



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>Easter Sunday</b> <b>&amp; 2nd Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>20th &amp; 27th 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)*

*The Resurrection of the Lord*

- Sun 20th**      **Easter Sunday**  
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am(SS) Andrew Moore RIP
- Tues 22nd**    **within Octave of Easter**  
7pm Anthony Clarke RIP
- Wed 23rd**    **within Octave of Easter**  
9.30am David Carden RIP  
10am-11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thu 24th**    **within Octave of Easter**  
1.30pm Requiem Mass Bob Fernandez
- Fri 25th**    **within Octave of Easter**  
9.30am
- Sun 27th**    **2nd Sunday of Easter**  
6pm (Sat) People of the Parish  
8.45am (STM) Tim Driscoll RIP  
10.45am



**NO WEEKLY MASS 28th April to 2nd May**

- Sun 4th**      **3rd Sunday of Easter**  
6pm (Sat)  
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am(SS) Jim Darkens RIP
- Tues 6th**    **of the 3rd week of Easter**  
7pm
- Wed 7th**    **of the 3rd week of Easter**  
9.30am Mothers Prayer  
10am-11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thu 8th**    **of the 3rd week of Easter**  
9.30am
- Fri 9th**     **of the 3rd week of Easter**  
9.30am

**THANK YOU**

I would like to say a special thanks to everybody who helped with preparing the church for Easter. Also thank you for the Easter wishes and offering.  
*Fr Wojciech*



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





Easter, principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates "The Resurrection" of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. The earliest recorded observance of an Easter celebration comes from the 2nd century, though the commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection probably occurred earlier.

The English word Easter, which parallels the German word Ostern, is of uncertain origin. One view, expounded by the Venerable Bede in the 8th century, was that it derived from Eostre, or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility.

This view presumes as does the view associating the origin of Christmas on December 25 with pagan celebrations of the winter solstice that Christians appropriated pagan names and holidays for their highest festivals. Given the determination with which Christians combated all forms of paganism (the belief in multiple deities), this appears a rather dubious presumption. There is now widespread consensus that the word derives from the Christian designation of Easter week as in albis, a Latin phrase that was understood as the plural of alba ("dawn") and became eostarum in Old High German, the precursor of the modern German and English term. The Latin and Greek Pascha ("Passover") provides the root for Pâques, the French word for Easter.



## SECOND COLLECTION

Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land – 18th April 2025 The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

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



## LECTIO DIVINA

Will re start Wednesday 30th April at 7pm, Parish Centre, Yateley.



## UCM MEETING

No meeting on 6th May, next meeting will be 20th May 7.30pm in the Parish centre . All welcome.



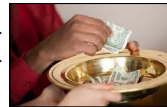
## FUNERAL

Requiem Mass for Bob Fernandez, 24th April, 1.30pm. Please keep his families in your prayers.



## 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>



## 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.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed from Friday 9th May to Monday 19th May. If you need Father urgently, come to the house or send an email. Thank you.

## 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)



## DIOCESAN FORMATION DAYS

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and for Readers - Fr. Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy Formation, will be running further formation days for readers on 18th October and EMHC on 3rd May. The EMHC day will include a session on taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. The Readers' Day will include a session on Lectio Divina. There will also be a day for Ministers of Children's Liturgy on Saturday 7th June, further details to follow. They will take place at St Bede's Church/Hall in Basingstoke. Anyone interested is encouraged to register via [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



## HART FOOD BANK

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

## 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:

06/04:SS=£111.10; STM=£77  
13/04:SS=£157.90;STM=£52.50

## SECOND COLLECTIONS:

18/04: Holy Places



Many thanks for all your contributions