



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>4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Sunday of</b> <b>Easter &amp; Pentecost</b> <b>11th &amp; 18th May 2025</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>

## 4 WEEKS LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

<b>Sun 11th</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish	
10.45am(SS) Phil & Clare Owens GE	
<b>Tues 13th</b>	<b>of the 4th week of Easter</b>
7pm	Mike Tevlin RIP
<b>Wed 14th</b>	<b>of the 4th week of Easter</b>
9.30am	Rev Derek Burden RIP
10am-11am	Mothers Prayer
10am-11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thu 15th</b>	<b>of the 4th week of Easter</b>
9.30am	
<b>Fri 16th</b>	<b>of the 4th week of Easter</b>
9.30am	Private Intentions
<b>Sun 18th</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>
6pm (Sat)	
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish	
10.45am	Paul & Katrina Sudell 50th WA

**NO WEEKLY MASS 19th May to 7th June**

<b>Sun 25th</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>
6pm (Sat)	
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish	
10.45am	
<b>Sun 1st June</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>
6pm (Sat)	
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish	
10.45am	



**Sun 8th Pentecost Sunday**  
 6pm (Sat)  
 8.45am (STM) People of the Parish  
 10.45am

The biblical meaning of Pentecost Sunday is significant as it marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, which is considered the birth of the Church. This event occurred 50 days after Easter and is celebrated as a pivotal moment in Christian history when many were converted under Peter's preaching. Additionally, Pentecost has its roots in the Jewish tradition, known as the Feast of Weeks, which celebrates the harvest and is mentioned in the Old Testament. Overall, Pentecost Sunday symbolizes the empowerment of believers through the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Christian Church.

## PARISH PICNIC



Sunday 8th June  
 Join us straight after the 10.45am Mass, for our annual picnic.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



### **REQUIESCAT IN PACE - FRANCISCUS**

Amidst the joy of Easter and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, we also pause to reflect on the sorrowful news of our beloved Pope Francis's passing. He saw the face of Christ in the poor and marginalized, inviting everyone to the joy of encountering Jesus. Building on the legacy of the Second Vatican Council, he called the entire Church into a synodal journey of listening and discerning, reading the signs of the times with the Holy Spirit, so that we might grow as missionary communities.

**MAY POPE FRANCIS REST IN PEACE**  
Papal Conclave – As you are probably aware, the Conclave to elect the next pope will begin on Wednesday 7th May. Please pray that the Cardinals will elect a pontiff who will be of authentic Catholic Faith and who will have the courage, wisdom and strength to lead the Church out of its present crisis of deep division and confusion, enabling it to face the challenges which lay before it today in bringing the Gospel to the world. You may find the following prayer helpful to use:

*Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole Church for the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Cardinals. May they listen attentively to your Spirit during the Conclave. We pray that the Conclave brings us a Pope who pleases you by guiding your Church to grow in faithfulness to you. We pray with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the saints. Please, Lord, protect and guide your Church during these days of transition. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **FARNBOROUGH ABBEY**

Sat 24th May the Relic of St Edmund Campion will visit St Michael's Abbey GU14 7NQ . There will be Mass at 12 noon (arrive after 11.30am), veneration of the Relic after Mass, Rosary around the grounds at 1pm. Bring a pick-nick and share lunch in the house that the Knights have arranged. Please join us.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

18th May there will be a collection for Clergy training funds. Clergy training funds provide financial assistance to individuals preparing for ordained ministry, covering costs like tuition and living expenses during theological training.

### **COFFEE MORNINGS**

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



### **LECTIO DIVINA**

Wednesdays at 7pm, Parish Centre, Yateley.  
Everyone welcome.



### **UCM MEETING**

Next meeting will be 20th May 7.30pm in the Parish centre . All welcome.



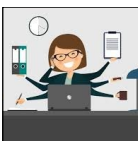
### **DECEASED**

David Walsh has recently died, please pray for his family and friends. May he rest in peace.



### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

The office will be closed from Friday 9th May to Monday 19th May. Any parish business please contact Father. Thank you.



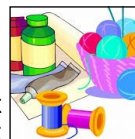
### **CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

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 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.



### **CRAFT AND NATTER CLUB**

Saturday 31st May at 10.30m for 2 hours, come and join us in the parish centre. You may just want to come along for a chat and coffee...or bring crafts.



### **MAY MARY'S MONTH**

We have begun the month of May, which traditionally among Catholics is known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when devotions are made in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In ancient Greece and Rome, the month of May was dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime. This, combined with other European rituals commemorating the new season of Spring, led many Western cultures to view May as a month of life and motherhood. In some parts of the early Church, there was a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th May, but it was not until the eighteenth century that the month of May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month when he established the feast of the Queenship of Mary on 31st May. After Vatican II, this feast was moved to 22nd August, but 31st May became instead the feast of the Visitation of Mary.



This May, then, let's frequently call on the help of Mary's prayers, especially by attending Mass and by reciting the Rosary.

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

*"Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole Church for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals. May the Princes of the Church listen attentively to Your Spirit during the conclave. Almighty God, we pray that the conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding Your Church to grow in faithfulness to You. We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the Saints. Please Lord, protect and guide your Church during this time of transition. Amen."*



### **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.



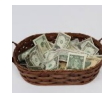
### **FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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



### **FIRST COLLECTION:**

27/04:SS=£136.10; STM=79  
04/05:SS=£158.50;STM=62.40



### **SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

18/05: Clergy Assistance Funds

Many thanks for all your contributions