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WEEKLY NEWS
*The Dedication of The Lateran
Basilica & St Edmund of Abington*

9th & 16th Nov 2025

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Sun 9th **The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica**
6pm (Sat) Phil Owens RIP
8.45am(STM) Deceased Vince & Poynton
family RIP
10.45am Walter & Winifred Sudell RIP
2.30pm Remembrance Service

Tues 11th **St Martin of Tours**
7pm

Wed 12th **St Josaphat**
9.30am Mothers Prayers Group
10-11am Adoration

Thu 13th **Feria**
9.30am

Fri 14th **Feria**
9.30am

Sun 16th **St Edmund of Abington**
6pm (Sat) Hugh & Jane Sullivan RIP
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Lorraine Walsh & her dad
Dany RIP
12Noon Baptism Oliver Kennedy

Tue 18th **Feria**
7pm

Wed 19th **Feria**
9.30am Mothers Prayers Group
10-11am Adoration

Thu 20th **Feria**
9.30am

Fri 21st **The Presentation of the
Virgin Mary**
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

18/11: Business Meeting. 7.30pm.



HOLY SOULS

November is the month of All Souls and during
that time we remember all those who have
died. If you would like your friends & relatives
remembered at the Masses during November,
paper will be provided for you to write names
of your departed loved ones, you can then put
them in the basket provided at the foot of the
Altar. The community will lift your intentions in
prayers to God.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This Sunday 9th Nov, 2.30pm, St
Swithun's Church, followed by a
procession to Memorial on Reading
Road for concluding prayers. Please
come along, everyone welcome.



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Many people think that the most important
papal church is the Basilica of St. Peter in the
Vatican. This is not true. It is the Basilica of St.
John in Lateran that is the cathedral church of
the pope. She played a significant role in the
history of Christianity and that is why the
Church celebrates a special day, reminiscent
of the moment of her consecration. This
basilica is one of the four larger basilicas in

Rome. The name of this place comes from the
name of the ancient owners of these lands.

BAPTISM

Sunday 16th Nov, infant Oliver Jacob
Kennedy will be baptised at St. Swithun's. We
welcome him into the family of the Church.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Christmas Dinner & Sponsored
Walk Celebration. Join us for a
joyful afternoon of friendship and
festive spirit as we celebrate the
season together. The event supports the KSC
National Action Project – The Alma Mater
Fund.

Date: Sunday, 7 December 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Venue: St Swithun's Parish Centre, Firgrove
Road, Yateley, Hampshire, GU46 6NH
Contribution: £25 per person (payable in
advance)

Book early to secure your place –
contact Michael Gallagher at 07748 057684 or
micheal.gallagher@sky.com
Come and share the warmth, goodwill, and
true spirit of Christmas while supporting a
worthy cause.



STM BIG AUTUMN CLEAN

Big Autumn Clean at St Thomas More Church,
on Saturday, 22nd November, 9.30am-1pm.
Please come along to help to get the church
clean and ready for Christmas. Coffee &
"biccies" provided. See Kath if you are able to
help.

RAISING MONEY FOR GAZA

Weekend of the 15/16th Nov, we will be
selling cakes after Mass at our coffee
morning, for the women and children of Gaza.

If you wish to bake a cake to be sold please do
so. Thank you

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM

First Communion & Reconciliation
Preparation Classes 2026 Classes are for
children wishing to make their First Holy
Communion at St Swithun's. The classes are
aimed at children in Yrs 3-5 Requirements: 1.
A Baptism certificate (if not baptised at St
Swithun's or St Thomas More) 2. Regular
Sunday Mass attendance. Classes for 2026
will start in January 2026. Your involvement in
the preparation of your children for First Holy
Communion is paramount. The parish 'helps',
but does not replace your part in the process
of leading your children in the development of
their faith, through the development and
example of your own. As part of their
preparation your child will be prepared for, and
invited to make their First Reconciliation:
"Children must go to the sacrament of
Reconciliation before receiving Holy
Communion for the first time" (Catechism of
the Catholic Church 1457). Please speak to
Father Wojciech to register your child.

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.

ADVENT RETREAT

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Take some time to pause and reflect before Advent begins.

Join us on **Saturday, 29th November 2025** at **St Swithun's Church, Firgrove Road, Yateley (GU46 6NH)** for a morning Mass, learning, and renewal.

Programme Highlights:

- **9:30 a.m. – Mass**
- **Session 1:** Listening to the Holy Spirit through *Lectio Divina* (Gospel for the 1st Sunday of Advent)
- **Session 2:** Discovering the roots of Advent and the beauty of the “O” Antiphons
- 1:30 p.m. – Finish** (Please bring a packed lunch)

The retreat will be led by **Deacon John Edwards** from The Holy Family, Farnham — a long-serving chaplain of the Knights of St Columba and a much-loved spiritual guide.

No charge to attend – voluntary donations welcome. All are warmly invited to come and prepare together for the coming of the Savior.

📌 **To sign up:** Please add your name to the list on the church notice board,
By email: grand-knight-council185@ksc.org.uk,
Text: **078 666 888 46**.
Register online: <https://forms.office.com/e/AabaYxMspB>

CRAFT & NATTER CLUB

Sat 15th November, 10.30am to 12.30pm.
Come along and do some craft, play board games, or just have a chat. Everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits awaits you...

YATELEY CHORAL CONCERT

Come & join us on Saturday 15th Nov, St Swithun Church, for an evening of baroque music. This concert brings together four contrasting masterpieces that showcase the richness and variety of the Baroque era. With professional soloists and a programme drawn from some of the finest composers of the period this promises to be an evening of true Baroque Splendour.
Tickets £17 in advance, £20 on the door, students £5.
Ticket from Paul Sudell or the parish office.

ST THOMAS MORE NEW WEBSITE

The St Thomas More website has been moved to the same internet server as St Swithuns. Its new address is “stm.stswithunsyateley.org.uk”

Please use this new address in future; do not attempt to use the old address any more as it will not work.

After Mass during November we will say

De Profundis

For the Dead - De Profundis (Psalm 129)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.
My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.
Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
V. May they rest in peace.
R. Amen
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
Let us pray. O God, the Creator and redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through our pious supplication they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired; who live and reign for ever and ever. 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.

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:

21/10: SS=£290.;STM=£174.05
28/10: SS: £265.8 STM=£71.90

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Many thanks for all your contributions