

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 & Enquiries Tuesday to Friday 10am to 12 Noon Secretary: Mrs Carole Williams 01252 872732 yateley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</p> | <p>WEEKLY NEWS 3rd & 4th Sunday in Advent 11th & 18th Dec <i>Year A</i></p> | <p>Safeguarding Minister for St Swithun & St Thomas More safeguarding.yat@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</p> |

Sun 11th 3rd Sunday of Advent
6pm (Sat) Deceased Sanchez Family
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Ann Condon RIP

Tues 13th St Lucy
7pm Mass

Wed 14th St John of the Cross
9.30am Mass
10-11am Mothers Prayer Group

Thu 15th 3rd Week of Advent
9.30am Juanita Byrne-Quinn RIP

Fri 16th 3rd Week of Advent
9.30am Mass

Sun 18th 4th Sunday of Advent
6pm (Sat) David Cox *Senior* &
Junior RIP
8.45am(STM) Bridget O'Mahony &
Federick Gough RIP
10.45am Sep Harbrecht RIP

Tues 20th Liturgy of the Day
7pm Ian Williams RIP

Wed 21st Liturgy of the Day
9.30am Mass

Thu 22nd Liturgy of the Day
9.30am Mass

Fri 23rd Liturgy of the Day
9.30am Mass



CHRISTMAS

Sat 24th Christmas Eve
4pm (SS) Mass
6pm (STM) Mass
9.30pm(SS) Carols
10pm (SS) Mass



Sun 25th Nativity of the Lord
10am Mass



MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE

Tues 27th St John
NO MASS

Wed 28th The Holy Innocents
9.30am Mass

Thu 29th St Thomas of Canterbury
9.30am Mass

**Fri 30th The Holy Family of Jesus
Mary & Joseph**
9.30am Mass

Advent

Advent we begin our spiritual preparation to celebrate the birth of our Saviour



Jesus Christ. Why not begin this New Church Year as a time of true peace and reconciliation? A time when you make peace with the past and unearth the genuine, holy person you have been created to be. Take care of your emotional life. The past is over. Forgive yourself and others for the mistakes, the pain and the misunderstandings. Lets all prepare together.

Confession in Advent
NO penitential service this year.
Fr Wojciech is available Saturdays 5.30pm-5.50pm at St Swithun and after each Mass.

MEMORY TREE

A memory tree is displayed in SS church where you can hang an Angel in memory of a departed loved one. The idea is to raise money for Phyllis Tuckwell in memory of people who needed their care. Please can you donate £1 for your Angel (or more) so we can give a reasonable amount to the hospice who needs funds to help our loved ones when they are in need. Thank you



CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

Getting ready for Christmas involves preparing ourselves and our homes. So then lets not forget Jesus' home, our church, and make it look really special this Christmas. Can we please have volunteers to set up the crib. Please come along, do it to help celebrate Jesus' birth with love. If you would like to bring in a poinsettia for the sanctuary area, this would make a lovely display.



PARISH SHOP

We have a good selection of Christmas Cards and gifts for sale. The wall box is there for when no one is on the Repository so please put monies in the box provided. If the church is locked during the week, speak to Carole and she will let you in.



COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Sunday after 10.45am Mass, All welcome.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The collection taken at Christmas Masses is traditionally your personal gift to Fr Wojciech. Along with the collection on Easter Sunday the Christmas Offering makes up a considerable proportion of his annual income.



DONATE ONLINE You can also donate online via the link below:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hartley-wintney-st-thomas-more-catholic-parish-christmas-collection--2022>

Thank you.

PRESENT FOR THE HOMELESS

We will this year help the homeless at the Hope Hub in Camberley, if you can bring a present wrapped up (*from the age of 18*). *Various items are on their wish list, please go to:*



<https://thehopehub.org.uk/2022/11/15/the-hope-hub-christmas-wish-list/>

Place your gifts around the crib, and it will be taken to them, so that they can have a Merry Christmas. *Please try not to use glitter paper as it is almost impossible to remove from our carpet.*

ADORATION

After consulting with the parishioners who regularly attend Adoration, it was decided that Adoration will be cancelled for a while.

BAR STAFF NEEDED

Many thanks to those who volunteered to work behind the bar, we are still in need of helpers. Please consider volunteering.

FOODBANK

We are collecting for the food appeal. Boxes are available in the church porch for you to place your food items. Any food can be donated (within date, but no fresh products) Thank you.

Tinned ham and salmon, tinned veg, toilet paper, Biscuits and small fruit pies, long life milk, bags for life. Pet food dog/cat. Nappies, sanitary towels.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note: The office will be closed from Fri 23rd Dec to Tue 3rd Jan 2022.



CHRISTMAS POSTERS

These are available again this year from the weekend of the 18th Dec, courtesy of the Farnborough Knights of St Columba. Please take one (or two) and display in your window to remind people of the true meaning of Christmas. Would your work allow you to also display one. A Happy & Holy Christmas to all from the Knights.

MISSIO RED BOXES

If anyone has any red boxes for Missio, please hand them to Anne Morgan after each Mass on the weekend of the 17/18th December, or bring them to the parish office. Thank you.



PRAYER FOR PEACE

Father we look around your fragile world and we see so much unhappiness and sadness. We see the tears of children and adults who

have had their love for life taken away by war or violence against them. I ask myself "What can I do?"

If only I could wave a magic wand and make peace all over the world.

But life's not like that I tell myself.

I need to make a difference another way.

I know what I'll do I'll start with myself

and be kind and loving

with family and loved ones.

And I'll pray that the peace

which Jesus gives us

will rest in the hearts of all

who cannot find peace.

Father as we remember the birth of Jesus,

the prince of peace.

Give us the strength to live a life of peace

and to support all those who work for peace

by what we can give.

LECTIO DEVINA

Biblical group meeting every Thursday 7pm in the Parish Centre at St Swithun's. All welcome. Please join us.

YOUR OFFERTORY MONEY

Your Offering to the Parish is very important to us, and we thank everyone who are supporting the parish. 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.

If you are a UK taxpayer please consider joining our Gift Aid Scheme. Forms are available in the porch or the Parish Office.

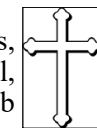
ST. SWITHUN'S 100 CLUB

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:

Phil & Clare Owens, Lito Santos, Margaret Phipps, Peggy Fennel, Jean Warner, John Harris, Bob Fernandez.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

FIRST COLLECTION:

27/11: SS:£122.10; STM: £56.03

04/12: SS: £108; STM: £83.70

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Many thanks for all your contributions