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WEEKLY NEWS
Assumption of Mary
21st Sunday of the Year
2nd & 9th August 2026
(Year A)

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Sun 16th

**THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

6pm (Sat)
8.45am (STM)
10.45am

John Elliott RIP
People of the Parish

Tues 18th
7pm

Feria

Wed 19th
9.30am
10-11am
10-12noon

Feria

Mothers Prayers
Adoration

Thu 20th
9.30am

St Bernard

Fri 21st
9.30am

St Pius X

Sat 22nd
11.30am

The Queenship of Mary
Baptism Shelby Phillips

For those who travel during this summer,
please be safe.

Sun 23rd

**21st SUNDAY OF THE
YEAR**

6pm (Sat)
8.45am (STM)
10.45am

People of the Parish

Tues 25th
7pm

Feria

Wed 26th
9.30am
10-11am
10-12pm

Feria

Mothers Prayers
Adoration

Thu 27th
9.30am

St Monica

For all mothers in the world

Fri 27th
9.30am

St Augustine of Hippo



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



**ASSUMPTION OF THE
VIRGIN MARY**

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. The Assumption celebrates the great dogma of faith that the Blessed Mother was taken up into heaven body and soul at the end of her life on earth. Mary was free from the Original Sin and whilst she accepted death as Jesus did,

through Him she was spared bodily corruption. She has now joined her Son in heaven. The Assumption thus enables us to give honour to Mary for her part in the Redemption and reminds us that we carry within our bodies, which are Temples of the Holy Spirit, the seeds of eternity. Her Assumption foreshadows our own entry body and soul into the happiness of heaven. We commemorate the Assumption in the Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary. It is a day to pray for integral human development in our world, for a proper care for and respect of creation and the natural environment, for an end to poverty.

LECTIO DIVINA

Will resume in September.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Will resume in September.

UCM

Will resume in September

BAPTISM

Saturday 22nd Aug, infant Shelby Phillips will be baptised in St. Swithun's, at 11.30am.

We welcome her into the family of the Church.

STAND UP against Assisted Suicide

The Assisted Suicide Bill is back AGAIN!!! As Catholic Christians, we must defend life from conception to its natural end. Life is not ours to give; it is certainly not ours to take. Let us heed the clarion call of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales regarding this by contacting our MPs and asking them to stand with us. To contact our local MP, do click on: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>.

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL 15th-19th August

Are you thinking of an uplifting spiritual experience for you and your family this summer? Think no further because CELEBRATE FESTIVAL is here. This year, it is sponsored by THE CHOSEN and features an incredible lineup of speakers, entertainers, and other spiritual and fun activities. To know more and book your tickets, click on this link: <https://www.celebratefestival.org/>.



THE MEDAILLE TRUST

One of the UK's leading providers of support for survivors of modern slavery, is bringing its Art Roadshow to St John's Cathedral on Saturday 12 September from 11am to 2pm. For more information, please email Jenny LeLean at:

caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please see the parish secretary to register your child.



FORMS & TRADITIONS OF PRAYER

This fortnightly online course beginning on Thu 13th Aug via Zoom promises to enrich the spiritual life of participants by drawing on the mystical wisdom of the Church's great prayer traditions. Each of the ten sessions will focus on a distinct prayer tradition, as a contemplative and transformative prayer practice. You will gain insight into the history, theology, and different approaches to prayer, learn how to integrate various practices into daily spiritual discipline, and more. Get further information and register:

www.carmelite.uk.net/courses/deepening-prayer-forms-and-traditions-of-prayer/

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all the sick in our parish May the Lord heal them all with his love.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

May God grant them rest and peace, and bring comfort to those who remember them.



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. SWITHUN'S 100 CLUB

Names of winners are displayed in the porch. If you would like to become a member contact the parish Office.

FIRST COLLECTION:

SS:
02/08=£136
09/08=£86.90

STM:
02/08=£97.20
9/08=£103.90

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

20/09: Home Mission

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