

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**CAFOD's World Gifts**

Jo Lewry shares news of the new CAFOD World Gifts that will be available this Christmas.

You can buy World gifts online just click here and catalogues are available in your church.

**Winter survival kit £30**

For vulnerable families living in remote, rural areas harsh winter weather can be devastating. They are often at risk from being cut off from the rest of the world due to avalanches, landslides and flooding. This gift can provide much-needed cash for families so they can purchase essential items like warm clothing, blankets, fuel, and food in preparation for winter.

"I am very grateful for the cash assistance programme. It has changed our lives." Omar\*, Afghanistan. Omar\* lives in Daikundi province in Afghanistan with his family of eight. Daikundi region often gets cut off from the rest of the world during winter due to avalanches, landslides and flooding. \*Name changed to protect identity Remarkable Radio £40

For people living in remote communities, radio is a remarkably helpful tool. This chatty charity gift can boost crucial communication in rural areas and raise awareness on vital issues. Radios help indigenous people whose lives are at risk for defending their rights and protecting the environment.

'Through this radio, communities are able to share their struggles, their joys and their hopes for changing their situations.' lolany, Honduras

We also have the popular world gifts from last year e.g. Vegetable Garden £5, Queen Bee £4, Souper Soup Kitchen £10, Teach Someone to Read £10

**CATHEDRAL GREAT WEST WINDOW APPEAL**

Fr James McAuley, Cathedral Dean asks for your help to restore the Cathedral's magnificent West Window...

Due to deterioration in the leadwork and the effect of storms in early 2022, the West Window of St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth began to collapse early in 2023, requiring scaffolding to be erected to hold it in place. In early July, specialist contractors removed the glass to their workshop for restoration. We hope that the glass will be reinstalled in the early autumn. The West Window (click on the picture to see the whole window) was designed and manufactured by Lavers, Barraud and Westlake, and installed in 1906. It is made up of six vertical sections and three large tracery cinquefoils plus associated eyelets. The window covers a total area of 228 square feet or 70 square metres and contains approximately 9,700 pieces of glass. It depicts St Swithun, St John the Evangelist, St Mary Immaculate, St Edmund, St John the Baptist, and St Wilfred. The total cost of the restoration project is expected to be more than £100,000, which is far beyond the means of the cathedral parish, situated in one of the poorest parts of the diocese. Only about one third of the funds needed have so far been donated. The cost of restoration of the image of each saint is about £5,000, and of each of the 9,700 pieces, the cost is just over £10. If you would like to donate any amount, perhaps in memory of a loved one, to help defray the cost of the restoration, please send your donation either by cheque to the cathedral or directly to the cathedral parish bank account (CDP St John's Cathedral; Sort code 30-93-04; Account number 0088 3884). The names of donors will be recorded in a special commemorative book. You can text WINDOW to 70560 to donate £10. (Texts cost the donation amount plus one standard network message charge, and you will be opting into hearing more about the project. To donate without being updated, please

**HART FOODBANK**

- Toilet Rolls
- Rice Pudding
- Custard
- Jam
- Tinned Pudding
- Instant Mash
- Tinned Potatoes



# 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><b>Parish Office &amp; Enquiries at St. Swithun's</b> Tuesday to Friday 10am to 12 Noon Secretary: Mrs Carole Williams 01252 872732 yateley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</p>	<p><i>Christ the King &amp; 1st Sunday of Advent</i>  <b>26th Nov &amp; 3rd Dec 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Safeguarding Minister for St Swithun &amp; St Thomas More:</b> safeguarding.yat@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</p>

**TWO WEEKS LITURGY SCHEDULE**

*(All services at St. Swithun's except for those marked (STM) held at St. Thomas More, Hartley Wintney)*

- Sun 26th**    **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe**  
*(Missal 812/813)*  
1pm (Sat)    Baptism Eleanor Fordham  
6pm (Sat)    Lukasz Murawski GE  
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am    Marie Flynn RIP
- Tues 28th**    **Feria**  
7pm
- Wed 29th**    **Feria**  
9.30am    Deceased members of Owens Brettall & Donovan families  
10-11am    Mothers Prayer group  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thu 30th**    **St. Andrew**  
9.30am
- Fri 1st Dec**    **Feria**  
9.30am
- Sun 3rd Year B**    **First Sunday of Advent**  
*(Missal 45/46)*  
6pm (Sat)    Bobbie Donovan RIP  
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am    Paddy Goodman RIP
- Tues 5th**    **of the 1st Week of Advent**  
7pm

- Wed 6th**    **St Nicholas**  
9.30am  
10-11am    Mothers Prayer Group  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thu 7th**    **St Ambrose**  
9.30am
- Fri 8th**    **The Immaculate conception of the blessed Virgin Mary**  
9.30am    Pat Killen's Birthday
- Sun 10th**    **Second Sunday of Advent**  
*(Missal 49/50)*  
6pm (Sat)  
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish



**Confessions**

Saturdays  
5.30pm-5.50pm  
St Swithun, Yateley



**C**onfession allows us to hold ourselves accountable for these sins and seek true forgiveness. The soul needs confession to cleanse itself, allowing us to repair our relationship with Christ. Confession grants us sacramental grace, helping to repair the bonds we break with God when we sin.



This Sunday is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. We are about to begin Advent and the world is facing war. Let this Advent, which begins soon, be an opportunity for us to work for peace. Let us be apostles of peace where we live through forgiveness, love and charity.  
Fr Wojciech

**ADVENT IS COMING!**

Sunday, 3rd December, is the First Sunday of Advent, when the Church enters into a short but magical season that prepares us for the Coming of Christ. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us in Bethlehem is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of hope, of devout and joyful expectation.



**LECTIO DIVINA**

Will take place on Thursdays, 7pm, Parish Centre, Yateley.

**COFFEE MORNINGS**

Every Sunday after 10.45am Mass at St Swithun's. Please join us.



**UCM**

5/12: Advent reflections with the story of "the other wise man", followed by seasonal refreshments. All welcome.



**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
Sunday 17th December  
after the 10.45am Mass



Tickets for sale after each Mass at weekends or from the Parish Office. This year you will need to buy your tickets in advance, there will be NO list. So hurry!

**WINTERSHALL NATIVITY PLAY**

Nativity Play in Wintershall. This will be held on Sat 16th Dec. If anyone is interested to join our group. Those who have booked already please can you hand your money into the parish office. Thank you.



**BAPTISM**

Saturday 25th November, infant Eleanor Amelia Fordham will be baptised at St. Swithun. We welcome her into the family of the Church.



**CRAFT-GAMES & NATTER CLUB**

Join our club, bring your own crafts, games or just come for a "natter". We will be meeting next on **Sat 16th December** at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

**STEP BY STEP**

Step by Step provides accommodation and wellbeing support to over 1,300 young people each year. You can help them by donating to our **Open Doors** appeal. Please give the gift of a safe Christmas and the chance of a future without homelessness. Just £33 could pay for accommodating a young person for a night. Please visit [www.stepbystep.org.uk/opendoors/](http://www.stepbystep.org.uk/opendoors/) to donate or contact us at: [fundraising@stepbystep.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stepbystep.org.uk)



**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Christmas cards are for sale in our shop with other Christmas items, please have a look after Mass on Sundays. We will also sell hand made cards. All profits goes to our Church.



**SUPPORT CAFOD WAR APPEAL**

Cafod are collecting to help people at war. You will see that at the back of the Church we have a large poster,



where you can write Christmas messages to other parishioners or friends, may be instead of sending out cards. Give a donation towards this appeal. Thank you.

**ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, now is the time to apply for admission to Reception Class in September 2024. The closing date is 15th January 2024. Please apply online at : [educationonlineportal.hants.gov.uk/ EducationOnlinePortal/en](http://educationonlineportal.hants.gov.uk/EducationOnlinePortal/en) and download our admissions arrangements at: <https://www.st-bernettes.hants.sch.uk/admissions/> to complete and return your supplementary information form, along with a copy of your baptismal certificate



For the Dead - De Profundis (Psalm 129)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray. O God, the Creator and redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through our pious supplication they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

**FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY...  
A SAVIOUR WHICH IS  
CHRIST THE LORD.**

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday 23rd December  
St Thomas More: 6pm Mass  
Sunday 24th December  
St Swithun: 10.45am Mass

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Sunday 24th December  
St. Swithun: 4pm Mass  
St. Thomas More: 6pm Mass  
St Swithun: 10pm Mass  
(Carols begin at 9.30pm)

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Monday 25th December  
St Swithun: 10am Mass

**THE HOLY FAMILY**

Saturday 30th December  
St Swithun: 6pm Mass  
Sunday 31st December  
St Thomas More: 8.45am Mass  
St Swithun: 10.45am Mass

**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.

**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

**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.

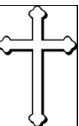
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Lukasz Murawski, Julian Round, 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:**

12/11: SS=£119.30;TM=£79.20  
19/11:SS=£95.05;STM=£62.10

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

Many thanks for all your contributions