



# 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**  
*7th Sunday of the Year &  
1st Sunday of Lent 2023*  
*19th & 26th February*  
*Year A*

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**Sun 19th 7th Sunday of the Year**  
*(Missal 712/713)*

6pm (Sat)  
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am

**Tues 21st Feria**  
7pm

**Wed 22nd Ash Wednesday**  
Mass with distribution of Ashes  
10am SS Earthquake people T & S  
12noon STM

**Thu 23rd after Ash Wednesday**  
9.30am

**Fri 24th after Ash Wednesday**  
9.30am  
10am Station of the Cross

**Sun 26th First Sunday of Lent**  
*(Missal 125/153)*

6pm (Sat)  
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am

**Tues 28th of the 1st Week of Lent**  
7pm

**Wed 1st St David**  
9.30am  
10am Mothers Prayer Group

**Thu 2nd of the 1st Week of Lent**  
9.30am

**Fri 3rd of the 1st Week of Lent**  
9.30am  
10am Station of the Cross

**LENTEN SEASON**  
Lent reminds us of the three-fold Christian discipline of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. What do you intend doing this year? What about the devotional commemoration of Christ carrying the Cross (Stations of the Cross)?



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
During Lent Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays at 10am at St. Swithun's.



**YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
Let us ask the Holy Spirit to bring to eternal life those have died in the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, to restore to health and well-being the injured and those suffering losses, to comfort the bereaved and to grant strength and perseverance to the rescue workers.



**CAFOD Lent Fast day**  
There will be a second collection on Sunday 5th March. Please support the CAFOD Lent fast day on **Friday 3rd March** by returning the envelopes from the porch with a donation for this good cause. This Lent, help families fight the effects of the climate crisis.



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

**COFFEE MORNINGS**  
Every Sunday after Mass at St Swithun's.

**DON BOSCO**  
From 23rd to 29th July 2023 the Portsmouth Diocesan "Don Bosco" Boys Camp will take place. We are delighted that this camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age. The camp will be at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available on application). Booking is essential. To find out more or to reserve a place, please email [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**MILK BOTTLE TOPS**  
We have been asked if we could collect milk bottle tops for the Air Ambulance, (any colour tops). A box has been placed in both churches porch for collection. Please remember to bring them in. Thank you.

**HART FOOD BANK**  
Helping local people in crisis  
Please leave your items in the boxes provided in our Church porch. Thank you.



- **TOP PRIORITY - COMPLETELY OUT OF THE FOLLOWING: TINNED VEG, TINNED POTATOES, MASHED POTATOES, TOILET ROLLS**
- **TINS: TINNED FRUIT, TINNED FISH, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED CUSTARD, SPAGHETTI HOOPS, TINNED MEAT, TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES**
- **PACKAGES: COFFEE, JUICE, CEREALS**
- **JARS: JAM**

**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.

**CDP YATELEY ST SWITHUN**  
Account: 00892220, sort code 30-93-04

**CDP 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:**  
Joan Manton, 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:**  
05/02: SS:£153.65; STM: £101.60  
**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**  
Racial Justice = SS:£70.20; STM:£26.00  
03/02: Cafod Lent Appeal  
**Many thanks for all your contributions**

**PARISH BANK ACCOUNT NAME**

Please note that following the incorporation of the diocese from 1st January 2023, our account name has changed “Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese Trust (PRCDT)” TO Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (CDP), therefore all cheques written to the Church, will need to be written to CDP from now on; this will also be the case if you wish to donate via bank transfer in the future. Our New account name is:

CDP YATELEY ST SWITHUN

Account: 00892220, sort code 30-93-04

**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/Cove**

**Fleet/Church Crookham**

**Aldershot**

**St Swithun/Hartley Wintney**