



St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



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

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WEEKLY NEWS
Christmas & Mary Mother of God
25th & 1st Dec
Year A

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



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thank you for your Christmas offerings, cards, gifts and good wishes.
Fr Wojciech.



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.

Sun 8th Baptism of our Lord
6pm (Sat)
8.45am(STM)People of the Parish
10.45am

Tues 10th Feria
7pm

Wed 11th Feria
9.30am Chris & Mike Tevlin GE
10am Mothers Prayer Group

Thu 12th Feria
9.30am

Fri 13th Feria
9.30am

Sun 15th 2nd Sunday of the Year
6pm (Sat)
8.45am(STM)People of the Parish
10.45am

Tues 17th St. Anthony of Egypt
7pm Malcolm Hancock RIP

Wed 18th Feria
9.30am Liz & Jerry O'Mahony GE
10am Mothers Prayer Group

Thu 19th Feria
9.30am

Fri 20th Feria
9.30am

MASS INTENTION

If you wish to have a Mass said for a beloved family or friend, please email the details to Carole on:
yateley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact her on 01252872732.
The same applies if you wish to be added to the list of mailing for the newsletter.

THANK YOU

Thank you to ALL our volunteers who have worked very hard last year. Thanks to those who have been helping with the Christmas decorations. And a big thank you to those who have been cleaning the church and the flower team, ready for the arrival of our Lord. Everyone is much appreciated.



ADORATION

There is no Adoration at present, this will be resumed soon. It will be announced in one of our Newsletters.



REFRESHMENTS

Coffee/tea will be served every weekend after Sunday Mass in St. Swithun's parish centre. All welcome.



LECTIO DEVINA

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



MARRIAGE CARE

Volunteers needed! Marriage Care is looking to recruit volunteers to help present their Marriage Preparation courses in the local area (a couple of Saturdays in the year). Full training and support are given. To find out more visit our website:
www.marriagecare.org.uk or contact Sue Cooper on 07939495774 or at sue.cooper@marriagecare.org



FARNBOROUGH HILL SCHOOL

Open Afternoons will take place on Friday 3 February and Friday 5 May, starting at 1.30 pm, and everyone is warmly welcome to attend. Farnborough Hill, founded in 1889, is a leading Catholic independent day school for around 570 girls aged 11 - 18 years. We welcome girls of all faiths and none, who are happy to support our ethos. Located on the Hampshire/Surrey border, the School has excellent transport links, both by train and road, while enjoying a beautiful and inspiring setting in over 65 acres of parkland.
(312 Farnborough Rd, Farnborough GU14 8AT)



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please remember to check if any cards have been left for you in your pigeon hole in the church porch. Everyone has one, it is the 1st letter of your surname that is shown.

Please remember to pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who died aged 95. May he rest in peace.



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:

01/01: SS:£109.65; STM: £64.20

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

22/01: Cathedral

Many thanks for all your contributions



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

**OUR PASTORAL AREA WILL INCLUDE
Farnborough, Fleet, Church Crookham, Sandhurst, Aldershot**