



St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



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WEEKLY NEWS
3rd & 4th Sunday in Lent
3rd & 10th March 2024
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Sun 3rd Third Sunday of Lent
(Missal 192/193)
6pm (Sat) Charles, Sarah, Sven & Lloyd
Healing for Cancer
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Margaret Miles RIP

Tues 5th of the 3rd Week of Lent
7pm Margaret Moore RIP

Wed 6th of the 3rd Week of Lent
9.30am Francie O'Neill RIP
10-11am Mothers Prayers
10-11am Adoration

Thu 7th of the 3rd Week of Lent
9.30am Pauline Doyle RIP
10am Medjugorje Hour

Fri 8th of the 3rd Week of Lent
9.30am

Sun 10th Fourth Sunday of Lent
(Missal 198/199)
6pm (Sat) Pauline Doyle RIP
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Bryan Pond RIP

Tues 12th of the 4th Week of Lent
7pm Penitential Service SS

Wed 13th of the 4th Week of Lent
9.30am Francie O'Neill RIP
10-11am Mothers Prayers
10-11am Adoration

Thu 14th of the 4th Week of Lent
9.30am

Fri 15th of the 2nd Week of Lent
9.30am

L **ENTEN SEASON**
Lent reminds us of the three-fold Christian discipline of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. What do you intend doing this year? What about the devotional commemoration of Christ carrying the Cross (Stations of the Cross)?



S **tations of the Cross**
During Lent Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays at 10am at St. Swithun's.



DECEASED

Pauline Doyle has died last week after weeks of illness. Please pray for the repose of her soul, and for her family.

LECTIO DIVINA

Will take place on Thursdays, 7pm, Parish Centre, Yateley.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Sunday after 10.45am
Mass at St Swithun's. Please join us.



UCM MEETING IN MARCH

5th & 19th: 7pm, all welcome



MEDJUGORJE HOLY HOUR

The Medjugorje Holy Hour will restart at St Swithun's on Thursday 7th March after the morning Mass. It is being offered for Peace in our World. Everyone is welcome to join us.

CAFOD

Second collection this weekend, in aid of Cafod, please return the envelopes with your donations. Please join



CAFOD in praying that our brothers and sisters around the world have what they need to feed their families.

CRAFT-GAMES & NATTER CLUB

Join our club, bring your own crafts, games or just come for a "natter". We will be meeting on Sat 9th March at 10.30am for 2hrs. Every one welcome.



CARITAS

If you or your parish are interested in living more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor, come along to the Caritas Online Networking Lunch on **Tuesday 5th March from 12:30-1pm** where we will be joined by Jo Lewry from CAFOD to tell us more about the **LiveSimply Award**. Everyone welcome, please register here: caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat At ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE, The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY on **Sat 9th March** from 11am to 4pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on: 07957594646 for more information.



YATELEY CHORAL CONCERT

Concert in St Swithun's Sat 16th March 7.45pm. Mozart – Coronation Mass, also Purcell, Elgar, Bruckner, Haydn. Tickets on sale soon."



FUTURE EVENT-PARISH PICNIC

Sunday 19th May, after 10.45am Mass, we will have a parish picnic and also celebrate Father Wojciech 30th Anniversary of priesthood. Please note the date in your diary.

Jesus is waiting to forgive you!

A PENITENTIAL service will be held on the 12th March at 7pm, at St Swithun's.

EASTER TRIDIUM

Thu 28th Maundy Thursday
8pm (SS) Mass of the Lord's Supper
9pm - 12am Watching at Altar of Repose



Fri 29th Good Friday
3pm (SS) Liturgy of the Lord's Passion



Sat 30th Easter Vigil Mass
7.30pm (SS)



Sun 31st Easter Sunday
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish
10.45am(SS)



*The Resurrection
of the Lord*



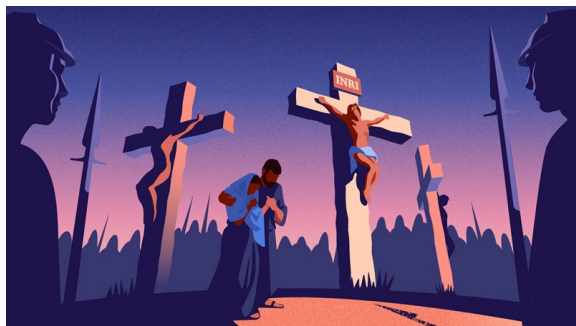
What is Lent?

Lent is a significant period for many Christians worldwide, especially those within the Anglican, Catholic, and Orthodox traditions. It lasts for six weeks and prepares people for the celebration of Easter, in a similar way that Advent leads up to Christmas.

Although Advent is a time of celebration and eager anticipation, Lent is typically observed with solemnity and preparation for commemorating Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter. From Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday, it has been customary to fast or abstain from something. Much like how we prepare for significant events in our personal lives, such as weddings or birthdays, Lent calls for us to ready our minds and hearts to remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



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HOLY WEEK

Holy week is the time when Christians re-live the events of Jesus last week on earth. His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, cleansing the Temple, teaching his followers, dealing with challenges of Pharisees and Saducees, his Last Supper with the disciples, prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, betrayal, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial. Holy Week is a time to join with others to worship and remember these events that lead to our salvation, EASTER.



DATE OF EASTER

The date to celebrating Easter was agreed on in the West only after centuries of discussion and debate. Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or next after 21 March, the spring equinox. Thus Easter can be any time from March 22 through April 25.



EASTER

Easter, principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. The earliest recorded observance of an Easter celebration comes from the 2nd century, though the commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection probably occurred earlier.



The English word Easter, which parallels the German word Ostern, is of uncertain origin. One view, expounded by the Venerable Bede in the 8th century, was that it derived from Eostre, or Eostræ, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. This view presumes—as does the view associating the origin of Christmas on December 25 with pagan celebrations of the winter solstice—that Christians appropriated pagan names and holidays for their highest festivals. Given the determination with which Christians combated all forms of paganism (the belief in multiple deities), this appears a rather dubious presumption. There is now widespread consensus that the word derives from the Christian designation of Easter week as in albis, a Latin phrase that was understood as the plural of alba (“dawn”) and became eostarum in Old High German, the precursor of the modern German and English term. The Latin and Greek Pascha (“Passover”) provides the root for Pâques, the French word for Easter.

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.

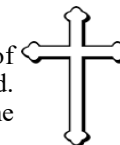
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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:

18/02: SS: £86.30 STM: £98.30

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

29/03: Holy Places of Palestine

Many thanks for all your contributions

HART FOODBANK

Toilet Rolls
Rice Pudding
Custard
Jam
Tinned Pudding



Tinned Pudding
Instant Mash
Tinned Potatoes
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