



St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



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WEEKLY NEWS
Christmas & Mary Mother of God
24th & 29th Dec 2023
Year B

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**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
Lesley Huyton RIP

Tues 26th St Stephen
10am

Wed 27th St John
10am

Thu 28th The Holy Innocents
10am

Fri 29th St Thomas of Canterbury
10am

Sun 31st Holy Family
6pm (Sat)
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am

Mon 1st Mary, The Holy Mother of God
10am Malcolm Hancock RIP

**NO MASSES FROM, TUESDAY
2ND TO 5TH OF JANUARY**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Father and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and thank you for your cards and gifts received from parishioners. God Bless you all. (Father & Carole)



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The collection taken at Christmas Masses is traditionally your personal gift to Fr Wojciech. You can also donate online, via the link below:
https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/yateley-st-swithun-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2023
Thank you.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all volunteers involved in helping in any ways at the Christmas lunch. It was a success. We hope you all enjoyed it.



PARISH OFFICE

Please note: The office is now closed and it will re open on Tuesday 2nd January.

RED MISSIO BOXES

Please return your red boxes for counting, either leave them in the back of the church or take them to the parish office. Thank you



THE SURPRISE PLAY

Watch "The Surprise", a wonderful play by Catholic author GK Chesterton this Christmas. Sunday 24th December 3.30pm online www.ewtn.co.uk or on sky 586. For GK Chesterton Prayers see; www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk This drama of jubilant humour is one of only a handful of plays ever penned by the renowned 20th century Catholic writer G.K. Chesterton. The grand theme unfolds through provocative ideas and captivating characters as we are shown that the Incarnation is the only solution to the problems of the world. Once again, Chesterton's unique genius for illuminating profound theological truths through delightful and entertaining stories ensures this program, full of vintage Chesterton, is one you won't want to miss. Watch online www.ewtn.co.uk or on sky channel 586.

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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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Anne Wardle, Lukasz Murawski, Julian Round, Peggy Fennel, Jean Warner, John Harris, Bob Fernandez.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We remember at this special time of year, our loved ones who have died. May the light of God's love shine eternally upon them.





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.