



St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



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

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Sun 19th PENTECOST
(Missal 461/462)
 6pm (Sat) Darkens family Intentions
 8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
 10.45am Fr Wojciech 30th Anniversary of priesthood

Tues 21st FERIA
 7pm Seb Carney RIP

Wed 22nd FERIA
 9.30am Chris Lindsey RIP
 10-11am Mothers Prayers
 10-12noon Adoration

Thu 23rd Our Lord Jesus Christ
The Eternal High Priest
 9.30am David Holdway RIP

Fri 24th FERIA
 9.30am Vincent Lyddieth RIP

Sun 26th TRINITY SUNDAY
(Missal 957/958)
 6pm (Sat) Holdway Family Intentions
 8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
 10.45am David Weale RIP

Tues 28th FERIA
 7pm Maureen Boyer RIP

Wed 29th FERIA
 9.30am
 10-11am Mothers Prayers
 10-12noon Adoration

Thu 30th FERIA
 9.30am

Fri 31st Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
 9.30am John Boyer RIP

2nd COLLECTION
 This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Communication Network.

LECTIO DIVINA
 Every Thursday evening, 7pm, Parish Centre, Yateley.

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



UCM MEETING IN MAY
 21/05: 7pm, parish centre.



CRAFT-GAMES & NATTER CLUB
 We will be meeting in the parish centre, on **Sat 8th June** at 10.30am for 2hrs. Everyone welcome.



MEDJUGORJE HOLY HOUR
 The next Medjugorje Holy Hour will be at St Swithun's on Thursday 23rd May after the morning Mass. It is being offered for Peace in our World. Everyone is welcome to join us.

REQUIEM MASS
 Peggy Davies has sadly died, please pray for her and for her family. There will be a Requiem Mass for her on Wednesday 5th June at 11am at St Swithun. Her body will be received in the Church the day before (4th) at 3.30pm. May she rest in peace.



HARTLEY WINTNEY FESTIVAL
 Our four village churches in Hartley Wintney have a pitch again at the 8th June Hartley Wintney Festival - look for the "Christian Together tent!" Wonderful if you can spare a little time to chat with anyone manning the space (the more we get to know one another the better!) Even better if you can spare some time to stay there to talk to anyone curious about the existence of St Thomas More, the church being tucked away as it is. We shall have information leaflets available on a display table. Further information from John Marcotti.

LIS DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH on ZOOM
 7 Sessions starting on Thursday evenings, from 6th June to 18th July 2024 from 7.30pm until 9pm Live Holy Spirit Day for course participants at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 29th June starting 9.30am with Mass until 1pm. Adoration at 8.30am optional! Tea and coffee will be provided. Welcome to bring and share packed lunch afterwards. Please use this link to register:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8125457890>
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 Free to all - Crowdfunding to cover costs - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/CHARISportsmouthLIFEINTHESPIRITcourse>



FARNBOROUGH ABBEY
 Visit of St Edmund Champion Relic Sat 25th May. Yes at 12 noon Mass at the Abbey the Relic of St Edmund Champion will be present. After Mass there will be a chance to venerate the Relic. Also at about 1pm there will be a Rosary Procession around the Abbey Church; weather permitting. All are welcome to join the Knights on this Saturday at the St Michael's Abbey GU14 7NQ. Do bring a lunch and join us in the house at about 1.30/2pm for a shared lunch. It is also hoped that the official tour of the Abbey itself & the crypt will take place at about 3pm. Please join us from 11.30am onwards and stay as long as you wish.



FLAME
 The largest youth gathering of Catholics, Flame is once more taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday 15th March 2025, with the theme Unstoppable. We are reaching out to our young people and make them personally aware of the opportunity to join with other young Catholics at Flame, to enjoy modern inspirational faith filled music, to hear motivational speakers, to share the faith and to spend time in prayer. Those who have attended in the past have told us how much they have enjoyed it. *If anyone is interested in joining "Flame" please contact the parish office for more information.*



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday, 50 days after Easter, when we celebrate the descent of the Advocate Christ promised, the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity - Who hovered over the waters at the world's creation, Who spoke through the prophets of old, Who overshadowed the womb of the Blessed Virgin and Who filled and animated the Heart of Christ. The Spirit blows where He wills but at Pentecost that Spirit descended upon Our Lady, St. Peter and the Apostles to begin the re-creation of the world and to initiate the life and mission of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the Church's birthday. Next Sunday, and all this week, let us thank God that we belong to Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. The Church exists across space-time as a Sacrament, that is, a sign and an instrument to gather the world into unity with one another and with God, to give people the gifts of eternal life in Jesus Christ and to send them out to build the Kingdom especially serving the poor and needy.

Unlike with the Father and the Son, it is not easy to 'picture' the Holy Spirit. The Bible uses symbols, like fire, wind, water. I like to think of the Holy Spirit as living water poured into our hearts. He dwells within us, sharing our life, our experiences, our hopes and fears. But rather than trying to picture Him, it's easier to sense His impact. He woos us to Christ and to His Truth, Goodness and Love. This can be seen in the seven-fold gifts the Holy Spirit gives in our lives such as boldness, wisdom and devotion, seen too in the twelve fruits the Spirit forms in someone's character, like joy, charity and generosity. If we want to 'see' the Holy Spirit, we should look at the impact in the lives of holy men and women. It's fascinating how so many of the saints show the same characteristics: joy, care for the poor, an intense love for Jesus in the Eucharist, a communion of friends, a commitment to poverty. In their lives, you can see how the Spirit renews the face of the earth.

The world we live in today badly needs the water, the fire, the wind, the balm of the Holy Spirit. St. Irenaeus once said, just as dry flour cannot become dough without water, so too we cannot become holy without the Water from heaven. This week, let's ask the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Let's ask Him to refill the whole Church with His gifts. Let's ask Him to renew our hearts, to pour into them His living water and to set us on fire with love.

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.

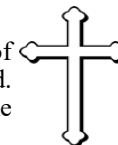
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Marjorie Killen, 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:

25/04: SS=£129.55; STM=£77.50

05/05: SS=£218.47

12/05: SS=£121.70

STM to be announced in next NL

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

19/05: Clergy Training funds

Many thanks for all your contributions

HART FOODBANK

Toilet Rolls
Rice Pudding
Custard
Jam
Tinned Pudding



Tinned Pudding
Instant Mash
Tinned Potatoes
Instant Mash
Tinned Potatoes