



# 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 14th 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
*(Missal 430/431)*  
 6pm (Sat) The Ross family's intentions  
 8.45am(STM) People of the Parish  
 10.45am O'Halloran family RIP

**Tues 16th of the 3rd Week of Easter**

**Wed 17th of the 3rd Week of Easter**  
 10-11am Mothers Prayers

**Thu 18th of the 3rd Week of Easter**

**Fri 19th of the 3rd Week of Easter**

**Sun 21st 4th Sunday of Easter**  
*(Missal 433/434)*

6pm (Sat)  
 8.45am(STM) People of the Parish  
 10.45am Jim Darkens RIP

**Tues 23rd St George**  
 7pm David White RIP

**Wed 24th of the 4th Week of Easter**  
 9.30am David White RIP  
 10-11am Mothers Prayers  
 10-11am Adoration

**Thu 25th St Marc**  
 9.30am

**Fri 26th of the 4th Week of Easter**  
 9.30am

**Confessions St Swithun**  
**Saturdays**  
**5.30pm-5.50pm**  
**St Swithun, Yateley**



**A THANK YOU**  
 I would like to say a special thanks to everybody who helped with preparing the church for Easter. Also thank you for the Easter wishes and offering.  
*Fr Wojciech*



**NO MASSES**  
 Father will be away from the 15th to 19th April, therefore there will be no masses during the week or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**LECTIO DIVINA**  
 Will re start on Thursdays 18th April, 7pm, Parish Centre, Yateley.

**MOTHERS PRAYER**  
 Will re start on Wed 17th April.

**COFFEE MORNINGS**  
 There will be **NO** coffee after Mass on Sunday 21st April.

**UCM MEETING IN MARCH**  
 16/04: 7pm, Business meeting

**MEDJUGORJE HOLY HOUR**  
 The Medjugorje Holy Hour will restart at St Swithun's on Thursday 25th April after the morning Mass. It is being offered for Peace in our World. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE**  
 The next Knight's Peace Rosary is on Wed 24th April at 7.30pm at Our Lady & St Dominic's Church, High View Road, Cove, Farnborough GU14 7PT. All parishioners are welcome to join us that night to prayer for Peace in the World; especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land.



**100 CLUB - ADJUSTMENT TO PRIZES**  
 The number of members in the 100 Club has continued to reduce, so we have decided to activate Rule Number 5.4 in the Club rules. Starting from the draw in April 2024 the prize each month will be factored by the ratio of numbers paid/100. This will keep a fairer balance between the prizes and the income for our Church. We would welcome new member to come forward.

**RETREAT DAYS**  
 'Our Father in Heaven', 4th and 5th May, St Peter's Church Pastoral Centre, Winchester. Pope Francis has asked that this year, 2024, be a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year, 2025. He has asked that there be a particular focus on the Our Father. We pray this prayer so often and there's always the risk of it becoming dry or remaining superficial. Why not come and join us on Fri 4th (evening) and Sat 5th May (all day) as Allegra Mutanda leads us in a time of prayer and recollection, helping us to explore what it means to pray 'Our Father in heaven'? All are welcome. Once you have registered, you will receive further details nearer to the date of the event. Please confirm your attendance by Mon 29th April here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-of-prayer-our-father-in-heaven-retreat-days-fri-3-pm-and-sat-4-may-tickets-877957062207?aff=oddtcreator>



**MARRIAGE CARE**  
 Volunteers Needed!  
 Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation

specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)



**ADORE**  
 Spiritual mini-retreat 27th April "I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Kristina Cooper. Please register for the 9.30-1.00 Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREAPR2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREAPR2024) or attend in person 9.30-3.30 at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke. More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**DECEASED**  
 Please pray for the repose of Canon Peter Wilkie who died on Easter Monday, 1st April, aged 94 – may he rest in peace. Living in retirement in Milford-on-Sea, Winchester and finally Fordingbridge, he was our longest living priest, ordained in 1953.



**PARISH PICNIC**  
 Come and join us to celebrate Father Wojciech 30th Anniversary of Priesthood, Sunday 19th May, after 10.45am Mass. We will be having a parish picnic. Please note the date in your diary.



This Saturday, 13th April, is the (optional) Memorial of Pope St. Martin I (d. 655). He came from Umbria and was ordained in Rome as a deacon. Noted for his intelligence and his charity, he was sent as nuncio to Constantinople before being elected Pope in 649. He quickly called the First Lateran Council in October 649, which condemned the heresy of Monothelism, the denial that Christ has only a Divine will and not also a human will. For this, he fell foul of the Emperor Constans who captured him and took him as a prisoner to Constantinople where he was thrown into jail. Already weakened by the long voyage and by dysentery, the conditions were miserable. He was not allowed to wash for many weeks and the food he was given made him sick. He was eventually tried for treason and condemned unheard and flogged. The Patriarch intervened and Martin's life was spared. He was sent into exile in Crimea, where he suffered famine and neglect, while praying for the faith of the Romans that they would remain orthodox. He died in exile in 655 and is venerated as a martyr.

In the Opening Prayer of the Mass, taken from the Parish Missal of 1738, we pray that "we may withstand the trials of this world with invincible firmness of purpose" just as the Lord "did not allow the martyr Pope Saint Martin the First to be daunted by threats or broken by suffering". Let us pray that prayer on Saturday not only for ourselves but for all who are abused or are suffering unjustly. Let us also ask his prayers for the suffering peoples of Crimea and Ukraine.

## A Prayer for Peace in Israel and Palestine

### God of Comfort,

send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine. You are the Advocate of the oppressed and the One whose eye is on the sparrow. Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression. Let hearts mourn rather than militarize.

### God of Justice,

give strength to those whose long work for a just peace might seem fruitless now. Strengthen their resolve. Do not let them feel alone. Show us how to support their work and bolster their courage. Guide religious leaders to model unity and reconciliation across lines of division. Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts as they seek peace and pursue it. Help all people choose the rigorous path of just peace and disavow violence.

### God of Love,

we lift up Palestine and Israel, its people, its land, its creatures. War is a monster that consumes everything in its path. Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies. Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries. We beg for love and compassion to prevail on all your holy mountains.

### God of Hope,

we lift up the cities of the region: Gaza City and Tel Aviv, Ramallah and Ashkelon, Deir El Balah and Sderot, so long divided, yet so filled with life and creativity. Come again to breathe peace on your peoples that all may recognize you.

### God of the Nations,

let not one more child or elder be sacrificed on altars of political expediency. Keep safe all people from unjust leaders who would exploit vulnerability for their own distorted ends. Give wise discernment to those making decisions to pursue peace. Provide them insight into fostering well-being, freedom, and thriving for all. Teach all of us to resolve injustices with righteousness, not rockets. Guard our hearts against retaliation, and give us hearts for love alone.

Strengthen our faith in you, O God of All Flesh, even when we don't have clear answers, so that we may still offer ourselves non violently for the cause of peace. 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.

## PARISH BANK ACCOUNT NAME

**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.**

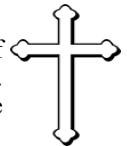
## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Anne Wardle, Pat Howell, Tim Driscoll, Rose O'Halloran, Peggy Fennel, Jean Warner, John Harris, Bob Fernandez.



## FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We remember at this special time of year, our loved ones who have died. May the light of God's love shine eternally upon them.



## 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 or speak to Graham Massey.

### FIRST COLLECTION:

07/04: SS: £126.40 STM: £90

Holy Places of Palestine= SS£14.35;STM:£82.70;

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

20/04: Clergy Training funds

**Many thanks for all your contributions**

### **HART**

Toilet Rolls  
Rice Pud-  
Custard  
Jam  
Tinned Pudding



### **FOODBANK**

Tinned Pudding  
Instant Mash  
Tinned Potatoes  
Instant Mash  
Tinned Potatoes