



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.



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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) 8.45am(STM) 10.45am	Third Sunday of Lent People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Tues 25th 7pm	The Annunciation of the Lord	
Wed 26th 9.30am 10am 10am-11am	3rd week of Lent John, Margaret & John Junior O'Gorman RIP Mother's Prayer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thu 27th 9.30am	3rd week of Lent	
Fri 28th 9.30am 10am	3rd week of Lent <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Sun 30th 6pm (Sat) 8.45am (STM) 10.45am	Fourth Sunday of Lent People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Tues 1st 7pm	4th week of Lent Penitential Service	
Wed 2nd 9.30am 10am-11am	4th week of Lent Mother's Prayer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	

Thu 3rd 9.30am	4th week of Lent
Fri 4th 9.30am 10am	4th week of Lent <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sun 6th 6pm (Sat) 8.45am(STM) 10.45am	5th Sunday of Lent Bridie O'Shea RIP People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Jim Darkens RIP

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St. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM 

Born in Jerusalem of affluent Christian parents, Cyril was ordained by Saint Maximus and placed in charge of catechumens. In Lent 347, he delivered his famous *23 Catecheses*, succinct and memorable instructions for those about to receive baptism. He was appointed the Bishop of Jerusalem in 351 after the death of Bishop Maximus, and almost immediately was embroiled in controversy. He sold church property during a famine in order to provide for the poor and for this he was condemned by the Metropolitan Archbishop and on the authority of the Emperor banished. He was sent to live in Tarsus. In 359, he was recalled, but only to be exiled a second time by forces sympathetic to the heretic Arian. A few years later, he was exiled yet again and thus spent 16 years of his 35 years as a bishop in exile. When he returned from banishment, he found Jerusalem scarred by controversy and corruption, and so he dedicated the rest of his episcopate to its restoration. He encouraged pilgrimages to be made to Jerusalem and for it to be revered as a holy city. Cyril attended the General Council of Constantinople in 381 and professed the newly revised Nicene Creed. In 1882, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

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)?



Easter. Coffee & "biccies" provided. See Kath if you are able to help.

CAFOD Lent Appeal Family Fast Day collection

Please return your envelopes if you have not done so already. Or 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

Requiem Mass Tuesday 8th April, 1.30pm, to celebrate the life of Barry Green. Please keep his family in your prayers. *(There will be NO evening Mass that day.)*



READERS

Please let the parish office know if you are available to read over the Easter period. Thank you.

CCELEBRATING 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.



PRAY THE ROSARY

There is a recording of the Bishop praying the Rosary with students from St Peter's School, Bournemouth, this includes all the Mysteries of the Rosary. It's available free in digital format. You can use it in your car or around the home to download to your phone, computer, or other digital device. [Stream Portsmouth Diocese | Listen to Holy Rosary with Bishop Philip Egan playlist online for free on SoundCloud](#)



SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection the weekend of the 30th March for Clergy Assistance Funds.

The Clergy Support Fund provides care and support for priests in their retirement and old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His People

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.



EASTER TRIDIUM

- Thu 17th 8pm (SS) **Maundy Thursday**
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Marianne & Marcel Lauer
RIP
- 9pm - 12am Watching at Altar of Repose
- Fri 18th 3pm (SS) **Good Friday**
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
- Sat 19th 8.30pm (SS) **Easter Vigil Mass**
- Sun 20th 8.45am (STM) **Easter Sunday**
People of the Parish
10.45am(SS)

HE HAS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

HART FOOD BANK

Helping local people in crisis Please leave your items in the boxes provided in our Church porch. Thank you.



- Toilet Rolls
- Rice Pudding
- Custard
- Jam
- Tinned Pudding
- Instant Mash
- Tinned Potatoes
- Plain & Flavoured Noodles
- Nappies Sizes 5 & 6

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:

02/03:SS=£185.75; STM=£93.70
09/03:SS=£114.50;STM=74.05

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

30/03: Clergy Assistance



Many thanks for all your contributions

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 Services

Tuesday 1st April, 7pm.
St Swithun Church, Yateley.

Wednesday 9th April, 7pm,
Holy Trinity, Church Crookham.



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.

UCM MEETING

There will be no meeting on the 1st April due to reconciliation at St Swithun. The next one will be 15th April with stations of the cross. All welcome.



COFFEE MORNINGS

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



LECTIO DIVINA

CHANGED to Wednesdays at 6pm, 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

