to put in any surplus garden produce you may have that you don't need, that could be sold to fellow parishioners to raise money for church funds. We invite parishioners to help themselves to any of the shared produce and then to please make a donation for the fruit/veg taken via the Sunday collection / poor box in the wall safe. *Thank you.*



**CAFOD Harvest Briefing**

**Sat 23rd Sept 2.15-4.5pm**

Join us at St Stephen's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery Road, Winchester SO22 4JB to hear more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)



**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



**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**

**Parish Deacon:**

Dcn Langford Vincent: 01329 285617

**Parish Staff:**

Clare Ryan (PG): 01489 572797

Jacob Campbell (G): 02392 580119

Rebecca Chandler (L&S): 01329 664260

Martin Ryan (F&P): 01329 318869



**ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH**

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Web Site: [www.stmm.org.uk](http://www.stmm.org.uk) Reg. Charity No. 246871

Priest: Rev. John Cooke.

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year of Matthew (A)**

**Sun 16th July 2017**

**REFLECTION**

Everyone loves to hear a good story. Jesus knew this which is why he often used parables. Today we hear the famous *Parable of the Sower*, looking at how the Word of God is scattered freely, and how it is received and *that* is the key to our understanding of Truth. We need to be open to the Truth.

What should we do, however, when we hear stories that are untrue and could damage someone's reputation? Telling any negative story about a person who isn't there to defend himself or herself involves gossiping. Since gossip can seem well-intentioned to us at times – such as when we're asking others to pray for someone in need – we don't often see how it's a big deal. But gossip is a sin that God takes seriously. So the next time you hear gossip about someone, don't participate. You don't have to listen either and in fact, you shouldn't. Instead, you can stop gossip in its tracks. How?

1. Change the subject. Distract people from gossiping by bringing up another subject in the conversation.
2. Say something positive about the person who's the target of gossip. Each of us are made in God's image so there are always positive qualities so remind people who are gossiping that the person they're talking about has said or done something good by mentioning something specific that's positive.
3. Confront gossip politely yet firmly. Don't hesitate to directly call the gossip what it is, but do so with grace.
4. Point out missing information. Challenge gossiping people to tell you how they personally verified the information they're spreading about others. Help them see that just because they heard a story doesn't mean it's true – and even if it is, they can't possibly have an accurate perspective on the situation unless they experienced every detail of it personally.
5. Turn gossip into prayers. Whenever you hear gossip, pray for the people whom the gossip targets. Talk with God, but not other people!, about the negative stories you've heard, asking God to intervene to help each person involved, if in fact there's actually any truth to the stories.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to help people overcome the attacks to their reputations.

Whenever you successfully stop gossip, you prevent further damage to relationships and help usher God's peace into them. That's a powerful way to live out your faith! May your word be based on truth and may it bring peace. For 'Blessed are the peacemakers'.

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

Sun 16th	3pm	'Afternoon Tea' Social
	4.45pm	SVP Meeting
Mon	10.30am	Rosary in the Lady Chapel Handover prep
Tues		Lourdes prep
	6pm	Visit with a baptism family
	7.30pm	Choir Practice - Church
	7.45pm	KSC Service and Meeting
Weds	9.30am	Leavers Mass at St Anthony's
	10.30am	Bethany Group & Rosary
	4pm	Wedding rehearsal
Thurs	2pm	Nuptial Mass - Carla and Ed
	6pm	Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament
Fri	9.45am	Mass
	11.30am	Lourdes meeting at Fareham Prison Day prep (24th)
Sat	7am	HMP Winchester
	5pm	Confessions
Sun 23rd	3pm	'Little M' Admin

**RETREAT DAY FOR THE DEAF Weds 9th Aug.**

at St John's Cathedral and Discovery Centre from 10.45– 12.15pm Mass. This event will be fully sign-interpreted. The theme for the event is St Edith Stein. If you are interested then please contact Fr Robin Ellwood [careofthedeaf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:careofthedeaf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**'DAY FOR CATECHISTS'**

**Sat 14th October 10am-4pm at St John's Cathedral**

Our annual Diocesan event with a Mass of Thanksgiving for all Diocesan Catechists celebrated by Bp. Philip. The theme of the 2017 day is 'Holy Scripture' & the keynote speaker is Fr Richard Ounsworth, OP. Lunch is provided! Please book via the Diocesan website or contact the parish office.

**CLERGY MOVES**

Just a reminder, that 16/17th September will be Fr. John's last weekend with the community of St Margaret Mary's, before Fr. Peter Hart joins us as our new Parish Priest. Please continue to pray for them both at this time of transition. *Come Holy Spirit!*

**Pastoral Assistant** Mrs. Clare Ryan c/o Church Office tel. 572797 or e-mail: [parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
**Church Office** Mon - Fri 9am - 12noon (subject to meetings)

**Safeguarding Co-ordinators** Christine Millward, Anna Benning and Christine Jones. Contact via Parish Office. Any concerns/advice, tel. 023 9281 6396 (Diocesan Office)

**St Anthony's Primary & Pre-School Office**  
Head teacher Mrs Roxy Ashworth Tel. 579100

## 'PRAISE & WORSHIP' MASS SUN 6.30PM

Next Mass will be on Sun. 30th July 2017

Reconciliation 5.30pm in the Lady Chapel



'Praise & Worship' The music in Church will start at about 6pm to prepare for our 6.30pm Sunday Mass with a time of prayer & praise.

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

Sun 17th Sept Fr John's last Sunday Mass here at St Margaret Mary's will be the next 'Praise Mass' after the school summer break!



## S.V.P. GROUP YOUTH GROUP

'B-attitudes Group' for 12-18 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: tbc in Sept - 5pm in the Paray Room.

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

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

Turning concern into action



SVP Meeting: Sun 16th July 4.45pm

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 29th July 2-4pm

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

## GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

When you are admitted to Hospital please make certain that the Ward Clerk is advised that you are Catholic and ask for it to be recorded in your notes. Please call the Chaplaincy Office letting them know. For Q.A. telephone 023 9228 6408.



## CATHOLIC? Going to university this year?

Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplaincy. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. To find your local Chaplaincy, visit [www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk)

## '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](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or phone Peter & Lynda Szymanski tel. 023 8029 2058.

## BAPTISM 'Welcome to God's Family!'



Next Prep: Tues 19th & 26th Sept 7.30pm

You are most welcome to the sessions when you're expecting! The fliers with all the info/application forms are in the Church foyer.

The sessions take place in the Church Hall

## CONFIRMATION 2018

Then the group will break until the Autumn term.

Resuming: Thurs 14th Sept 7 - 8.45pm

Session 11: 'The Paschal Mystery'



## ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH

Normally meeting Monday 7pm in the Paray Room. The group are taking a break from the end of June until Sept. 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. All are welcome to come and see.



## DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVER DAY Sat 9th Sept

Save the date - details to follow shortly

## REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers **Howard Brebner RIP**. He was the first Headteacher of St Jude's and died (aged 90) recently. His funeral is in Falmouth on Tues 18th July at 10am.

However, a memorial Mass will also be celebrated on **Tues 18th July at 9.30am** at St Philip Howard Church. The Mass will be celebrated by Cn Paul Townsend and the Fr Gerard Flynn will preach the Homily. You are warmly invited to attend.



## HEALING OUTREACH EVENING

Mon 24th July 7-9.30pm at Highfield House hotel, S'oton. SO17 1AQ. Praise, worship & healing prayers

## MIRACULOUS RELIC 1st - 31st July

'Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe Triptych'

During July, the Knights of St Columba are hosting the visit of the Triptych to St Margaret Mary Parish. The Triptych is a Rosary Triptych in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Would you like to host the Triptych overnight in your home, allowing family and friends to pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe?

Please contact Tony Quigley on 01489 880115 or email: [a.quigley573@btinternet.com](mailto:a.quigley573@btinternet.com)

## 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 Marvao, 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, Jeanne Key & Katherine Aiken. Thank you.

## 'CALLED & GIFTED PRAYER'

Let us join in prayer as a community for the spiritual fruit the Called & Gifted process 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.

*Hospitality, encouragement, service, mercy, teaching .... these are some of the charisms that are given to every baptised Christian: Gifts and abilities that The Holy Spirit have given to you for the service of others. And there are more to discover... !*

## Called and Gifted

is a wonderful way and opportunity to discover those gifts that have been given specifically to you and to discover the call that God has for you. You may have been doing the same thing, faithfully carrying out the same service in the Church & your local community for some time. Is this because somebody asked you and you couldn't say no & you have picked it up along the way? Do you enjoy what you do? Are you good at it?

We are called to be intentional disciples: to discover those charisms that empower, energise and free us as we use them in the service of others. The Holy Spirit uses and enables these gifts and extraordinary things happen! Not through our own doing but through 'the power that is within us'. Discovering your calling is so empowering! Give the retreat weekend a go...

## WEDDING BELLS!

Please keep **Carla Bannister & Edward Rawson** in your prayers as they prepare to make their marriage vows here on Thurs at 2pm



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

New Rotas are available in the Sacristy. Please don't forget to sign in for 'duty' & to arrange a cover if you can't be present, especially in the holidays

## CHEQUE PAYEE NAME UPDATE

'PRCDTR Park Gate St Margaret Mary' please!

COLLECTION *Thank you for your generosity*

Sun 9th July Loose Plate £187.20 Envelopes £263.30  
Bankers Orders c.£850 Total £1,300.50

Last weekend, Apostleship of the Sea £ 583.46

## 'CALLED & GIFTED' All are welcome!

**Called & Gifted** is a process that helps you understand your own calling and identify the specific gifts that the Lord has given you to share with others. This is occurring across the Diocese and we strongly encourage you to take part. It will be **Fr Peter Hart's** first weekend here, and he looks forward to meeting you!



**Bookings are now open!** Please book your place for the weekend via Marion & Milton on 0778 891 6372 or e-mail [marionhewins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marionhewins@hotmail.co.uk). At **no** cost to you!

### 1. Weekend of retreat /teaching - in the Hall/Church

Sat 23rd 2pm-9pm (a hot supper will be provided)  
& Sun 24th Sept 11.30-4pm (a sandwich lunch is incl)

During the weekend, we'll look at the unique role that God has for you! We'll explain more about gifts / charisms. Perhaps you may uncover a **self-awareness** of a gift/charism, that you have been given, that you hadn't realised or thought about before! By being able to identify & use a gift is both fulfilling & rewarding.

It is like putting a hand into a glove rather than trying to force a square peg into a round hole! There is a 'best fit' for you! It could be a life-changing experience for you to explore your God given gifts! You will have a chance to pray, reflect & to be together as a parish. If you wish to journey further ... we'll the book you a :-

### 2. One to one spiritual conversation

A trained lay person will talk with you & help you to look at patterns in your life that might indicate the presence of a particular gift or charism. Where might God be at work in your life for the sake of others? Then you may:-

### 3. Form a small group (of about 5 people), in order to

mutually support & encourage each other in experimenting with a particular gift / charism over a few months. Find out what others are saying about this via:-

## Mass Times, Services & Intentions

15th Sun Ord Time Yr A	16th July 2017	Ordinary Time - Week 15	Prayer of the Church - Wk 3
Dawn Mass	8am	Kath Malone RIP (Wright)	
Day Mass	10.15am	Ints. Fr Shaun B Golden (Wall)	
Evening Mass	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish	
Mon	St Bonav.	12.15pm	Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist
Tue	Feria	12.15pm	Brian Jones RIP
Wed	At St Ant's	9.30am	Ints of the Year 6 Leavers
Thur	Nuptial	2pm	Carla Bannister & Edward Lawson
Fri	Feria	9.45am	Nancy Taylor RIP (Foundation)
Sat	HMP Winch	10.30am	Ints of the prisoners
	Confessions	5pm	Reconciliation - in Lady Chapel

16th Sun Ord Time Yr A	23rd July 2017	Ordinary Time - Week 16	Prayer of the Church - Wk 4
Dawn Mass	8am	Ann Healey RIP (Rosary gp)	
Day Mass	10.15am	Heidi Ringeisen RIP (Jones)	
Evening Mass	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish	

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday 5pm