



St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



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WEEKLY NEWS

7th Sunday of Easter
& Pentecost

16th & 23rd May 2021 - Year B

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Sun 16th 7th Sunday of Easter
6pm (Sat) Mary Reynolds RIP
8.45am(STM) Martin Casemore RIP
10.45am Isabel Menezes RIP

Wed 19th 7th Week of Easter
9.30am Mass

**Thu 20th Dedication of the
Portsmouth Cathedral**
9.30am People of the Parish



Sun 23rd Pentecost Sunday
6pm (Sat) Mass
8.45am(STM) Andrew Mackinnan RIP
10.45am Mary Reynolds RIP

Wed 26th St Philip Neri
9.30am People of the Parish

**Thu 27th Our Lord Jesus Christ the
Eternal High Priest**
9.30am Mike Tevlin GE

Sun 30th Trinity Sunday
6pm (Sat) Leo Palumbo RIP
8.45am(STM) People of the
Parish
10.45am David Weale RIP



LIGHTS IN THE CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,
The light in the church is very poor and it needs to be improved. To do so is very expensive. The virus has depleted our income, so at the moment the Parish cannot afford to pay for these necessary improvements. I have discussed this situation with the Finance committee and it has been agreed that the lights should be updated and the financial cost of £5,000 should be raised by the Parish. A one off separate account will be set up for this purpose. The lights will be replaced only when the correct amount has been raised.



You can contribute to this fund in three ways:

- 1) along with your Sunday collection in a separate envelope labelled "lights"
- 2) electronically by bank transfer to account number 00892220, sort code 30-93-04, account name PRCDTR YATELEY ST SWITHUN
- 3) by cheque to account name PRCDTR YATELEY ST SWITHUN in an envelope labelled "lights"

I hope you will understand that there is no other option and I thank you in advance for any help that you can offer.

God bless. - Fr Wojciech

OFFICE

The office is now OPEN to the public, on Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am to 12noon. Please feel free to pop in, but please make sure you wear a mask and follow the rules of 2m distance.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

After being in the company of his disciples for the forty days following his resurrection, the Lord ascended into heaven, and on the fiftieth day he sent the Holy Spirit. The account is given in Scripture: Suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and there appeared to them tongues like fire which separated and came to rest on each one of them. And they began to speak in other tongues, as the Holy Spirit gave them power of utterance. That wind cleansed the disciples' hearts, blowing away fleshly thoughts like so much chaff. The fire burnt up their unregenerate desires as if they were straw. The tongues in which they spoke as the Holy Spirit filled them were a foreshadowing of the Church's preaching of the Gospel in the tongues of all nations. After the flood, in pride and defiance of the Lord, an impious generation erected a high tower and so brought about the division of the human race into many language groups, each with its own peculiar speech which was unintelligible to the rest of the world.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the Catholic Church it is officially known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Prior to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, it marked the end of a three-week period when church weddings were forbidden. The period began on Rogation Sunday, the fifth Sunday after Easter. Trinity Sunday was established as a Double of the Second Class by Pope John XXII to celebrate the Trinity. It was raised to the dignity of a Double of the First Class by Pope Pius X on 24 July 1911. During the Middle Ages, especially during the Carolingian period, devotion to the Blessed Trinity was a highly important feature of private devotion and inspired several liturgical expressions.

NOVENA OF PRAYER

The prayers begun Friday 14th May, the day after the Ascension. The Novena calls upon us to respond in prayer and action to the urgent climate change issues that we all face. The God Who Speaks team offers a Novena of readings and prayers drawn from the Bible and recent Papal teaching "All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers..." while they awaited to be "clothed with power from on high." We are invited to pray these nine days reflecting on the account of creation in the book of Genesis. This Novena can be used on its own or to complement the prayers and reflections of the global prayer movement -



PRAY THE ROSARY

Every **Wednesday and Thursday** before Mass, at 9.10am, we will be praying the Rosary. Please come and join us.



The rosary at its core uses the same three prayers in a pattern,:

The Our Father

'Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.'

The Hail Mary

'Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death Amen.'

The Glory Be

'Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.'

This unit of prayers is known as a decade of the rosary and one loop of the whole chain of beads would be one whole rosary said, five decades.

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday, 16th May 2021, is World Communications Day. There is a mandatory Second Collection to support this area of work. In addition to the usual methods of giving, an online fundraising page has been set up to support the collection. <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-world-communications-day>



CAFOD

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.



CHRISTIAN AID

In the midst of the pandemic, Christian Aid is still working hard to help families around the world overcome poverty and injustice. Our neighbours in countries like Kenya are in great need of our help to combat the on-going effects of climate change as they struggle to get enough food and water in periods of drought. If you would like to make a donation, there are a number of ways please visit the website www.christianaid.org.uk



ST. SWITHUN'S 100 CLUB

We currently have vacancies, if you would like to become a member contact the parish office or speak to Graham Massey. .



MASS INTENTION

If you wish to have a Mass said for a beloved family or friend, please email the details to yateley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07831307063. The same applies if you wish to be added to the list of mailing for the newsletter.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"And so it seems certain to me that the Church is facing very hard times. The real crisis has scarcely begun. We will have to count on terrific upheavals. But I am equally certain about what will remain at the end: .. the Church of faith. She may well no longer be the dominant social power to the extent that she was until recently, but she will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as a man's home, where he will find life and hope beyond death." (Pope Benedict XVI *Faith and the Future*).



TOILET FACILITIES OPEN

From Monday 17th May, the disabled toilet will be available for parishioners to use during Mass. Please make sure you clean your hands before and after use, and leave the toilets in clean conditions. Thank you.



THANK YOU

A big thank you to Chris and Mike Tevlin and all the worthy cleaners and ushers who week in and out have ensured that we have a safe system and are able to come to Mass. Their huge commitment is very much appreciated.



INDOOR EXERCISE CLASSES

As per government guidelines, we are now able to re start indoor exercise classes in the parish centre from **17th May!** Please feel free to contact us on 07831307063 for any enquiries. Slots are free during the week.



ADORE

This month's ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning will be held on Sat 22nd May from 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion with the theme: "Praying for Baptism in the Holy Spirit" - Baptism in the Spirit re-ignites the graces already given to Christians through the Sacraments. And it's also a new, fresh experience of the Holy Spirit which brings our faith alive, inspiring and empowering us to live our Christian life to the full. Speaker: Fr Anthony Meredith. Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAY2021.

YOUR OFFERTORY MONEY

Your Offering to the Parish is very important to us, and we thank everyone who has carried supporting the parish during these difficult times. The easiest ways you can give your regular offering, is by a Standing Order or a Bank Transfer. If you previously gave by using a Planned Giving Envelope or Cash, we ask you to consider setting up a Standing Order, or do an online Bank Transfer, as we are not allowed to use envelopes at this time.



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Please put your surname 'offertory' in the transaction reference text so we can identify the purpose of the donation. If you are registered with us for Gift Aid to record and claim it back. Please consider gift aiding your donation if you pay tax. Thank you for your understanding and support. *Fr Wojciech*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Cyril Ellis, John Hicks, Margaret Phipps, Anne Condon, Rose O'Halloran, Peggy Fennel, Jean Warner, John Harris, Bob Fernandez, Eileen Quinn, Una Taylor, and all those suffering from Covid,

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Bruce Freeman, Charles Stenson, George Stapleton, Louise Coleman, John Jenkinson, Eric Leonard, Mary Markwick, , Anthony Bedale, Christine Tyldesley, Helena O' Halloran, Bernard Adams, Sylvia Dakin, Esme Graeme, Eileen Carver, Anne Haskins, Charles Croft, James Clark, Cassandra Fields, Alexander Richmond, John Karas, Edith Seabrook, Maureen Martin, Maureen Watson, Christopher Regan, Edith Seabrook. Lillian Davies, Yvonne Wischusen, Christina Mulligan, Briget Szlotawa, Fred Billing, Margaret Henness, Jennifer Sutcliffe, Christopher Mouat, Mary Lewis, Michael O'Connor, John Karas, Pamela Vallance,

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

Confessions St Swithun

Saturdays 5.30pm-5.50pm

St Swithun, Yateley

Or by appointment during the week



"Ave Maria! O Maiden, O Mother" is another hymn suitable for Mary's Month of May. Click on the picture to hear a recording sung by the Choir of the Anglican church of Ss Peter and Paul in Wantage. The refrain reminds us of Our Lady's maritime connection under her title, Our Lady Star of the Sea, an opportune moment to pray for seafarers and the chaplains and ship visitors from Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), so active in our diocese. Here are the lyrics...

Ave Maria! O Maiden, O Mother,
fondly thy children are calling on thee;
thine are the graces unclaimed by another,
sinless and beautiful Star of the sea!

Mater amabilis, ora pro nobis!
pray for thy children who call upon thee;
Ave Sanctissima, Ave purissima,
sinless and beautiful Star of the sea!

Ave Maria, the night shades are falling,
softly, our voices arise unto thee;
earth's lonely exiles for succour are calling,
sinless and beautiful Star of the sea.

Ave Maria, thy children are kneeling,
words of endearment are murmured to thee;
softly thy spirit upon us is stealing,
sinless and beautiful Star of the sea.

Ave Maria, thou portal of Heaven,
harbour of refuge to thee we do flee:
lost in the darkness,
by stormy winds driven,
shine on our pathway,
fair Star of the Sea!