



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

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

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<b>Parish Office &amp; Enquiries at St. Swithun's</b> <b>Tuesday to Friday 10am to 12 Noon</b> <b>Secretary: Mrs Carole Williams</b> <b>01252 872732</b> <a href="mailto:yateley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">yateley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>	<b>WEEKLY NEWS</b> <b>1st &amp; 2nd Sunday in Lent</b> <b>(Year C)</b> <b>Sunday 9th &amp; 16th March 2025</b>	<b>Safeguarding Minister for St Swithun &amp; St Thomas More:</b> <a href="mailto:safeguarding.yat@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">safeguarding.yat@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>

## TWO WEEKS LITURGY SCHEDULE

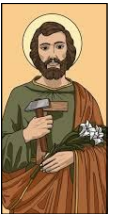
*(All services at St. Swithun's except for those marked (STM) held at St. Thomas More, Hartley Wintney)*

<b>Sun 9th</b> 6pm (Sat) 8.45am(STM)  10.45am	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Jose Remedios Andrade RIP People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>
<b>Tues 11th</b> 7pm	<b>1st week of Lent</b> Vincent Licence RIP
<b>Wed 12th</b> 9.30am 10am 10am-11am	<b>1st week of Lent</b> Ellen & Paddy Killen RIP Mother's Prayer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thu 13th</b> 9.30am	<b>1st week of Lent</b>
<b>Fri 14th</b> 9.30am 10am	<b>1st week of Lent</b>  <i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>
<b>Sun 16th</b> 6pm (Sat) 8.45am (STM)  10.45am	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Lorna Geeson RIP People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i> David Weale RIP
<b>Tues 18th</b> 7pm	<b>2nd week of Lent</b> Leo Willig RIP
<b>Wed 19th</b> 9.30am 10am-11am	<b>2nd week of Lent</b>  Mother's Prayer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



<b>Thu 20th</b> 9.30am	<b>2nd week of Lent</b>
<b>Fri 21st</b> 9.30am 10am	<b>2nd week of Lent</b>  <i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>
<b>Sun 23rd</b> 6pm (Sat) 8.45am(STM)  10.45am	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>

## SAINT JOSEPH



Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him. We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb. Joseph is regarded as the patron saint of workers and is associated with various feast days. Pope Pius IX declared him to be both the patron and the protector of the Catholic Church, in addition to his patronages of the sick and of a holy death, due to the belief that he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary.

## LENTEN SEASON

Lent reminds us of the three-fold Christian discipline of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. What do you intend doing this year? What about the devotional commemoration of Christ carrying the Cross (Stations of the Cross)?



*Lent is an invitation to spiritual honesty with ourselves to peel away those layers of self-deception and selfishness which keep us closed up in ourselves.*

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays after the 9.30am Mass at St. Swithun's, and after 9.45am Mass in St Thomas More during Lent, and will close with Benediction.



## Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 1st April, 7.30pm.

St Swithun Church. 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.



*"Fasting - a reduction in our food intake - is at the heart of our Lenten observance and goes hand in hand with works of charity and times of more prolonged prayer. In addition many of us attempt to give up for Lent some of those day to day things we take for granted like alcohol or chocolate. But what is the real purpose of it all? To make us feel self righteous? To lose some weight? No! Our Lenten practices are to help us be less self-absorbed and more aware of our dependence on God for everything we have. This should lead to us being filled with a spirit of thankfulness and gratitude and also help open our eyes to be more sensitive to the needs of others. Also we become more aware of our faults and failings which should help us to be less judgemental towards others. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" then starts to have a much deeper meaning for us. At its heart*

## UCM MEETING

Next meeting: Tuesday 18th March at 10.30am in the "Café 46" Yateley. All welcome.



## COFFEE MORNINGS

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



## LECTIO DIVINA

Every Thursday at 7pm, Parish Centre, Yateley.



## STM BIG SPRING CLEAN

Big Spring Clean at St Thomas More Church, on Saturday, 29th March, 9.30am-1pm. Please come along to help to get the church clean and ready for Easter. Coffee & "biccies" provided. See Kath if you are able to help.



## CAFOD Lent Appeal

### Family Fast Day collection

Please donate to our Family Fast Day. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



## DECEASED

Many of you will remember Barry Green who helped out in the parish for many years as well as being the parish centre manager. Barry sadly died last week. Please have him in your prayers as well as his family.



## THE LORD'S PASSION in ROME

2 tickets are available for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion in St Peter's Basilica, Rome, on Friday 18th April at 5pm. Please contact 01252 871944 for details.



## 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](mailto: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.



*Pilgrims of Hope*

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](mailto: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.

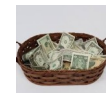


## FIRST COLLECTION:

23/02:SS=£125.85; STM=£61.30  
02/03:SS=£184.25.50;STM=£93.70

## SECOND COLLECTIONS:

16/03: Cafod  
30/03: Clergy Assistance



**Many thanks for all your contributions**