



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 2nd CORPUS CHRISTI
(Missal 829/830)
6pm (Sat) Dominic Boyer & Family GE
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Kim Hendle RIP
1pm Baptism Enzo Webb

Tues 4th Feria
3.30pm Reception of Peggy Davies
Body into Church
Peggy Davies RIP
7pm

Wed 5th St Boniface
11am Requiem Mass Peggy Davies

Thu 6th Feria
9.30am


Fri 7th Sacred Heart of Jesus
9.30am

Sun 9th 10th Sunday of the Year
(Missal 863/864)
6pm (Sat) Peggy Davies RIP
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Peggy Davies RIP

NO MASSES FROM 11TH JUNE TO 14TH JUNE

Sun 16th 11th Sunday of the Year
(Missal 867/868)
6pm (Sat)
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Jim Darkens RIP


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




CORPUS CHRISTI
Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this feastday, we give special thanks and praise to God for the sublime gift of His Body and Blood that Christ left us at the Last Supper. The Eucharist is the living memorial of His passion, death and resurrection, which brings us its sacrificial and saving power until the end of time. It is the great Sacrament by which we encounter the living and risen Christ and receive strength in holiness so that all peoples may come to walk in the light of one faith in one communion of love.

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 JUNE
04/06 & 18/06: 7pm, parish centre.



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




2nd COLLECTION - White Flower Appeal
There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for the Society of the protection of the unborn children. Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is an anti-abortion organisation in the United Kingdom which also opposes assisted suicide and abortifacient birth control.




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.

BAPTISM
We welcome into our Church Enzo Dennis Webb, who will be baptised on Sunday 2nd June at 1pm.



"CALLED AND GIFTED"
Is coming to Corpus Christi, Wokingham on Saturday 19th October. "God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me that He has not committed to another" (St John Henry Newman). Please visit the website below for more details of the Called and Gifted process. Further information to follow in the coming weeks...
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/diocese/framework-for-collaboration/framework-teams/called-and-gifted/>



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 7th September at 2pm. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish office who will be able to help you.



A BIG THANK YOU
Thank you to all those who came to the picnic and who celebrated my 30th Anniversary of priesthood. Thank you for your generous gifts, cards and the lovely cake. Lets not forget to say thanks to those who organised this event, the kitchen staff and helpers, bar staff etc.

80th D DAY ANNIVERSARY
Yateley to mark 80th Anniversary of D Day on Thursday 6th June, Church end Green, 8.45pm. Reading of the International Tribute and Beacon Lighting. We will commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day landings and take part in the national Beacon Lighting. We will be joined by some of the local uniformed groups and veterans. More information can be found on the website: yateley-tc.gov.uk/news-events/



OAK APPLE DAY

Oak Apple Day was once a popular National Holiday in this country, celebrated on 29th May. It commemorates the restoration of King Charles II to his throne after the English Civil War and the country's brief experiment with being a republic under Oliver Cromwell. On this day people would wear sprays of oak leaves to show their loyalty to the Crown, hence its name. Why oak? Because after his defeat at the Battle of Worcester in 1651 King Charles hid from the Parliamentarians in an oak tree. So, what has that got to do with us? Well, the King's subsequent restoration to his throne in 1660 wouldn't have happened without the English Catholic community (which was actually persecuted at this time). Having come down from the oak, the King was taken to Moseley Old Hall in Staffordshire, home of the Catholic Whitgrave Family. Because of the need to protect their hunted priests who had a price on their heads, English Catholics were good at hiding people. The family chaplain, Father John Huddleston, took King Charles into his care, cleaning and bandaging his wounded feet and, when the Parliamentarian troops searched the house, hiding with him in the house's secret "priest hole." During their time together they had long conversations about the Catholic Faith. When the King eventually left the house he promised that, if he ever recovered his throne, he would protect Father Huddleston. Father Huddleston subsequently became a Benedictine monk in Spain but returned to England after the King's restoration. He lived at Somerset House in London under the protection of Charles' mother, Queen Henrietta Maria, and later became chaplain to the King's Portuguese wife, Queen Catherine of Braganza. During a renewed period of intense persecution of Catholics due to what is known as the "Titus Oates Plot," Parliament specifically exempted from the anti-Catholic laws Father Huddleston, the Whitgrave Family, and all the Catholic people who had once helped the King escape from his enemies. On 5th February 1685, as Charles lay dying, his brother James, Duke of York (himself a convert to Catholicism), secretly ushered Father Huddleston into the room and said to the King "Sire, this good man once saved your life. He now comes to save your soul." Father Huddleston heard the King's confession, received him into the Catholic Church, and gave him Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick. Oak Apple Day (also called Royal Oak Day and Restoration Day) was abolished as a public holiday by the rather strait-laced Victorians in 1850 because they considered it had become a rather rowdy occasion. The memory of it survives through pubs named The Royal Oak.

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.

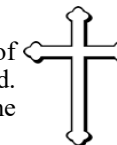
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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:

SS:19/05:=191.65

26/05=£62

STM:05/05=£122.30;

12/05=£87.50;

19/05=£84.20

26/05:=£153

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

Can we please have strong plastic bags, thank you.