

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. SWITHUN'S NEWSLETTER



24 NOVEMBER 2024

CHRIST THE KING

**REFLECTION FROM FR. ANTHONY.** We have an important role and mission of spreading the kingdom of God in our midst. A kingdom of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love and peace. Christ, the King and Lord of the whole universe, made himself the servant of all. For us Christians, we are called to serve each other, for to *"reign is to serve him."* In particular, we are called to serve those who are poor, those who are suffering, those who are downcast and those who feel marginalised and rejected.

We, the People of God, fulfill our royal dignity by a life in keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ. For the criteria on the last day of judgement will be if we were of service with Christ in serving Christ in the hungry, in the thirsty, in the strangers, in the naked, in the sick, and in the prison. We are called to go beyond our comfort zones and go over and beyond ourselves to be a community of service to each other and those people we encounter.

#### **CHANGE OF TIME AND LOCATION FOR MASS.**

Starting on Saturday 30 November, the Vigil Mass that was previously celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes at 6.00pm, will be moved to St. Swithun's. Mass will now start at 5.30pm. Confessions will be available from 5.00pm onwards.

**NEW TRANSLATION OF LECTIONARY.** Starting in Advent, we will be using a new translation of the Lectionary which is based on the English Standard Version Catholic Edition (ESV-Catholic). We have some Sunday Missals in stock. If you would like a copy ordered, please contact the parish office

**ADVENT RETREAT & HEALING SERVICE.** Praise & Worship: Talks, Adoration and Healing Ministry. St. John's Cathedral, Fri 29 Nov, 5.00pm - 8.00pm.



**GOSPEL.** John 18:33-37. *"Yes, I am a king."*

**COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS.** Starting in Advent, the faithful will have the opportunity to receive Communion under both kinds (the host and Precious Blood) at Sunday Masses. The "meaning" of Communion is most clearly signified when given under both kinds. However, as our faith teaches, communion received under one kind, such as the Host alone, receives the whole and entire Christ. The choice is left to the communicant.

**APPEAL FOR CROSS.** Urgent repairs are needed to secure the cross on the north end of the church. Work will begin shortly. It will cost around £2,000. We have raised £463 so far. Thank you! We would appreciate your generosity towards this repair.

**BIBLE STUDY.** Starting on Wednesday 4 December, the parish will be hosting a bible study group on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm onwards. We will focus on the Gospel of Luke. For more details, please contact the parish office.

**TURN OVER** for news from our schools.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/southsea](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/southsea)

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

## Saturday 23 November - OUR LADY ON SATURDAY

6.00pm - Our Lady of Lourdes (Vigil Mass) *People of the parish*

## Sunday 24 November - CHRIST THE KING

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *Charles Monk McShane RIP*

10.15am - St. Swithun's - *Margaret Pearce RIP*

## Monday 25 November - ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

No Mass

## Tuesday 26 November - FERIA

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *John Arthur Butler RIP*

## Wednesday 27 November - FERIA

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Mary Clapine & Anne Keogh*

## Thursday 28 November - FERIA

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Claire Levy RIP*

## Friday 29 November - FERIA

10.00am - St. Swithun's - *Marion Noone*

## Saturday 30 November - ST. ANDREW

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Thanksgiving*

5.30pm - St. Swithun's (Vigil Mass) *Graces for the new liturgical year*

## Sunday 1 December - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *People of the parish*

10.15am - St. Swithun's - *Rudi Rudziak*

**OFFERTORY.** The Parish bank account details are as follows:

**Lloyds Bank Account name:** CDP Our Lady of Lourdes' and St Swithun Church

**Sort code:** 30-93-04

**Parish Account no:** 01730453

### PARISH CONFESSION TIMES.

Saturday morning after Mass at 9.45am at St Swithun's, and .

Other times are available. Please speak to Fr. Anthony.

### YOUR PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Have you moved since you first joined the Parish? Do we have your current email address? Have you added to your family? Help us to keep our database up to date. Thank you!

**BAPTISM.** If you are looking to have your baby baptised, please speak to Fr. Anthony Fyk or email the office if he is unavailable.

**PARISH SICK LIST.** Do you know of someone who is ill and would like Holy Communion at home? If so, please let Fr. Anthony Fyk know once you have gained the person's permission to pass on their details. Thank you for your support.

**VOLUNTEERING.** If you could help us in any way, please speak to Fr. Anthony Fyk.

**PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.** Please have a look over the Annual Parish Financial Report (1 September 2023 till 31 August 2024). Our total income was £124,000 and our total expenses were £242,300, resulting in a deficit of £118,300. Our closing bank account was £55,956.85 for that year. We are in the process of preparing a budget for the coming year with attention to spending.

## PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. SWITHUN'S

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**Charity number:** 1199568

INTRODUCING ST. SWITHUN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Dear parishioners

Following a conversation with Fr. Anthony, we, as a school, felt it would be a fantastic opportunity to share weekly updates from our school community with the parish.

This week we have started having our language ambassadors welcome children, parents and guardians to the school in a different language each Friday. Reflecting our multi-cultural community, here in Southsea, is an important part of the work we do in making all feel welcome, valued and at home in the St. Swithun's community. It is also an amazing gift to be shared and nurtured with others. It is incredible to list the languages we speak as a school community and the variety of places around the world that are represented.

*"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2:4-6)*

**PRE-SCHOOL AT ST. SWITHUN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.** Sunbeams, the Pre-School at St. Swithun's Primary School, has spots available for children. Please contact Debbie Horton, the Deputy Pre-School Manager, for more details. Email [sunbeams@sscps.co.uk](mailto:sunbeams@sscps.co.uk) or call 023 9281 2802.

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