



St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



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

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3 WEEKLY NEWS

Sun 28th 5th Sunday of Easter
(Missal 438/439)
 6pm (Sat) David White RIP
 8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
 10.45am Inge Reb GE

(No weekly masses)

Tues 30th of the 5th Week of Easter

Wed 1st of the 5th Week of Easter
 10-11am Mothers Prayers

Thu 2nd At Athanasius

Fri 3rd Ss Philip & James

Sun 5th 6th Sunday of Easter
(Missal 442/443)
 6pm (Sat) Jim Darkens RIP
 8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
 10.45am Jim Darkens RIP

(No weekly masses)

Tues 7th of the 6th Week of Easter

Wed 8th of the 6th Week of Easter
 10-11am Mothers Prayers

Thu 9th The Ascension of the Lord

Fri 10th of the 6th Week of Easter

Sun 12th 4th Sunday of Easter
(Missal 447/448)
 6pm (Sat) Pat Quilin RIP
 8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
 10.45am Mike Tevlin RIP

Tues 14th *(No weekly masses)*
St Mathias


Wed 15th of the 7th Week of Easter
 10-11am Mothers Prayers

Thu 16th of the 7th Week of Easter

Fri 17th of the 7th Week of Easter

Sun 19th PENTECOST
(Missal 460/461)
 6pm (Sat) Darken's family Intentions
 8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
 10.45am Fr Wojciech 30th Anniversary
 of priesthood

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



"In our day, then, it is decisive that we Christians cultivate a gaze full of hope and work fruitfully in response to the vocation we have received, in service to God's kingdom of love, justice and peace. This hope – Saint Paul tells us – "does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), since it is born of the Lord's promise that he will remain always with us and include us in the work of redemption that he wants to accomplish in the heart of each individual and in the "heart" of all creation." (Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for 61st World Day of Prayer For Vocations 2024)



2nd COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for Clergy Training fund.

NO MASSES

Father will be away from the 29th April to 17th May, therefore there will be no masses during the week or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We welcome Father Sherlock, who will be celebrating weekend masses during Father Wojciech absence. The office will be open as normal, please pop in for any needs.

LECTIO DIVINA

Will re start on Thursdays 18th April, 7pm, Parish Centre, Yateley.



COFFEE MORNINGS

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



UCM MEETING IN MAY

07/05: 7pm, parish centre.

GARDEN POTS NEEDED

If you have any small garden plastic pots, could you possibly put them in the box provided in the porch, as they will be recycled. Thank you.

CRAFT-GAMES & NATTER CLUB

We will be meeting in the parish centre, on **Sat 4th May** at 10.30am for 2hrs. Every one welcome.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE

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On Saturday 27th April, the 56 th anniversary of the legalisation of abortion, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. Pray especially that 'buffer zones' will not be introduced around abortion centres. For information on the day of Prayer and Fasting contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Calling the young People of our Diocese. Have you just finished your A-levels? Or about to finish Uni for the Summer...?



Why not give something back by joining our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? We will be leaving for Lourdes on Monday 22nd July and returning on Friday 26th July. You could help by assisting some of our pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs, offering a steadying arm and a warm smile! Our Youth pilgrims are an essential part of our pilgrimage, and they tell us each year of the amazing time they have had, returning many times to serve our pilgrims. you would like to know more about joining us, contact: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The pilgrim fare is £780 but there is the potential for funding.

PARISH PICNIC

Come and join us to celebrate Father Wojciech 30th Anniversary of Priesthood, Sunday 19th May, after 10.45am Mass. We will be having a parish picnic



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH DATA PROTECTION LEAD

We are seeking a Data Protection Lead to join our team and help us ensure that we comply with the relevant data protection laws and regulations, and respect the privacy and dignity of our clergy, staff, and volunteers. Hours: Full time. Salary: £35,000-£37,000 per annum, depending on experience and qualifications. Based at St Edmund House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth.

SHARE YOUR EVENTS AND GOOD NEWS

We like to share news of what's happening across the diocese and try to include a broad range of news and reflective articles, but please note the following:

- The Editorial Team reserve the right to edit any submitted articles prior to publication, or not to use them.
- Publication of submitted articles cannot always be guaranteed.
- Due to space, articles are not always published immediately and may be held in reserve for future use.
- If you would like us to advertise an event connected to the diocese for you, we would be very happy to do so, but please submit the details in good time.
- Publication of an article does not necessarily reflect the views of either the Editor nor of the Bishop. Please e-mail all news items and details of forthcoming events to executiveassistant@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The deadline for copy for consideration for the next issue is **Friday 19th April 2024**. Please send news as plain text (e.g. in an email or Word document) and images (landscape) as attachments rather than embedded in a document. Thank you.

A Prayer for Peace in Israel and Palestine

God of Comfort,

send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine. You are the Advocate of the oppressed and the One whose eye is on the sparrow. Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression. Let hearts mourn rather than militarize.

God of Justice,

give strength to those whose long work for a just peace might seem fruitless now. Strengthen their resolve. Do not let them feel alone. Show us how to support their work and bolster their courage. Guide religious leaders to model unity and reconciliation across lines of division. Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts as they seek peace and pursue it. Help all people choose the rigorous path of just peace and disavow violence.

God of Love,

we lift up Palestine and Israel, its people, its land, its creatures. War is a monster that consumes everything in its path. Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies. Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries. We beg for love and compassion to prevail on all your holy mountains.

God of Hope,

we lift up the cities of the region: Gaza City and Tel Aviv, Ramallah and Ashkelon, Deir El Balah and Sderot, so long divided, yet so filled with life and creativity. Come again to breathe peace on your peoples that all may recognize you.

God of the Nations,

let not one more child or elder be sacrificed on altars of political expediency. Keep safe all people from unjust leaders who would exploit vulnerability for their own distorted ends. Give wise discernment to those making decisions to pursue peace. Provide them insight into fostering well-being, freedom, and thriving for all. Teach all of us to resolve injustices with righteousness, not rockets. Guard our hearts against retaliation, and give us hearts for love alone.

Strengthen our faith in you, O God of All Flesh, even when we don't have clear answers, so that we may still offer ourselves non violently for the cause of peace. Amen

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.

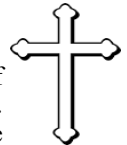
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Peggy Davies, 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

FIRST COLLECTION:

14/04: SS=£148.20; STM=£65.75

21/04: SS=£88.80; STM=£106.50

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

20/04: Clergy Training funds

Many thanks for all your contributions

HART

Toilet Rolls
Rice Pud-
Custard
Jam
Tinned Pudding



FOODBANK

Tinned Pudding
Instant Mash
Tinned Potatoes
Instant Mash
Tinned Potatoes