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WEEKLY NEWS

22nd & 23rd Sunday of the Year
Exaltation of the Cross
25th & 26th Sunday of the Year

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Sun 31st 22nd Sunday of the Year
6pm (Sat) Harry & Annette Brennan
60th Wed. Ann
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am

Sun 21st 25th Sunday of the Year
6pm (Sat)
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Geraldine Kenny RIP

**THERE WILL BE NO WEEKLY
MASSES TILL 16TH SEPTEMBER**

Tue 2nd Feria
11.30am Memorial Mass for
Beryl James

Sun 7th 23rd Sunday of the Year
6pm (Sat) Andy O'Neil RIP
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Peggy Davies RIP

**Sun 14th The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross**
6pm (Sat) Len Penrose RIP
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Pauline McGloin & her
daughter Pauline RIP

Tues 16th Ss Cornelius & Cyprian
7pm

Wed 17th Feria
9.30am
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group
10-11am Adoration

Thu 18th Feria
9.30am

Fri 19th Feria

Tue 23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina
7pm

Wed 24th Our Lady of Walsingham
9.30am
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group
10-11am Adoration

Thu 25th Feria
9.30am

Fri 26th Feria
9.30am

Sun 27th 26th Sunday of the Year
6pm (Sat)
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Len Harris RIP

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection the weekend of 13/14th Sept for Home Mission. On this day, the Catholic community in England and Wales celebrates the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witnessing the fullness of life in Christ.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee after 10.45am Mass will start up again on Sunday 7th Sep, at St Swithun's. Join us.



LECTIO DIVINA

Starts up again on Wed 3rd Sep, 7pm and every Wednesday after that, Parish Centre, Yateley.

UCM MEETING

2nd & 16th Sept, meeting in the Parish centre, 7.30pm.
Sat 22nd Sept, Study Day at Wokingham.



MOTHERS PRAYERS GROUP

Mothers Prayers will start back on Wed 3rd Sept, 10am. All welcome. (no Mass)

MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Sun 28th Sep, after morning Mass in SS parish centre, we will be having coffee, including sales of cakes. Please come and support this good cause.

NO MASSES

Father will be away from the 1st to 12th Sep, therefore there will be no masses during the week or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We welcome Father Pat Sherlock, who will be celebrating weekend masses during Father Wojciech's absence.

OFFICE

The parish office will be closed from 2nd to Fri 19th Sep.

MASS INTENTION

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please email (or phone) the details to the parish office.

Often Mass Intentions are for the deceased but a Mass can be offered for any good intention e.g., in thanksgiving for a happy event or for someone who is sick.

SILENCE BEFORE MASS

Silence before Mass allows the faithful to prepare their minds and hearts for prayer, listen for God's voice, and reflect on their needs and gratitude for God's gifts, creating a sacred space for reflection and worship away from worldly distractions.

If possible could we please have silence before all Masses. Thank you

READERS

Please consider to become a reader, as we are in need of more readers to spread out the load on others. Training can be given. Speak with Father or Carole.

LEND A HAND – KEEP THE BAR OPEN!

Our parish bar staff need helpers. The bar brings in much-needed income from events — but we can't run it without a few extra helpers!

What you'd do:

- Stock the fridges
- Collect & wash glasses
- Help tidy up after events

Events are only **twice a month**, and training is quick and easy (even just opening/closing the hall).

If you can spare a little time, please contact the Parish Office. Your help will make sure we don't have to turn down bookings!

Be part of the team — it's simple, social, and makes a big difference! Come and have a try.

WHAT IS THE JUBILEE?

“Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year; the name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the *yobel*, the ram's horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an “extra” year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e., every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). Even though it wasn't easy to organise, it was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

Quoting the prophet Isaiah, the Gospel of Luke describes Jesus' mission in this way: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord,” (Luke 4:18-19; cf. Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus lives out these words in his daily life, in his encounters with others and in his relationships, all of which bring about liberation and conversion.

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a “Holy Year,” since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Years has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. There have also been “extraordinary” Holy Years: for example, in 1933 Pope Pius XI chose to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the Redemption, and in 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an extraordinary jubilee. The way in which Jubilee Years are marked has also changed through the centuries: originally the Holy Year consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the Holy Door. By participating in the Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence.



Booking for the Called and Gifted Alumni Day on Saturday 20th September is now open. The Portsmouth Diocese Called and Gifted Team look forward to welcoming you to the day!

Then Called and Gifted team have planned a day of prayer, formation, sharing and worship for anyone who has experienced the Called and Gifted discernment process. The theme we have discerned for the day is "A house built on rock is not washed away like a house built on sand" and we hope the day will help us all to build our lives more fully on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit.

The venue is St Peter's, Winchester which many will be familiar with. In order to give everyone time to travel, registration will open at 9:30am and we will start with Mass at 10am. The morning session will include a time of prayer, praise and worship, formation on the theme and discussion. Lunch will be provided. The afternoon session will include a guided meditation, a time of sharing experiences of discerning/using charisms in small groups and finish with prayer, praise and worship.

To book your place at the day, please email the team with your name and parish via: calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. As a cooked lunch is being provided (donations welcome!) please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

N.B. Although Winchester is a great central location, parking at St Peter's is very limited. However, there is plenty of public parking nearby with several car parks only a 5 minute walk from St Peter's on Jewry St. In addition, there is a very good Park and Ride service and the train station is also only a 5 minute walk from St Peter's.

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.

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:

17/08: SS=£110.80.;STM=£79.60

24/08: SS: £107.20; STM=£64.30

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

21/09 Home Mission

Many thanks for all your contributions