



# St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



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**WEEKLY NEWS**  
**5th & 6th Sunday of the Year  
(Year A)**  
**8th & 15th February 2026**

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**Sun 8th 5th Sunday of the Year**  
6pm (Sat)  
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am Bruno Moore RIP

**Tues 10th St Scholastica**  
7pm

**Wed 11th Our Lady of Lourdes**  
9.30am Sacrament of the sick  
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group  
10-11am Adoration

**Thu 12th Feria**  
9.30am

**Fri 13th Feria**  
9.30am

**Sun 15th 6th Sunday of the Year**  
6pm (Sat)  
8.45am (STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am

**Tue 17th Feria**  
7pm

**Wed 18th Ash Wednesday**  
10am SS  
12 noon STM  
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group  
10-11am Adoration

**Thu 19th After Ash Wednesday**  
9.30am

**Fri 20th After Ash Wednesday**  
9.30am  
10am  
Stations of the Cross

## COFFEE MORNINGS

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

Coffee



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enitential Service  
There will be a Lenten penitential service on  
Tuesday 10th March at 7pm, at St  
Swithun's Yateley.

## LECTIO DIVINA

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



## UCM MEETING

17/02: AGM 7.30pm  
Parish Centre, Yateley.  
All welcome.



Fasting and Almsgiving. What do you intend  
doing this year? What about the devotional  
commemoration of Christ carrying the  
Cross?

**A**sh Wednesday  
Wednesday 18th February,  
St Swithun's – 10am  
St Thomas More - 12 noon.  
With the distribution of ashes.

**S**tations of the Cross  
During Lent Stations of the Cross will be  
celebrated on Sundays after Mass at St  
Thomas More Church, and Fridays 10am at  
St Swithun's Church.

## LENT RETREAT

Ps 51: 12 "Restore unto me the joy of thy  
salvation"

Take some time to pause and reflect in  
Lent. Join us on Saturday, 21st February  
2026 at St Swithun's Church, Firgrove  
Road, Yateley (GU46 6NH) for a morning  
Mass, learning, and renewal.

## Programme Highlights:

- 9:30 am. – Holy Mass
- Session 1: Listening to the Holy Spirit  
through The Bible
- Session 2: In His wounds is our salvation
- 1 pm. – Lunch (Please bring a packed  
lunch)

1.30 pm. A practice Q and A session for  
readers and special Eucharistic ministers  
No charge to attend – voluntary donations  
welcome. All are warmly invited to come  
and prepare together for Easter.

To sign up: Please add your name to the list  
on the church notice board or via email:  
[yateley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:yateley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
By phone: 01252 872732

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Sacrament of the sick will be  
celebrated on Wednesday 11th Feb during  
morning Mass.

## THE LITURGY PROJECT

### FORMATION DAYS

Talks & Reflections 9am to 1.30 pm  
Pastoral Centre, Winchester (Bring lunch)  
9th May: Ministers of Holy Communion  
17th October: Day for readers  
RSVP to: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## ADoRE

### spiritual mini-retreat 28th February

10.00-1.00 on Zoom:  
"JESUS – NO GREATER LOVE." What is  
our relationship with Jesus, the source of  
eternal love? Mini retreat morning Including  
Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer  
for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring  
talk from guest speaker **Charles Whitehead**  
**KSG**, celebrated international renewal  
leader, speaker and author. Register in  
advance at:  
[bit.ly/ADOREFEB2026](http://bit.ly/ADOREFEB2026) More information  
at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

## CRAFT-GAMES & NATTER CLUB

Join our club, bring your own crafts, games  
or just come for a "natter". We will be  
meeting on Sat 28th Feb at an EARLIER  
TIME OF 10am for 2hrs. Every one  
welcome.

## SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Thankyou for continuing  
to financially support the  
vital work in our parish.  
Scan the QR code below  
to easily make a  
donation.



DONATE

## ONLINE GIFT CARD FRAUD

Gift card fraud is an increasingly common way of tricking victims into purchasing gift cards and sharing their details, leading to financial loss. Please be aware that there have been scam messages circulating which appear to come from priests or diocesan staff, asking people to buy gift cards or provide financial help urgently. The Diocese and its clergy will never ask for money, gift cards, vouchers, or personal details by email, text message, or social media. If you receive a message of this kind, do not respond and do not send any money. Please report it to your parish office or to the Diocese communications team so that we can alert others.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 6th March, 3pm at St Swithun's. The service will be prepared by the Christian women from Nigeria. Tea will be served afterwards, all welcome.



## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 08th March 2026. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry.

Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557  
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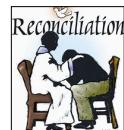
## DECEASED

Sister Veronica Rennie RCE 12th December 1926 – 26th January 2026 Sister Rennie's life almost extended to one hundred years. She was born in Hastings, East Sussex and educated at Farnborough Hill. In November 1947 she became a member of the Religious of Christian Education. Her nursing training was at St John and Elizabeth's hospital in London. She was the School Nurse at Farnborough Hill and carried a number of leadership responsibilities at Lafosse House and in our communities in Ireland. In the 1980s and 90s she helped in the parish and was well known there. She was a prolific letter/card writer and had close contact with a wide circle of past students and parishioners. She always was interested to hear how the parish was getting along and what was happening in the wider world. In the weeks before Christmas many in the parish received Christmas greetings from her. Sister Rennie was a friend to many and was noted for her kindness, compassion, care and generosity of spirit. Her relationship and commitment to God was the focus and source of her life and 79 years as a sister, serving the Lord joyfully and wholeheartedly. May she rest in Peace. Anyone wishing to attend her requiem mass and funeral at 2pm on February 13th at Farnborough Hill please contact the school at SSec@farnborough-hill.org

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

Father we look around your fragile world and we see so much unhappiness and sadness. We see the tears of children and adults who have had their love for life taken away by war or violence against them. I ask myself "What can I do?" If only I could wave a magic wand and make peace all over the world. But life's not like that I tell myself. I need to make a difference another way. I know what I'll do I'll start with myself and be kind and loving with family and loved ones. And I'll pray that the peace which Jesus gives us will rest in the hearts of all who cannot find peace. Father as we remember the birth of Jesus, the prince of peace. Give us the strength to live a life of peace and to support all those who work for peace by what we can give.

**Confessions St Swithun**  
Saturdays 5.30pm-5.50pm  
St Swithun Church



**C**onfession allows us to hold ourselves accountable for these sins and seek true forgiveness. The soul needs confession to cleanse itself, allowing us to repair our relationship with Christ. Confession grants us sacramental grace, helping to repair the bonds we break with God when we sin.

## 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 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.

## 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.

### **FIRST COLLECTION:**

25/01: SS: £136.10; STM=£45.20  
01/02: SS=£140.20 STM=£59.10

### **SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

Cathedral: SS = £56; STM = £35.50  
Cafod: 01/03

**Many thanks for all your contributions**