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WEEKLY NEWS

26th & 27th Sunday of the Year
28th Sep & 5th Oct 2025

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Sun 28th **26th Sunday of the Year**
6pm (Sat) Tim Driscoll RIP
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Len Harris RIP

Tues 30th **St Jerome**
1.30pm Requiem Mass for Philip Owens

Wed 1 Oct **St Teresa of the Child Jesus**
9.30am Lucjan Osiej RIP
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group
10-11am Adoration

Thu 2nd **The Holy Guardian Angels**
9.30am Ala Osiej RIP

Fri 3rd **Feria**
9.30am Prem Mohun Bansropun RIP

Sun 5th **27th Sunday of the Year**
6pm (Sat) Zofia Osiej GE
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Peggy Fennel RIP
1pm Baptism Samuel Judd

Tue 7th **Our Lady of the Rosary**
7pm Lucyna Osiej GE

Wed 8th **Feria**
9.30am Phil Owens RIP
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group
10-11am Adoration

Thu 9th **St John Henry Newman**
9.30am

Fri 10th **Feria**
9.30am

NO MASS

There will be no mass on Tuesday 30th Sep in the evening.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee after 10.45am Mass at St Swithun's. Everyone welcome, please join us.

This week we will support **MacMillan**, and we will be having a cake sale. Please come and support this good cause.

LECTIO DIVINA

Every Wednesday, 7pm, St Swithun's Parish Centre, Yateley.

UCM MEETING

07/10: meeting in the Parish Centre, 7.30pm
"Lourdes and the Rosary"

21/10: Business meeting, 7.30pm
25/10: Autumn Council meeting at Wokingham, 10am

REQUIEM MASS

There will be a requiem mass for Philip Owens who recently died, on Tuesday 30th September at 1.30pm, at St Swithun's. Please keep Clare and her family in your prayers.

DECEASED

Sadly Maurice Flaherty died, some of you knew him well, he worked behind the bar for over 20 years as a volunteer until he fell ill. May he rest in peace. We keep his wife and family in our prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION

Sunday 5th October. Cafod Harvest Appeal.



There will be a second collection for this appeal, more information at the back of this NL.

BAPTISM

Sunday 5th October, we will welcome into our church community Samuel Anthony Judd. Let us keep Samuel in our prayers.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Readers and Eucharistic Minister are needed. Please consider helping out if you can. **Training will 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.

HOW DO YOU THINK THE CHURCH ENGAGES WITH SURVIVORS:

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency's (CSSA) are inviting everyone engaged with the Catholic Church, including Clergy, Religious (Consecrated Life), Parish Safeguarding Ministers, Employees, Volunteers and Parishioners to contribute their experiences of how the Catholic Church engages with Survivors. The survey is anonymous unless you choose to provide your name or contact number. The link to the survey is: <https://tinyurl.com/2j8z9tr5>.

SALESIAN COLLEGE

Salesian College are hosting their Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 8 October, from 6pm to 8:30pm, and would love to welcome prospective students to explore what they can offer. During the evening, students will:

- Hear directly from current Sixth Formers about their experiences
- Meet our staff and learn more about our curriculum and small class sizes
- Chat with our Sixth Form Team over refreshments to discover whether Salesian is the right fit for their next step

Whether you're already planning your future or just starting to think about it, this is your chance to see what they're all about. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and maybe a friend too!

WHAT IS THE JUBILEE?

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:

31/08: SS=£95.50.;STM=£69.50
07/09: SS: £212.35; STM=£64.30
14/09: SS=£164.45.;STM=£47.60
21/09: SS: £104.40; STM=£71.05

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Home Mission raised £SS=£76;STM=£46.60

Many thanks for all your contributions

"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.

JUBILEE TOUR

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th November 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

CAFOD

Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

QR code which links to a CAFOD virtual envelope where they make their donation.



We pray for the work of CAFOD in supporting our neighbours who are experiencing poverty and injustice. May the grace of God inspire us all to come together to build a better world. Lord, in your mercy...