

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



2 FEBRUARY 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**FR. ANTHONY'S REFLECTION.** Every night, the Church, through Night Prayer, puts on our lips the Nunc dimittis, also known as the Song of Simeon or the Canticle of Simeon: *"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."* We have seen and experienced salvation, one of the greatest gifts made possible. We have been created by the Father, redeemed by his Son, and made holy, or whole, by the Holy Spirit. With such a great gift, we should be joyful and hopeful.

Christ is the light of the nations, and having a share in this light, we are invited to go into the world, to share this great light to the world around us through our words, actions, and values. Our faith is not a private event but is lived out in our daily lives. In a world where there is much division, injustice, hatred, and wrongdoing, we are to be a light to the world, to bring unity, justice, love, peace, and reconciliation. Let us offer the light of the gospel we have experienced ourselves to the world.

**PARISH WEEKDAY SOCIALS** after Thursday Masses. There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and chit-chat in the Canon Kuner Room. All are invited!

**PARISH REGISTRATION.** We are developing a new parish database and would like you to visit the website [www.caspar.church/me?ID=9840](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=9840) and fill in a few details. If you don't feel confident using the internet, please speak to the parish office.

**CAFOD VOLUNTEERING.** If you're looking for a new opportunity, please email [jolewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jolewry@cafod.org.uk) or phone her on 07710 094447.



**GOSPEL.** Luke 2:22-40. *'My eyes have seen your salvation.'*

**PARISH SOCIAL.** We will be hosting a social event on Saturday 8 February after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. All are welcome!

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION.** £1,112.25  
(Cathedral: £229.28)

**OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP** takes place at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the sacristy. Please join us if you can.

**IN-PERSON SAFEGUARDING TRAINING.** If you volunteer with children or vulnerable adults in our parish and have not completed the new online training in the last year, you must join the next round of training in the church hall on Saturday 8 February. This starts at 11.00am and is in two parts. The training for those working with children starts at 11.00am. If you work with adults, this training starts at 1.00pm. Refreshments are provided but please bring a packed lunch if you are attending both sessions. Thank you.

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

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

## Saturday 1 February - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

5.30pm - St. Swithun's (Vigil Mass) *Private intention*

## Sunday 2 February - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *Robert Hancock Wilson*

10.15am - St. Swithun's - *People of the parish*



## Monday 3 February - ST. BLAISE

No Mass

## Tuesday 4 February - FERIA

No Mass

## Wednesday 5 February - ST. AGATHA

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Eugene Clerkin RIP*

## Thursday 6 February - ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Anne Keogh*

## Friday 7 February - FERIA

10.00am - St. Swithun's - *Helen Chatfield*

## Saturday 8 February - ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *People of the parish*

5.30pm - St. Swithun's (Vigil Mass) *Thanksgiving*

## Sunday 9 February - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *Thanksgiving*

10.15am - St. Swithun's - *Albertolli Family RIP*

**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

### MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS.

It is a long-standing Catholic tradition to have the Eucharist offered for a particular intention, for the living and the dead. We do this because our faith is centred on the celebration of the Eucharist, the source of our life in Christ. Of course, Mass is 'free' but it is customary to make a donation in a form of a Mass offering. If you would like to arrange a Mass offering for yourself or loved ones, whether living or dead, please contact Emma in the office.

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY.

*For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.* Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**GETTING MARRIED?** Please note that you need to give 12 months' notice. Contact Fr. Anthony or speak to Emma in the office. They will be pleased to help you.

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

**Address:** 105 Waverley Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO5 2PL United Kingdom

**Priest in Charge:** Fr. Anthony Fyk - 023 9282 8305

**Email:** [afyk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:afyk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Parish office:** [southseaparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southseaparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Parish office opening hours:** Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am - 1.00pm

**Safeguarding:** [safeguarding.porls@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding.porls@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) (Anne Worden and Teresa Rowe)

**Website:** [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/southsea](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/southsea)

**Charity number:** 1199568