



The Holy Father will solemnly open the Jubilee Year 2025 in St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve. Meanwhile, throughout the world, diocesan bishops will inaugurate the Holy Year in their Cathedrals on Sunday 29th December. I will do this at the 12 noon Mass that day in Portsmouth. Do come and join us for this. Meanwhile, here are a few notes about the ceremony.

The solemn opening of the Jubilee Year takes place at a Mass at which the diocesan bishop presides in the cathedral church, mother of all the churches of the diocese. The particular sign of the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year is the pilgrimage of the diocesan Church and the processional entrance behind the cross into the cathedral. The procession is expressed in three moments: (1) a collectio ("gathering") in a nearby suitable place; (2) the pilgrimage; and (3) the entrance into the cathedral.

For the collectio an antiphon or opening chant, the greeting, the invitation to bless and praise God, an exhortation, the prayer, the proclamation of a gospel passage and the reading of some sections from the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year will take place. Then the pilgrimage moves towards the cathedral church. This is the sign of the journey of hope of the pilgrim people behind the cross of Christ. The cross which opens the pilgrimage should therefore be one of significance for the diocesan Church in an historical-artistic sense, or because of the devotion of the people. It should be duly decorated and is to be placed near the altar in the sanctuary where it remains for the entire Jubilee Year for the veneration of the faithful. To accompany the pilgrimage, the so-called psalms of pilgrimage and of entrance to the temple are particularly suitable. In addition, given its ancient processional usage, the litany of the saints could be sung.


(3) Finally, the entrance of the people of God into the cathedral is made through the principal door, sign of Christ (cf. Jn 10:9). On the threshold the bishop lifts up the cross, faces the people and, with an acclamation invites them to venerate it. Having crossed the threshold, the bishop makes his way with the ministers towards the baptismal font where he leads the rite of the memorial of Baptism while the faithful assemble in the nave facing the font. The bishop then goes in procession with the ministers towards the altar; the faithful take their places. The sprinkling with water is a living remembrance of Baptism which is the gate of entry in the journey of sacramental initiation and into the Church. The celebration of the Mass constitutes the high point of the Rite of Opening of the Jubilee Year.

For our Diocese of Portsmouth, the following Shrine Churches have been designated in the jubilee year: St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth, St. James's Reading, Sacred Heart Bournemouth, St. Edmund's Southampton, St. Thomas's in St. Helier, Jersey and St. Joseph's in St. Peter Port, Guernsey.



St. Swithun & St. Thomas More

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TWO WEEKS LITURGY SCHEDULE
(All services at St. Swithun's except for those marked (STM) held at St. Thomas More, Hartley Wintney)

Sun 23rd 6pm (Sat) **7th Sunday of the Year**
 8.45am(STM) Bridie & Martin Reid (WA)
 10.45am Joseph Michael Ryan RIP
 Pauline Doyle RIP

Tues 25th 7pm **Feria**
 People of the Parish

Wed 26th 9.30am **Feria**
 10am Quenie Galloway RIP
 10am-11am Mother's Prayer
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thu 27th 9.30am **Feria**

Fri 28th 9.30am **Feria**

Sun 2nd 6pm (Sat) **8th Sunday of the Year**
 8.45am (STM) Della Brennan RIP
 10.45am People of the Parish
 Geoffrey Farrell RIP

Tues 4th 7pm **Feria**
 Ellen & Paddy Killen RIP

Wed 5th 10am(SS) **Ash Wednesday**
 12pm(STM) Mass with distribution of Ashes
 10am-11am Mass with distribution of Ashes
 Mother's Prayer
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thu 6th **Lent**
 9.30am
 12 noon(STM)Funeral service for Kathleen Yorston

Fri 7th 9.30am **Lent**

Sun 9th 6pm (Sat) **First Sunday in Lent**
 8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
 10.45am

Reconciliation Service
 Tuesday 1st April, 7.30pm.

The act of reconciling, or the state of being reconciled, is important any time but especially in Lent. So please come along to the reconciliation service. Visiting priests will be on hand to help.



There is a glimmer of hope that the war in Ukraine may soon come to an end with peace talks taking place in Saudi Arabia between Russia and America. Let us pray these initial openings may flourish and that new ways forward might be found. Today, let us say a Decade of the Rosary for the peoples of Ukraine, and another Decade for the Russian and American delegates that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and with hope and trust.

UCM MEETING

Next meeting: Tue 4/03 in the parish centre at 7.30pm and Tue 18th March at 10.30am in the "Café 46" Yateley.



OFFEE MORNINGS

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



LECTIO DIVINA

Every Thursday at 7pm, Parish Centre, Yateley.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYERS

Friday 7th March, join us at St Peters Church Yateley. Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer 2025. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I made you wonderful'.



CRAFT & NATTER CLUB

Saturday 1st March. 10.30am to 12.30pm. Please come and join us. Coffee, tea and biscuits are also available. St Swithun Parish Centre, Yateley. Open to all.



CAFOD

Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>



CAFOD Lent Appeal

Family Fast Day collection Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this



Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Mrs Kathleen Yorston from Hartley Wintney has recently died. Her funeral service will be held at St Thomas More on Thursday 6th March at 12 noon. Please keep her family in your prayers.

CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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 21st June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact your parish secretary or send an email to: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note the email address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient.



HEADTEACHER NEEDED

For St Anne's Catholic primary school, Basingsoke. The CEO of Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Trust (MTCAT) and Governors of St. Anne's Catholic Primary School wish to appoint an outstanding Head Teacher who is a practising and committed Catholic to lead the school from September. Closing date for applications is 10th March. If you are interested or know someone who is meant for this role, kindly contact the school via adminoffice@st-annes.hants.sch.uk



LENT starts with Ash Wednesday 5th March.

It is traditional for Catholics to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday to be marked on the forehead with the ashes made from the burning of the palm leaves from the



previous year. This marking is an outward sign of our inner desire to turn away from sin and to be more faithful to the gospel as we once more begin our journey to Holy Week and Easter. Masses will be at 10am at St. Swithun's and 12pm at St. Thomas More.

Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee Year, a sacred time of renewal, reflection, and grace. The theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," calls us to stand together in faith during a time when the world faces the challenges of war, climate change, and financial hardship. The Knights of St Columba & Fr Wojciech invite you to journey together in a Jubilee Pilgrimage to St James RC Church in Reading, Saturday, 22nd March 2025

- 9:00 AM: Tea & coffee at St Swithun's Church, Yateley.
 - 10:00 AM: Coach departs from St Swithun's for St James RC Church, Reading.
 - 11:00 AM: Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross.
 - 11:45 AM: Mass.
 - 1:00 PM: Coach returns to St Swithun's.
 - 1:45 PM: Light lunch (soup and bread) in the Parish Hall.
- Cost: £15 per person (includes coach travel and light lunch).
For more details, check the parish notice board.. Reserve your seat now! Contact or email kscfarnborough@gmail.com for payment and booking details.
Contact: Frank & Caroline Stanley
078 666 888 46

Let us journey together in hope and renewal this Jubilee Year!



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.

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.

QR CODE

You will have noticed that there is a QR code now on our newsletter, where you will be able to give your donations. Thank you.

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.

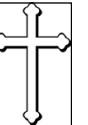
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all the sick in our parish May the Lord heal them all with his love.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



FIRST COLLECTION:

09/02:SS=£127STM=£61
16/02:SS=£136.50;STM=£74.30

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Many thanks for all your contributions

