

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

Ten Year Mission Plan for the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

The work of planning for the future of the Church in our Diocese continues apace! The past months have seen a great deal of widespread public consultation, to which some of our own parishioners contributed.

Bishop Philip, with the Bishop's Council, and the Diocesan Curia (administration) has now launched a draft plan: You will be my witnesses. We are requested to consider it carefully. We need to ensure the Mission of the Church in these coming years.

Jesus Christ, most importantly, is at the centre of everything that we do. We are reminded that we are all called to be evangelists, proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel. And we have to evangelise ourselves every day, as well as sharing the Word with others!

Some restructuring within the Diocese is proposed. Perhaps most visibly the Pastoral Areas would become twenty-four new Parishes, with an occasional change of shape. Havant Pastoral Area would stay together and welcome the Parish of St Colman and St Paul, Cosham and Paulsgrove. We already share a great deal. This could beautifully reflect the wonderful sense of Synodality which we have seen this year. Listening and working together with our near neighbours can lead to sharing our time, talents and treasure: all this for the glory of God and the good of our sisters and brothers. It could also be the opportunity for increased clergy brotherhood. Priests and deacons could complement each others' gifts and minister to more people over the whole local area.

There is still much to be worked out, so it is great to ask you to contribute your thoughts as well as your prayers. We will keep you posted and please keep an eye on the Diocesan Website: Portsmouth Diocese, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

St. Swithun & St. Thomas More

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

18th & 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st July & 7th August 2022

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Sun 31st **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Missal 1029/1030)
6pm (Sat) Sanchez Deceased Family
8.45am (STM) People of the parish
10.45am Prothasis Cheriyan RIP

Tues 2nd **Feria**
7pm Mike Tevlin GE

Wed 3rd **Feria**
9.30am Juni Posadas GE
10am-11am Mother's Prayer Group
10am-12pm Adoration

Thu 4th **St. John Vianney**
9.30am(STM) Finbarr O'Donovan RIP

Fri 5th **Feria**
9.30am Mike & Chris Tevlin GE

Sun 7th **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Missal 1034/1035)S
6pm (Sat) Eddie Carr RIP
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Eden Family GE

Tues 9th **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**
7pm

Wed 10th **St. Laurence**
9.30am
10am-12pm Mother's Prayer Group
10am-7pm Adoration

Thu 11th **St. Claire**
9.30am (STM)

Fri 12th **Feria**
9.30am

Confessions St Swithun
Saturdays
5.30pm-5.50pm
St Swithun, Yateley



THOUGH FOR THE WEEK

Consequently, since sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted in the light of the same Spirit through whom it was written, exegetes, theologians and the whole people of God must approach it as what it really is, the word of God conveyed to us through human words (cf. 1 Th 2:13). This is a constant datum implicit in the Bible itself: "No prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Pet 1:20-21). Moreover, it is the faith of the Church that recognizes in the Bible the word of God; as St. Augustine memorably put it: "I would not believe the Gospel, had not the authority of the Catholic Church led me to do so". The Holy Spirit, who gives life to the Church, enables us to interpret the Scriptures authoritatively. The Bible is the Church's book, and its essential place in the Church's life gives rise to its genuine interpretation" (Pope Benedict XVI Verbum Domini 29).



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WEDDING

Congratulations to Timothy Stanley & Rosie Tanner who will be married at St. Swithun on the 14th August. May they lead a life full of happiness & good health.

REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to all who have been helping with organising the coffee at St Swithun's. The Parish Centre will be closed for re-decoration from **now** until the beginning of September. The next coffee after Mass will be on Sunday 11th September.



SPONSORED WALK

I am hoping to raise money for Dementia, therefore I am doing a 6.5km walk in Windsor on Sunday 11th September to raise money for this cause. Would you please be kind enough to sponsor me? I have registered and awaiting sponsorship forms. Thank you.

(from Carole, parish secretary)

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

On Saturday 6th August, Margaret and Christopher Langley, the organisers, have asked me to lead the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham. Many brother bishops have led this pilgrimage over the last years and so this year I especially wish to encourage as many of you as possible to join me. A good number of pilgrims managed to attend last year's event, when restrictions were still in place, and many joined online. They hope that now with greater freedoms in place, people will take the opportunity to join - and those unable to attend in person will join online. The cause for life is continually under attack in our society, with so-called DIY abortions, attempts to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide and plans to restrict further the freedom to speak and witness to life. So this is a good intention to put before the Blessed Mother in Walsingham.

Bishop Philip





PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 24th September

 Please join us in

 St Swithun's Parish Centre

 Yateley

 Time: 7pm

 Straight after Mass

 Bar will be open

CAFOD

Volunteers needed - Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with



people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support. Why not consider volunteering for CAFOD? We are looking for school volunteers to deliver assemblies and workshops, please contact Jo for more information on: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

WHAT IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER?

We recognise that our churches are places of prayer, and that Jesus is truly present in the tabernacle waiting for us to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Please use your time in church to talk to God and not to each other, so that we can keep our churches sacred as houses of prayer.

HART FOODBANK

We are now able to collect food items for our food bank. Boxes are left in our church porch for your donations. Please donate items that are in date. Thank you

Custard	Rice Pudding
Vegetables	Jam
Meat	Coffee
Pasta Sauce	Biscuits
MASH	
Sponge Puddings	
Washing Up Liquid	

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Oh Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing.

May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice

May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. Amen

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

MEDJUGORJE HOLY HOUR (SS)

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. Details of dates and times will be advertise in the NL accordingly.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

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

ST. SWITHUN'S 100 CLUB

Names of winners are displayed in the porch. If you would like to become a member contact the parish. office or speak to Graham Massey.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Peggy Fennel, Jean Warner, John Harris, Bob Fernandez, Eileen Quinn

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of

FIRST COLLECTION:

17/07: SS=£109.60; STM=£45.75
24/07: SS= £88.60; STM=£72.50

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

18/09: Mission Sunday
Many thanks for all your contributions