



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>5th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>&amp; Palm Sunday</b>  <b>6th &amp; 13th April</b>	<b>Safeguarding Minister for</b> <b>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 6th</b> 6pm (Sat) 8.45am (STM)  10.45am	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> Bridie O'Shea RIP People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Jim Darkens RIP	
<b>Tues 8th</b> 1.30pm	<b>5th week of Lent</b> Requiem Mass for Barry Green	
<b>Wed 9th</b> 9.30am 10am 10am-11am	<b>5th week of Lent</b> Ann Edwards RIP Mother's Prayer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Thu 10th</b> 9.30am 11am	<b>5th week of Lent</b>  Funeral Service Sally Devonshire	
<b>Fri 11th</b> 9.30am 10am	<b>5th week of Lent</b> Betty & Billy O'Callaghan RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
<b>Sun 13th</b> 6pm (Sat) 8.45am (STM) 10.45am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Hugh & Jane Sullivan RIP People of the Parish	
<b>Tues 15th</b> 11am	<b>of Holy Week</b> Chrism Mass Portsmouth	
<b>Wed 16th</b> 9.30am 10am-11am	<b>of Holy Week</b>  Mother's Prayer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	

## EASTER TRIDIUM

Thu 17th 8pm (SS)	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper Marianne & Marcel Lauer RIP	
9pm - 12am	Watching at Altar of Repose	
Fri 18th 3pm (SS)	<b>Good Friday</b> Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
Sat 19th 8.30pm (SS)	<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b>	

*The Resurrection of the Lord*

Sun 20th 8.45am (STM) 10.45am (SS)	<b>Easter Sunday</b> People of the Parish
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**HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**



**HAPPY EASTER**

**L**ENTEN 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)?



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.

### 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.



### UCM MEETING

The next meeting will be 15th April 7pm 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 7pm, Parish Centre, Yateley.



### FUNERALS

Requiem Mass Tuesday 8th April, 1.30pm, for Barry Green.  
Funeral Service Wednesday 10th April, 11am, for Sally Devonshire  
Please keep their families in your prayers.



### READERS

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

### 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



### CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday 15th April at 11am there is a special Mass at St John's Cathedral that requires the participation of the entire Diocese. Here, all our ordained clergy are called to attend and will renew their ordination vows. Indeed, it is a very special service for the men who have decided to heed the call of the priestly vocation and for those who are ordained as deacons too. If you are considering the vocation yourself or even just want to pray for our priests, then do join us at the Cathedral. All are welcome!



### EASTER OFFERING

The Easter Collection for our clergy supports Father Wojciech and is both an important opportunity for us to express our gratitude to him for his service, care and guidance – and constitutes a significant element of clergy remuneration and support. You can donate in the Easter offertory collection, or online: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/yateley-st-swithun-catholic-parish-easter-second-collection>



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Helpers needed for light duties in the bar and Parish Centre occasionally. Please talk to Carole if interested.



**Readers:** please consider becoming a reader, we are very short on them these days, we also need: **Eucharistic Ministers;** **Coffee** helpers. Thank you.

### WASHING OF FEET

Holy Thursday, 6 people from SS & 6 people from HW, are needed for the washing of feet. Before the feast of the passover, Jesus knowing that His hour was coming, washed his disciples feet; therefore we carry on this

important ritual in our love for Jesus who gave his life for us. (Please put your name on the list displayed in our porch.)

### ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat

26<sup>th</sup> April 10am-1pm on Zoom. "PILGRIMS OF HOPE – LOVE MERCY." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Ros Powell. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREAPR2025](https://bit.ly/ADOREAPR2025) or: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)



### PASSIONTIDE

the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church enters the period of Late Lent or Passiontide leading into Holy Week. These are the last days of Lent when we focus on the events of Christ's suffering, passion and death for us and for our salvation. The practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. On this Sunday is celebrated the third scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of the Catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.



I'd like to suggest that for next week, the Fifth of Lent, that we choose one of the narratives of the Passion from the Gospel and that we use it in our prayer-time over the days of the week, reading it slowly and stopping to ponder it. What love Jesus shows us! How might I love Him in return?

This is also the time Jesus wants to set us free. Let's ask Him for grace to make a good confession, that we may be set free from whatever holds us back from more truly loving God and our neighbour, and from becoming the kind of person He wants us to be. From *Bishop Philip*

### 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.

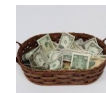


### FIRST COLLECTION:

16/03:SS=£85.75; STM=£46.50  
23/03:SS=£93.10.50;STM=£86.70

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Clergy Assistance raised: SS=£109;  
STM=£53.40



Many thanks for all your contributions