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WEEKLY NEWS

28th & 29th Sunday of the Year
12th & 19th October 2025

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Sun 12th 28th Sunday of the Year
6pm (Sat) Phil Owens RIP
8.45am (STM) Phyllis Gough RIP
10.45am Lorraine Walsh & her dad
Danny RIP

Tues 14th Feria
7pm Phil Owens RIP

Wed 15th St Teresa of Avila
9.30am Phil Owens RIP
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group
10-11am Adoration

Thu 16th Feria
9.30am Phil Owens RIP

Fri 17th St Ignatius of Antioch
9.30am Carole's Private Intentions

Sun 19th 29th Sunday of the Year
6pm (Sat) Clare Owens GE
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Una Connolly RIP

Tue 21st Feria
7pm

Wed 22nd Feria
9.30am John Halley & Family
Special Intentions
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group
10-11am Adoration

Thu 23rd Feria
9.30am

Fri 24th Feria
9.30am

COFFEE MORNINGS

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



LECTIO DIVINA

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

UCM MEETING

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



WALK FOR LIFE

Sunday, 19th October
The Farnborough Knights of St. Columba will hold their annual sponsored walk (8.5 km) in support of the KSC National Action Project – the Alma Mater Fund. The Alma Mater Fund provides financial help and guidance to pregnant university students, enabling them to continue their education and choose life with confidence. You can join the walk or sponsor me to support this vital Pro-Life cause. A sponsor sheet is available at the back of the church for anyone wishing to sponsor Frank Stanley or other participants.



Together, let's walk for life, hope, and opportunity. Online payments-
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Sort Code: **23-05-80** Account No: **56053367**

OCTOBER PRAYERS

Pope Leo's prayer intention: "For collaboration between different religious traditions." Pope Leo XIV in his prayer intention for the month of October, which marks the 60th anniversary of Nostra Aetate - the Second Vatican Council's landmark declaration on the Church's

relationship with other religions -Pope Leo invites all Catholics to pray that: "Believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity." He reminds us that while the world is full of beauty, it is also wounded by division. Religions, he says, must not be used as "weapons or walls," but lived as "bridges and prophecy", bringing hope, unity, and healing to a fragmented world.
https://youtu.be/9JNhQzzisOQ?si=tZOVEd_3g-XhcdUj

ADORE

ADORE day of spiritual renewal 25th October. You are invited to a special celebration of 50 years of ministry, with Bishop Philip Egan, Charles Whitehead KSG, and the Basingstoke Filipino Choir. Face to face meeting at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire. RG24 9DX 9.30-15.30 including prayer for healing. Theme: is "PILGRIMS OF HOPE: THE PATH OF PRAYER" - Our spiritual pilgrimage into an intimate relationship with Jesus. Register in advance for in-person attendance at: Lbit.ly/ADOREOCT2025 Morning 10.00-1.00 will also be live-streamed at: www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live/ Further information at www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

THANK YOU

Clare Owens and her family would like to thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and masses for Philip and herself. Thank you most for coming to his mass. He would have enjoyed seeing so many of you. (Clare)

RUSHMOOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES

They are looking for volunteers befrienders, would you or someone you know like to join the volunteer team?

Would you like to chat face to face or by phone, this could make a difference to local communities who might be isolated. Are you friendly and patient? Could you commit to one hour a week? They provide full training and support. Contact 01252398450 if you are interested.

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER MASS during October we will pray

Hail, holy Queen, mother of Mercy.
Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping,
in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving,
O sweet virgin Mary.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday 14th DECEMBER
after the 10.45am Mass

Tickets will be sold after Mass &
via the Parish office.
£25 per person Child £12.

Tickets will not be reserved, there
will be no list, please just purchase
your tickets if you wish to join us on
the day.

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.

Confessions St Swithun
Saturdays 5.30pm-5.50pm

Attending confession at church
can purify your soul and allow you to seek and
receive forgiveness from God.

FIRST COLLECTION:

05/10: SS=£99.70.;STM=£39.50

05/10: SS: £151.45; STM=£104.50

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Cafod raised: SS=£124.10 ;STM=£143.00

Many thanks for all your contributions

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY MASS

In order to well understand the science of the fruits of the Holy Mass, i.e. the graces that flow to individual people participating in it, it is necessary to remember, in a nutshell, what the Holy Mass is

It used to be believed that each Mass is the realisation of the Sacrifice of the Cross. Christ once and for all made the only sacrifice of himself on the Cross to save the world and all people through it. Christ himself offers himself during every Mass, dying and resurrecting in our needs. This is not a new victim, but one and the same.

The Holy Mass is celebrated by Christ, using a priest who acts in persona Christi, i.e. in the person of Christ. Figuratively, it can be said that by saying the words of consecration, the priest lends his voice and his hands to Him, so that by the power of God Christ would really become present in his Body and in his Blood. The Mass is a common sacrifice: Christ in the person of a priest with the participation of the people. Let us pay attention to these words from the Holy Mass: Pray that my and your sacrifice may be accepted by God, the Almighty Father.

Answer: May the Lord accept the Sacrifice from your hands for the honour and glory of his Name, as well as for our benefit and for the benefit of the whole holy Church. This short dialogue contains a wealth of theological thought. The first of them are those on whom graces flow in the first place, they are: living or dead people recommended in a detailed intention, e.g.: the deceased. Adam, for whom we want to pray on the anniversary of his death The second group consists of those currently participating in a given Mass. In a special way, the priest who celebrates it and those who fully participate in it, i.e. can receive Holy Communion. Only then the faithful who are not in a state of sanctifying grace. The third and last group consists of the faithful, both alive and dead, who remain in communion with the Church, even if they did not participate in the Mass, and even remained in grave sin. Masses can be offered for the intentions of the living (e.g. for God's blessing on the occasion of name days, birthdays, jubilee or asking for some favour) and for the dead. Individual Mass intention - the priest celebrates one Mass for a given intention; on a given day at a specific time; Mass collective intention - the priest celebrates one Mass for several intentions, e.g. Mass for the dead (the Mass victim must be informed about it);

The intention of the Gregorian Mass - such an intention is carried out every day for 30 consecutive days. They can only be offered for one deceased.

WHY ORDER A HOLY MASS?

There is a great variety of services and prayers in the Church. However, each of them is inferior in terms of the value of the Holy Mass. In the Eucharist, the only sacrifice of Christ is present - Jesus dies for us, paying off the debt of our sins, and restoring us to new life. Offering the Holy Mass for some intention is undoubtedly the greatest spiritual gift we can bestow on anyone.

FOR WHOM AND FOR WHAT CAN YOU PRAY IN THE INTENTION OF THE MASS?

We can pray for the living - our loved ones, friends, priests, on the occasion of birthdays, anniversaries or important events in their lives. We can pray for our dead - so that they can participate in the glory of heaven as soon as possible. We can pray for general intentions - e.g. for the Church, for vocations, for the Homeland, for peace, for the sick, for all families, etc.

INTENTIONS

Holy Mass can be ordered in any fair intention, e.g.:

Holy Mass of thanksgiving for the graces received...

On the wedding anniversary for further blessing and health...

In the intentions of the Church, the Holy Father and the Homeland...

Begging for conversion from addiction...

For healing from a serious illness...

For conversion and transformation of life...

Atonation for the forgiveness of sins and a happy death...

Rewarding Mass...

For health and peace in the family...

For conversion and good confession...

For help in learning, for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, for passing the exam...

For a happy solution and for health for mother and child...

To solve a difficult case...

On the occasion of birthday (name day, anniversary...) oh God's blessing

For priestly, religious and missionary vocations...

For a happy operation and health for...

About a good choice of life path...

For the deceased (dead) deceased.

For the deceased from the family...

For the souls in purgatory suffering...

HOW MUCH DOES IT "COST"?

When ordering intentions, a monetary sacrifice is made. It is intended to support the priest who celebrates Mass. Monetary sacrifice is not a fee for Mass - the priest celebrates Mass regardless of this sacrifice. Its amount depends on the will and ability of the ordering intention - according to tradition, it should be at least such a sum that will allow the priest to be kept for one day