

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:

19/01: SS=120; STM=56
26/01: SS=126; STM=57

FIRST COLLECTION

19/01: SS=£677.82; STM=£267.49
26/01: SS=£669.27; STM=will be announced next NL
THANK YOU

SECOND COLLECTION:

26/01: Cathedral = SS:£57.05 thank you.

VISITING THE SICK

Any parishioners who are sick and would like a visit from the parish priest please contact the parish office 01252 872732.



MASS MINISTRIES at St. Thomas More (HW)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

02/02: Mary Lane & Simone Whittall
09/02: Hedi Lewis & Carole Johnson

READERS

GREETERS:

CLEANERS:

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

For those whose Anniversaries occur in February

Kathryn Carroll, Helena Ling, Arthur Dark, Jack Baverstock, Helga Neilson, James McAllister, Winifred Glynn, George Miles, Geoffrey Jennings, Edna Eltham, Robert Condon, Anne Herdman-Grant, Geoffrey Jennings, , Ian Williams, William Seabrook, Josefa Beneventa, Terence Sheehy, Rosamildu Riccardi, Clare Taylor, Stephen Barry, Joseph Crean, Peter Whitaker, Christina Donohue, Edward Lewis, Seymour Collings, Bartholomew Leahy, Reginal Leonard, Patrick Dillon, Louis Gordon, Mary Sheehy, Margaret Dumelow, George Chubb, Maurice Marckwick, Michael McGarry, Timothy Turnbull, Joan Blackman, Maurice Harnett, Thomas Baxter, John McNivern, Frances Loges, Gladys Bye, Hazel McKaigue, Ann Farrall, Nicholas Basire, John Bryanton, Kenneth Creeden, Margaret Twemlow, Douglas Green.

May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Timothy of Jerusalem

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea ... that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13)

“The just live forever and their reward is in the Lord and their hope in the Most High.” Time will not suffice for us to recount the virtues of all the saints, so let us consider for the moment the last of the righteous men of old. Whom do I mean? Simeon, whose name is given in the gospel according to Luke. He stands both first and last, being the last to live under the law and the first to live by grace. In observance he was a Jew, in thanksgiving a Christian; by training he was a lawyer, but by knowledge of God an ambassador. I have seen, allow me to leave, do not keep me here.

This Simeon, whose story has just been read to us, was plucked from the ill-fame of the Pharisees like a rose from thorns, and became the first to win renown through the gift of grace. Because of his righteousness God revealed to him, while he was still in the body, that he would not depart this present transitory life until his own arms had enfolded life eternal, our Lord Jesus Christ. Simeon the righteous, who before the incarnation had longed to see the Lord, saw him incarnate, recognised him and took him in his arms. Then he cried for release from the prison of his body, calling as a servant on the Lord of all who appeared as a child, in the words you have just heard: “Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace as you promised, for my eyes have seen your salvation.”

I have seen, allow me to leave, do not keep me here. Let me depart in peace, do not keep me in distress. I have seen, let me go: I have seen your glory, seen the angels dancing, the archangels praising you, creation leaping for joy, a way made between heaven and earth. Now let me depart, do not keep me here below.

St. Swithun & St. Thomas More

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

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

&

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd & 9th February 2020

Parish Priest

Fr Wojciech Paszko

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

Sun 2nd

The Presentation of our Lord (Missal 1119/1120) Year A

6pm (Sat)

Ana McManus GE

8.45am (STM)

Sister Alice's Anniversary of Vows

10.45am

Len Penrose RIP (Mr Huyton)

Tues 4th

Feria

7pm

Mass

Wed 5th

St. Agatha

9.30am

Catherine More & Family
Private Intentions

10am-11am

Mother's Prayer Group

10am-7pm

Adoration

6.30pm-7pm

Rosary with Benediction

Thu 6th

St. Paul Miki & Companions

9.30am(STM)

People of the Parish

Fri 7th

Feria

9.30am

Mass

Sun 9th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Missal 704/705)

6pm (Sat)

James & Agnes Hunter RIP

8.45am (STM)

People of the Parish

10.45am

Bob Condon RIP

Tues 11th NO MASS

Our Lady of Lourdes

Wed 12th NO MASS

Feria

10am-11am

Mother's Prayer Group

10am-7pm

Adoration

6.30pm-7pm

Rosary with Benediction

Thu 13th NO MASS

Feria

Fri 14th

St. Cyril & St Methodius

9.30am

Julian & Sue Round 50th Anni.

Confessions St Swithun

Saturdays

5.30pm-5.50pm

St Swithun, Yateley



ST AGATHA OF SICILY

She is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. That did not stop men from desiring her and making unwanted advances toward her.

However, one of the men who desired Agatha, whose name was Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and force her to marry. Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian during the persecution of Decius, had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the Judge. He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death, but she simply reaffirmed her belief in God.

Quintianus, commanded she be subjected to a worse form of torture? this evil man ordered that her breasts be cut off. He then sent her back to prison with an order of no food or medical attention. But the Lord gave her all the care she needed. He was her Sacred Physician and protector. Agatha had a vision of the apostle, St. Peter, who comforted her and healed her wounds through his prayers. After four days, Quintianus ignored the miraculous cure of her wounds. He had her stripped naked and rolled over naked over hot coals. When she was returned to prison, Agatha prayed, "Lord, my Creator, you have ever protected me from the cradle; you have taken me from the love of the world, and given me patience to suffer: receive now my soul."

Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven around the year 251.

Bishop Philip writes..

I want to invite everyone to join the Nigerian community in our Diocese for a special Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 23rd February 2020 at 3pm here at the Cathedral. Fr. Daniel Agber (from St. Edmund's Horndean) is the priest-chaplain to Nigerians living within our Diocese of Portsmouth and he is organising a special cultural Mass for Nigerians. In fact, he wants to network all the priests, religious and laity from Nigeria in our Diocese and to invite them to this Thanksgiving Eucharistic Liturgy. Refreshments will follow in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Our Diocese is truly cross-cultural and so it will be great to have with us on the day members of the Nigerian Community and their friends. The celebration will encourage the sharing of the community's identity, unity, diversity, rich cultural values and heritage.

If you intend to attend, or wish to make further enquiries, please contact Fr. Daniel on 07424-426845.

UCM

Next meeting, Tuesday 21st Feb, 7.30pm. There will be a talk on "Back packs for Mary's Meals". Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have basic learning tools such as pencils and notepads. You can support them to get the most out of their lessons by donating a backpack full of the things they need. For many children, a Mary's Meals backpack will be the first gift they have ever received. If you wish to know more, join the meeting to find out.

ADORATION

Can anyone take my place on Wednesday 26th February 4-5 pm please, then let Carole in office know, thanking you in advance Mary Willig.

HOLY HOUR

No MEDJUGORJE Prayer hour in February, we will restart the monthly hour on Tuesday 31st March after the 7pm Mass. Hope you are free to join us then.

PRO-LIFE

President Trump joined in and spoke at the annual Washington 'March for Life', the first time ever a President has done this. The March is a vigorously pro-life event and this was the 47th. Over 100,000 people took part, many of whom were Catholics campaigning for the protection of the unborn child. The President's speech was remarkable. In it, he gave an explicit and fulsome affirmation of the dignity and value of every human life from conception to natural death as God-given. "Today, as president of the United States, I am truly proud to stand with you. We're here for a very simple reason: to defend the right for every child, born and unborn, to fulfil their God-given potential," he said. "We cannot know what our citizens yet unborn will achieve, the dreams they will imagine, the masterpieces they will create, the discoveries they will make. But we know this: Every life brings love into this world." On this side of the Atlantic, politicians rarely speak about matters of faith: "We don't do God" as Tony Blair's spokesman once said. Yet in this speech, here we have a US President explicitly affirming his Christian faith, his belief in God and in the infinite value of every human life.

COURSE FOR CATECHISTS

The Diocesan Formation for Mission Team is offering a course of 5 sessions for Catechists and those involved with Children's Liturgy of the Word every Thursday in Lent from 5 March until 2 April, from 7.30pm to 9pm, at Our Lady's Catholic Church in Fleet. A Diocesan certificate is awarded on completion. To book a place, please contact Sister Hyacinthe at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All cheques written to "St Swithun's" from now on, will NOT be accepted at the bank.

Please write cheques out to:

PRCDT YATELEY ST SWITHUN

Toilet rolls
Shampoo
Shower gel
Washing up liquid
Soap



MEDJUGORJE HOLY HOUR (SS)

The last Tuesday of the month, following the 7pm Mass. This includes: The Holy Rosary, Bible reading, Music, time for quiet prayer in front of The Blessed Sacrament, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

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

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month following the evening Mass a 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join the group.

LECTIO DIVINA

7PM- Every Thursday St Swithun's church, Yateley. Sessions of Lectio Divina.

GAMES CLUB

EVERY SECOND WED OF THE MONTH. at 2pm, at St Swithun's Parish Centre, we will be holding a Social Meeting with games and coffee. Next one will be **Wed 12th February** 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

ST. SWITHUN'S 100 CLUB

Names of winners are displayed in the porch. Please come and claim your money from the Office. There are currently **4 membership vacancies**. If you would like to become a member contact the parish

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