

# St. Swithun & St. Thomas More

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

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<p>Parish Office &amp; Enquiries at St. Swithun's Tuesday to Friday 10am to 12 Noon Secretary: Mrs Carole Williams 01252 872732 yateley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</p>	<p><b>WEEKLY NEWS</b> 7th &amp; 8th Sunday in Ordinary 20th &amp; 27th February 2022 Year C</p>	<p>Safeguarding Minister for St Swithun &amp; St Thomas More: Sue Round 01252 874040 (this is not a parish office number)</p>



**Sun 20th 7th Sunday of the Year**  
6pm (Sat) Mr & Mrs McCarthy GE  
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am Ellen Killen RIP

**Tues 22nd The Chair of St Peter**  
7pm Bridie & Martin Reid  
Wedding Anniversary

**Wed 23rd St Polycarp**  
9.30am Michael Gallagher &  
Family  
10am Mothers Prayer  
10-12pm Adoration

**Thu 24th Feria**  
NO MASS

**Fri 25th Feria**  
NO MASS

**Sun 27th 8th Sunday of the Year**  
6pm (Sat) In Thanksgiving  
8.45am(STM) Graham Kennedy RIP  
10.45am Mass

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO  
MASSES 24TH & 25TH FEBRUARY

**Tues 1st St David**  
7pm Mass

**Wed 2nd Ash Wednesday**  
*Masses with distribution of Ashes*  
10am(SS) Mass  
12pm(STM) People of the Parish

**Thu 3rd after Ash Wednesday**  
9.30am(STM) People of the Parish  
10am Station of the Cross

**Fri 4th after Ash Wednesday**  
10am Station of the Cross  
11.30am Requiem Mass for  
Ann Kenny RIP

**Sun 6th 1st Sunday of Lent**  
6pm (Sat) Mass  
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am Mass

## Confessions

Saturdays  
5.30pm-5.50pm  
St Swithun, Yateley

**THE TRUTH WILL  
SET YOU FREE**

## YEAR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 2021-2022

### THE CHURCH TEACHES US THAT:

"The Eucharist is the source and the summit of the Christian life...For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself..."

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



Lent is nigh! On Wednesday 2nd March, we begin the great season of Lent - a wonderful time of 40 days when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter and the

Passover of the Lord from death to life. It is a time of healing when we ask God to renew within us His love. We seek by God's grace to cast off the old ways and to take on the new, that is, to die with Christ - and to rise again with Him to new life. Lent is not simply about 'giving things up' or 'doing something extra.' St. Leo reminds us there are three saving works: (1) self-denial, fasting and mortification; (2) prayer and devotion, study and reflection; and (3) charitable outreach or almsgiving. Although these works are good in themselves, we don't do them for their own sake. True, fasting may be good for our physical health - and almsgiving is a really practical means of helping the poor. Yet we do these works out of love for God! We do them in order to bring about change in our inner selves and spiritual lives. We do them as a penance for our sins. We do them as a prayer for God's mercy that we may come to a deeper relationship with Him.

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 2nd March,  
St Swithun's - 10am  
St Thomas More - 12Noon.  
With the distribution of ashes.



### Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays at 10am at St. Swithun's and Thursday's at 10am at St. Thomas More, Hartley Wintney.



### DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Kenny, a former parishioner who passed away recently. Her funeral will be on Friday 4th March at 11.30am.



### READERS

Would you consider becoming a reader? After Easter we will be introducing 2 readers again, and at present we do not have enough readers to do so. You can be given training. Contact Carole or speak with Father.

### BAR VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

We seem to be having more people wanting to hire the Parish Centre, but not enough volunteer bar staff to cover them all. Please would you consider becoming a volunteer and help out? You will be given full training.



A big thank you to those who do help behind the bar, your dedication is much appreciated. Please contact Carole or Barry Green if you are interested. Thank you

### COFFEE MORNINGS

This will resume every First Sunday of the month. Therefore the next coffee morning will be Sunday 6th March after Mass at St Swithun's.



### THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who contributed to the lighting at St Swithun. The project is now finished. All the bulbs have been changed. This will save us electricity, less noise and hopefully better lighting.



### PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION

The parish centre will be re decorated fully this summer. If you know of anyone who is in the decorating trade please let us know. But this has to be a team of workers, not just one man, as this is a big job and we can only close the centre for 2 weeks.

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORIE

I am a parishioner in St. Swithuns parish, and I am planning to travel to MEDJUGORIE for about a week on the 23rd/30th May this

year. Going by train from Blackwater to Gatwick and flying to Split, where I will be met by transport from there. Good prices on EasyJet, very good accommodation. Anyone interested in joining me and requires more information, please email me on marywillig39@gmail.com or on (M) 07982 251651. Look forward to hearing from you. Mary Willig.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal



Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or ([Family Fast Day - Lent 2022 | CAFOD](#))

### SYNOD

This is an important listening process for the whole church, ordered by Pope Francis, so that the Church might be better equipped to serve the needs of our time. As there are no meetings in the parish, it is up to each individual to think and pray about the questions set by the diocese and send your thoughts to:-  
Fr. John Chandler at:



[jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Please do take this opportunity to pass on your thoughts (and feelings) so that improvements can be implemented both in the structure of the Church and its mission in the world.

The deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Copies of the questions from the diocese are available at the back of the church. Further information is available from Clare and Philip Owens on 01252 665974

### THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(formerly Women's WDoFP), Friday 4th March is being celebrated at St John's Church in Hook at 2pm. As last year, anyone from St Thomas More and other Hartley Wintney churches will be most welcome to attend. The theme of the service, prepared this year by women in England, Wales and N. Ireland, is 'From darkness to light'.

### 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. We ask you to consider setting up a Standing Order, or do an online Bank Transfer. PRCDTR YATELEY ST SWITHUN Account: 00892220, sort code 30-93-04 PRCDTR HARTLEY WINTNEY STM Account: 01785711, sort code 30-93-04 Please put your surname 'offertory' in the transaction reference text so we can identify the purpose of the donation.



### MOTHERS' PRAYERS

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

### HART FOOD BANK

Helping local people in crisis

- TEA
- TINNED PULSES
- 1 LTR JUICES
- CANNED SOUP
- UHT MILK

Please leave your items in the boxes provided in our Church porch. Thank you.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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



### FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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



### FIRST COLLECTION:

31/01: SS: £263.60; STM: £34.20  
06/02: SS: £111.50; STM: £35

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

11/03: Cafod Lent

Many thanks for all your contributions