



# St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



A Parish in the North East Hampshire Pastoral Area of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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**Sun 16th**    **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
6pm (Sat)    Stan & Rose McDermott RIP  
8.45am (STM) Suzan Cox RIP  
10.45am    Mass

**Thu 20th**    **St. Bernard**  
9.30am    (Celebrated at SS)  
People of the Parish

**Sun 23rd**    **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
6pm (Sat)    Leo Willig RIP  
8.45am (STM) Mass  
10.45am    Helena P Williamson RIP

**Thu 27th**    **St Monica**  
9.30am (SS) Leslie Huyton RIP

**Sun 30th**    **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
6pm (Sat)    Andy O'Neil RIP  
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am    Andrew Cleeve RIP

**MASS INTENTION**  
If you wish to have a Mass said for a beloved family or friend, please email the details to Carole on:  
yateley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact Father.



If you wish to be added to the list of mailing for the newsletter please email Carole on:  
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**YOUR OFFERTORY MONEY**  
Your Offering to the Parish is very important to us, and we thank everyone who has carried supporting the parish during these difficult times. The easiest ways you can give your regular offering, is by a Standing Order or a Bank Transfer, (those who already do then please continue to do so.) If you previously gave by using a Planned Giving Envelope or Cash, we ask you to consider setting up a Standing Order, or do an online Bank Transfer, as we are not allowed to use envelopes at this time.

  
PRCDTR YATELEY ST SWITHUN  
Account: 00892220, sort code 30-93-04  
PRCDTR 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 registered with us for Gift Aid to record and claim it back. Please consider gift aiding your donation if you pay tax. Contact the Parish office via email for details on how to do this. Thank you for your understanding and support. *Fr Wojciech*

**AILTON DAY OF RENEWAL (ADoRE)**  
45th anniversary. Sat 22 Aug 10am live-stream Mass from Bishop Philip Egan at Portsmouth Cathedral.  
www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk / live-mass.php 11am on Zoom: praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk . Please register in advance by following this link:// us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scCorj4tHdHmQqebGMe2m3ROWyS8cpLb. For more information go to the ADoRE website www.altonrenewal.com ADoRE is also offering prayer for healing by telephone Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm Ring 07579 824523 and leave a message.



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**  
Anne Condon, Clare Owens, Rose O'Halloran, Peggy Fennel, Jean Warner, John Harris, Bob Fernandez, Eileen Quinn, Una Taylor, Maureen Barrett.

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**  
**For those whose Anniversaries occur in August:**  
Henry Gardiner, Bernard Manley, Bertina Gouveia, Mary Edgar, Veronika Howard, Kathleen Aston, Leigh Buckingham, Alan Ship, Liam Meaney, Dermot Devereux, Margaret Brennan, Philip Graham, Leonard Driscoll, George Ladd, Joseph Holhut, Elizabeth O'Brien, James Smith, Ivan Tippell, Sharon Niall, Amelia Hancock, Andrew O' Neill, Margaret Farrell, Martyn Smith, Pat Ecclefield, Sylvia Dakin, Sylvia Taylor.  
*May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

**WHY IS AUGUST DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY?**

The reason why August became associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary is because of World War II and the devotion of Pope Pius XII to Our Lady of Fatima. The world was in turmoil in the 1940s and in 1942, Pope Pius XII responded to the requests of Our Lady of Fatima and consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 31st October 1942. When the war continued, Pius XII again turned to the Immaculate Heart and on 4th May 1944, Pope Pius XII established the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 22nd August, the octave day of the feast of the Assumption (nowadays celebrated as the Queenship, or Coronation, of Mary in the General Calendar). He did so that by her intercession may be obtained "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue." This remained the day dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary up until after the Second Vatican Council.

After the revision of the General Calendar, Pope Paul VI decided to switch the feasts of the Immaculate Heart and the Queenship of Mary. The feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was joined to the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (celebrated on the Saturday following the feast of the Sacred Heart, typically in June) and the Queenship of Mary was moved to 22nd August. This was in part to recognize the fact that Mary's Queenship is closely connected to that of her Assumption into heaven.

Even after the switching of the feasts, many Catholics continued to celebrate August as a month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as they felt her message at Fatima needed to be heard in a more extended way. This designation of August is not an "official" spiritual theme decreed by the Catholic hierarchy, but simply an historical development that grew out of World War II and the message of Our Lady of Fatima.

**NB: those presenting with Coronavirus symptoms or who have been in contact with someone with symptoms should be instructed to stay at home.**