

REFRESHMENTS

Coffee/tea will be served this weekend after Sunday Mass in St. Swithun's parish centre. Coffee will be served in St. Thomas More Church, Hartley Wintney every first Sunday of the month.



MASS COUNT:

26/08: SS: 127 ; STM: 61
02/09: SS: 155; STM: 55
09/09: SS: 141; STM: 53

FIRST COLLECTION:

26/08: SS=£790.90 STM=£253.50
02/09: SS=£918.95; STM=£241.90
09/09: SS=£857.30; STM=£256.95
Mission Appeal = SS £232.35; STM £170.70

VISITING THE SICK

Any parishioners who are sick and wish Father Simon to visit them please contact the parish office 01252 872732.



MASS MINISTRIES at St. Thomas More (HW)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

16/09: Patrick & Helen Wilson
23/09: Tim Davies & Barbara Frost

READERS:

16/09: Bill Bishop & Mary Lane
23/09: Ray Myers & Teresa Andrews

GREETERS:

16/09: Bill Bishop
23/09: Rosemarie Cooke

CLEANERS:

17/09: Carole Johnson
24/09: Carole Judd

ST. SWITHUN'S 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners!

Names of winners are displayed in the porch.

Please come and claim your money from the Office

We currently have **EIGHT VACANCIES**.

If you would like to become a member contact the parish office or speak to Graham Massey.

Do You Know?

When you fill in the Gift Aid Declaration Form, together with the establishing of either a Standing Order or the issue of a box of envelopes for every gift you give, the Parish gets Tax Reclaim at no extra cost to you. Please consider filling in a form today and then contact Carole Williams at the Parish Office directly 01252 872732 for further information.

When the Lord tells us in the Gospel that anyone who wants to be his follower must renounce himself, the injunction seems harsh; we think he is imposing a burden on us. But an order is no burden when it is given by one who helps in carrying it out.



To what place are we to follow Christ if not where he has already gone? We know that he has risen and ascended into heaven: there, then, we must follow him.

There is no cause for despair by ourselves we can do nothing, but we have Christ's promise.

Heaven was beyond our reach before our Head ascended there, but now, if we are his members, why should we despair of arriving there ourselves? Is there any reason?

What does it mean to take up one's cross? Bearing every annoyance patiently. That is following Christ.

True, many fears and afflictions confront us in this world; but if we follow Christ, we shall reach a place of perfect happiness, perfect peace, and everlasting freedom from fear.

Yet let me warn anyone bent on following Christ to listen to Saint Paul: "One who claims to abide in Christ ought to walk as he walked."

Would you follow Christ? Then be humble as he was humble; do not scorn his lowliness if you want to reach his exaltation.

Human sin made the road rough but Christ's resurrection levelled it; by passing over it himself he transformed the narrowest of tracks into a royal highway.

Two feet are needed to run along this highway; they are humility and charity. Everyone wants to get to the top well, the first step to take is humility. Why take strides that are too big for you do you want to fall instead of going up? Begin with the first step, humility, and you will already be climbing.

As well as telling us to renounce ourselves, our Lord and Saviour said that we must take up our cross and follow him. What does it mean to take up one's cross? Bearing every annoyance patiently. That is following Christ.

St. Swithun & St. Thomas More

A Parish in the North East Hampshire Pastoral Area of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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TWO WEEKS LITURGY SCHEDULE

(All services at St. Swithun's except for those marked (STM) held at St. Thomas More, Hartley Wintney)

Sun 16th **24th Sunday in Ord. Time**
(Missal 917/918)
6pm (Sat) Bernadette Booth RIP
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Deceased of Tozi Family RIP

Tues 18th **Feria**
7pm Jill Stanger RIP

Wed 19th **Feria**
9.30am Nenita Santos RIP
10am-11am Mothers Prayers
10am-7pm Adoration

Thu 20th **St Andrew Kim Taegon etc**
8.30am (STM) Mass

Fri 21st **St. Matthew**
9.30am John Manton RIP

Sun 23rd **25th Sunday in Ord. Time**
(Missal 921/922)
6pm (Sat) Damian Maranzano RIP
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Anne Lambkin RIP

Tues 25th **Feria**
7pm Nenita Santos RIP

Wed 26th **Feria**
9.30am Jean Boullot RIP
10am-7pm Adoration
10am-11am Mothers Prayers

Thu 27th **St Vincent De Paul**
9.30am (STM) Mass

Fri 28th **Feria**
9.30am Patricia Hautot RIP

Sun 30th **26th Sunday in Ord. Time**
(Missal 924/925)
6pm (Sat) Malcolm Hancock RIP
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Deceased of Tozi Family RIP

VISITATION BY BISHOP PHILIP

On the weekend of 6/7 October Bishop Philip will be coming on visitation to the parish. This is Bishop Philip's first official visit to us since he was ordained Bishop of Portsmouth six years ago and we look forward to welcoming him warmly to St Swithun and St Thomas More. Parishioners will have the opportunity to greet the bishop personally at the end of all Masses and to talk to him over coffee after the 8.45am Mass at St Thomas More and the 10.45am Mass at St Swithun.

On Sunday 7th after lunching with Fr Simon Bishop Philip will visit the Diocesan Tribunal Office in Sandhurst - again his first visit since becoming bishop - where he will meet the Administrator, Mrs Dani Marsden, and observe at first hand the work of the tribunal. At 3.30pm Bishop Philip will lead a Holy Hour for Vocations before heading back to Portsmouth.

Confessions
Saturdays
5.30pm-5.50pm
St Swithun, Yateley



SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA

St Pio of Pietrelcina, commonly known as Padre Pio, was a friar, priest, stigmatist and mystic of the Roman Catholic Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. Padre Pio became famous for bearing the stigmata for most of his life. This condition generated much interest and controversy around him. He is now venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church. Pio was born Francesco Forgione and given the name of Pius (Italian: Pio) when he joined the Capuchins. After his beatification in 1999 he was canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 16, 2002.



IS MEDJUGORJE CALLING YOU?

There is a Pilgrimage trip to Medjugorje from 3rd - 10th October. From Gatwick to Dubrovnik. The cost is £589. Half board hotel accommodation flying with EasyJet. There will be a few of us catching a train from Blackwater to Gatwick, where we meet up with the rest of the group. It's a wonderful pilgrimage and we're like one big family. If interested, contact Mary Willig on 01252 873883, john.hoskins28@gmail.com (organiser) at The Prince of Peace parish, Weybridge. Look forward to hearing from you.



KERALA FLOODS: AN SVP APPEAL

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue. Kerala is the most Christian state in India - it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.



MEDJUGORJE HOLY HOUR

The Medjugorje Holy Hour is held ON the last Thursday of the month, except for July & August. Next meeting 27th Sept. From **7pm - 8pm**. This includes The Holy Rosary, a Bible reading, a little Medjugorje music, time for quiet prayer in front of The Blessed Sacrament, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone welcome. (SS).



MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Wednesdays 10-11am at St. Swithun's Church.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

John Harris, Bob Fernandez, Eileen Quinn, Monica Harris, Hazel Otreba, Hugh Sullivan, Una Taylor and Joyce Williams, Maureen Barrett.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

MacMillan Coffee Morning, Sun 30th Sept after 10.45pm Mass, St. Swithun's Centre, Yateley. Donations of cakes to sell would be gratefully appreciated. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Nurses. All Macmillan nurses are registered with at least five years' experience. They have completed specialist courses in pain and symptom management, and psychological support. A small number work in hospices and private hospitals, but do not charge for their services. Therefore we as a community need to support them.



DAY FOR ADULTS WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, RCIA, etc

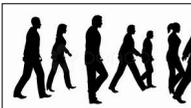
Saturday 20th October, 10am to 4pm at Portsmouth Cathedral, led by the Formation for Mission Team. Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists and Children's Liturgy teams. The day will be spent reflecting on the mission, charisms and role of the catechist, and sharing insights in workshops about 'making our teaching session great'. Lunch will be provided. Everyone involved or interested in catechesis and children's Liturgy is welcome. Book here: <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters: 01590681874.



PARISH WALK

ST SWITHUN & ST THOMAS MORE

Sat 22nd September. The trial walk to the Cricketers was like a jungle, so due to that we will be walking from St Thomas More to the Frog & Wicket Pub, Eversley. The walk will start at 10am sharp. A sign up list is displayed in our church porches. If you don't wish to join us for lunch just come along for the walk...no pressure. (you will be buying your own lunch)...



NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTER SERVERS

The national Mass for Altar Servers will be held on Saturday 6th October 2018 in Westminster Cathedral at 2:30pm. All welcome.



ST VINCENT de PAUL

Decluttering? Looking for a bargain? Do you have a few hours to spare each week and are you thinking of volunteering? Then DO come to visit the St Vincent de Paul Community shop, Sparvell Way, Camberley GU15 3SF (between Boots and Argos just outside the Camberley Mall) or ring the shop on 01276 679659 or Moira on 07812639011. Thank you.



AUCTION at St Swithun, Yateley

Sun 4th November - after Mass Raising money for trafficked women. Please come along and support us, also if you wish to donate any services or items towards this then contact the parish office. Thank you. *Some women have been trafficked internationally, whilst others are British-born women who have been trafficked internally within the UK. Human trafficking is a huge problem across the UK, with women and girls being tricked into coming to the UK from some of the poorest countries. Let's try and help them if we can...*



Please join the Holy Father in his prayer intention for this month:

Let us pray that young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries. Pope Francis - September 2018 Africa is a wealthy continent, and its greatest, most valuable resource is its young people. They should be able to choose between letting themselves be overcome by difficulty or transforming the difficulty into an opportunity. The most effective way to help them in this choice is to invest in their education. If young people don't have the possibility of education, what future can they have? Let us pray that young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

NEXT MEDJUGORJE HOLY HOUR

At St. Swithun's, Yateley on Thursday 27th Sept at 7pm. Hope to see you all then, and if you can bring a friend that would be great too. Call Mary Willig 01252 873883 if you need more information.



HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Second collection after Masses on 15/16 Sept.

Hart Foodbank: shortages of the following:

Instant mash, Sponge pudding, Jam, Long-Life Fruit Juice, Tinned tomatoes, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Coffee, Rice and Tea.

