

St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



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WEEKLY NEWS
5th Sunday in Lent
&
Palm Sunday
17th & 24th March 2024

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Sun 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent
(Missal 203/204)
6pm (Sat) Anne Wardle GE
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Michel & Mary Sampston
RIP

Tues 19th St Joseph
7pm Anne Wardle GE

Wed 20th of the 5th Week of Lent
9.30am John, Margaret O'Gorman
& Son
10-11am Mothers Prayers
10-11am Adoration

Thu 21st of the 5th Week of Lent
9.30am

Fri 22nd of the 5th Week of Lent
1.30pm Requiem Mass for
Pauline Doyle

Sun 24th Palm Sunday
(Missal 198/199)
6pm (Sat) Pauline Doyle RIP
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am David Weale RIP

Tues 26th of Holy Week
11am Chrism Mass in Portsmouth

Wed 27th of Holy Week
9.30am Pauline Doyle RIP
10-11am Mothers Prayers



EASTER TRIDIUM



Thu 28th Maundy Thursday
8pm (SS) Mass of the Lord's Supper
Marianne & Marcel Lauer
RIP
9pm - 12am Watching at Altar of Repose

Fri 29th Good Friday
3pm (SS) Liturgy of the
Lord's Passion

Sat 30th Easter Vigil Mass
7.30pm (SS) Marianito & Nenita Santos
RIP

Sun 31st Easter Sunday
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am (SS) Lio Willig RIP



HE HAS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

**WISHING YOU ALL A
HAPPY EASTER!**



LECTIO DIVINA

Will resume on Thursday 18th April, 7pm,
Parish Centre, Yateley.

REQUIEM MASS

Pauline Doyle's body will be received into
our Church on Thu 21st March, at 3pm.
Requiem Mass Fri 22nd, 1.30pm. May she
rest in Peace. All welcome.

COFFEE MORNINGS

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



UCM MEETING IN MARCH

19/03: 7pm, Mass followed by
Stations of the Cross. All welcome



EASTER OFFERING

The Easter Collection for our clergy
supports Father Wojciech and is both an
important opportunity for us to express our
gratitude to him for his service, care and
guidance – and constitutes a significant
element of clergy remuneration and
support. You can donate in the Easter
offertory collection, or online?
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parish-easter-collection-2024](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/yateley-st-swithun-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2024) Yateley
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MEDJUGORJE HOLY HOUR

The next Medjugorje Holy Hour will be at
St Swithun's on Thursday 25th April after
the morning Mass. It is being offered for
Peace in our World. Everyone is welcome
to join us.

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is
holding a Divine Mercy Reflection on Sat 13
April 2024 from 1pm to 4:30pm at St Mary's
R C Church, 157 Aldershot Road, Guildford
GU2. The Reflection will include the Holy
Rosary, teachings on the Message of

Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass,
Hour of Mercy with Adoration and
Benediction and Veneration of the Image of
Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call
Millie on 07957594646 for more information

CHRISM MASS AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

I want to invite everyone –
clergy, religious and laity – to
join me for the Chrism Mass.
Tuesday 26th March at 11
o'clock in the Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is
the special Liturgy in Holy Week at which
the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils used
in the Sacraments: the Oil of Catechumens,
the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick and the Oil
of Chrism. The blessing of the Holy Oils is
one of the most ancient ceremonies of the
Church and it's always celebrated in the
Cathedral with the priests, deacons,
religious and lay people of the diocese.
from Bishop Philip



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Helpers needed for light
duties in the bar and Parish
Centre occasionally. Please talk
to Carole or John Mills if
interested.



Readers: please consider becoming a
reader, we are very short on them these
days, and the more people of the rota, the
less you need to read. Even if you can only
help once a month, that's fine. Training can
be given, so no need to worry.

SECOND COLLECION


Weekend of 29th March there will be a
collection money for Holy Places. Thank you

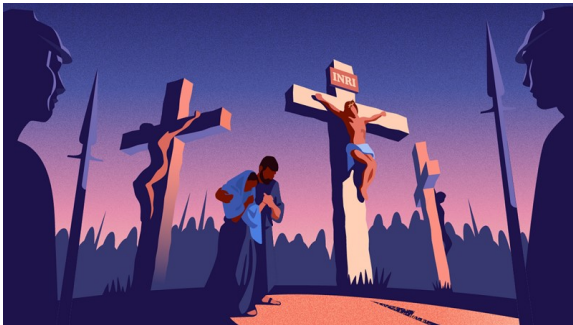


What is Lent?

Lent is a significant period for many Christians worldwide, especially those within the Anglican, Catholic, and Orthodox traditions. It lasts for six weeks and prepares people for the celebration of Easter, in a similar way that Advent leads up to Christmas.

Although Advent is a time of celebration and eager anticipation, Lent is typically observed with solemnity and preparation for commemorating Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter. From Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday, it has been customary to fast or abstain from something. Much like how we prepare for significant events in our personal lives, such as weddings or birthdays, Lent calls for us to ready our minds and hearts to remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

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HOLY WEEK

Holy week is the time when Christians re-live the events of Jesus last week on earth. His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, cleansing the Temple, teaching his followers, dealing with challenges of Pharisees and Saducees, his Last Supper with the disciples, prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, betrayal, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial. Holy Week is a time to join with others to worship and remember these events that to lead to our salvation, EASTER.



DATE OF EASTER

The date to celebrating Easter was agreed on in the West only after centuries of discussion and debate. Easter Sunday is the closest Sunday to Pasqual, (*Sunday after the full moon*) that occurs on or next after 21 March, the spring equinox. Thus Easter can be any time from March 22 through April 25.



EASTER

Easter, principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. The earliest recorded observance of an Easter celebration comes from the 2nd century, though the commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection probably occurred earlier.



The English word Easter, which parallels the German word Ostern, is of uncertain origin. One view, expounded by the Venerable Bede in the 8th century, was that it derived from Eostre, or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. This view presumes—as does the view associating the origin of Christmas on December 25 with pagan celebrations of the winter solstice—that Christians appropriated pagan names and holidays for their highest festivals. Given the determination with which Christians combated all forms of paganism (the belief in multiple deities), this appears a rather dubious presumption. There is now widespread consensus that the word derives from the Christian designation of Easter week as in albis, a Latin phrase that was understood as the plural of alba (“dawn”) and became eostarum in Old High German, the precursor of the modern German and English term. The Latin and Greek Pascha (“Passover”) provides the root for Pâques, the French word for Easter.

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

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.

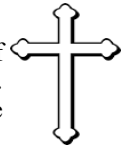
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Anne Wardle, Pat Howell, Tim Driscoll, Rose O’Halloran, 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.



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.

FIRST COLLECTION:

03/03: SS: £156.30 STM: £81.75

10/03: SS: £121.45 STM: £132.65

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Cafod raised: SS=£91.80 STM=£73.50

29/03: Holy Places

Many thanks for all your contributions

HART FOODBANK

Toilet Rolls
Rice Pudding
Custard
Jam
Tinned Pudding



Tinned Pudding
Instant Mash
Tinned Potatoes
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Tinned Potatoes