

25th July — 1st August

Sat 25th 10am Canon Peter Turbitt RIP

Sat 25th 6pm Mark Green RIP

Sun 26th 9am Pro Pop

Sun 26th 11am Chris Openshaw RIP

Mon 27th 10am Eva Krokowska RIP

Tues 28th 10am Canon Peter Turbitt RIP

Weds 22nd 10am Canon Peter Turbitt RIP

Weds 29th 12 noon (Lambourn)

Thurs 30th 10am Siobhan and Paddy Gibbons RIP

Fri 31st 10am Mary Turbitt's int.

Sat 1st 10am Jeremiah Mushi int

Sat 1st 6pm Gary Green RIP

Sun 2nd 9am Michael Vickers RIP

Sun 2nd 11am (Lambourn) Patrick Folan RIP



QR Code to
Register as a
Parishioner

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30—11am or by appointment.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Canon Peter and Ken Trotter, and those whose anniversaries occur around this. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or

Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am– 1pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 5:00pm on Thursday.

Collections Thank You

If you would like to continue supporting the Church your weekly/ monthly offering can be made online using this name and account number :

CDP Wantage St John Vianney

Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01720016

Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn.



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Year A 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th July 2026



Buried Treasure

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field; which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps Heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer

instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards, home improvements, fame, social acceptance and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Today Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

Dates for your Diary:

Mass and Confessions for Hong Kong Catholics in Oxfordshire

There will be a Saturday vigil mass celebrated in Cantonese by a visiting priest, Fr Robert Wong (SVD Taiwan), in English Martyrs Church Didcot, 15 Manor Crescent, Didcot OX11 7AJ on Saturday 8th August at 4pm. Confession time (in Cantonese) starts at 3pm. Tea and Refreshment will be served after mass. For registration and enquiries, please email to oxhkcaths@gmail.com, or contact Ada Chim in Didcot by 01235812338 or didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Funeral Arrangements for Canon Peter RIP.

Canon Peter's remains will be received into St John Vianney on Thursday 20th August. Vigil from 5pm till a Requiem Mass at 7pm followed by Rosary.

Canon Peter's Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip will be at English Martyrs Didcot at 10am on Friday 21st August followed by burial at Chain Hill Cemetery. Refreshments will be served at St John Vianney Hall after the funeral on Friday. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Grandparents & the Elderly The World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly is today, Sunday 26th July – also the feast day of St Joachim and St Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus.

Kim Leadbeater's 'Terminally Ill End of Life (Adults) Act' having run out of time in the House of Lords, is being brought back by Lauren Edwards MP. The second reading will be on 11th September. It is vital that as many people as possible write to their MP asking him/her to oppose this Bill. There are several organisations which provide good information, which can be included in your letters. They include 'Right to Life; www.righttolife.org.uk 'Not Dead Yet' www.notdeadyetuk.org and the 'Augustine Bioethics Network' www.abnethics.org. Every letter is important. Only 12 MPs need to change their minds for the Bill to be defeated.

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration
St. John Vianney
Wednesdays 7-8pm**

**Scripture Study
Tuesday 7-7:30pm on Zoom**

Calling parents and children for pre-registration for First Holy Communion. Classes will begin in September. If your child will be seven by 30 May 2027 please register. Classes will run on Saturday mornings from

Child Registration

We are now in the phase of adding children to our parish database. Please use the QR code here to register your children. This is very important for those who will be joining the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes next September.



Holiday Foodbanks

Foodbanks usually see an increase in demand for emergency food for children during the summer holidays. Over a third of all food distributed by the foodbank network throughout the year goes to children, but there is extra financial pressure during the school holidays for families who rely on free school meals during term time, amounting to between £30 and £40 a week per

Tea and Coffee take a Summer Holiday. Volunteers needed for August.

The rota for tea and coffee after Mass does not include August. If you can help on the 9th, 23rd or 30th, contact Fr. David

Parish Feast Day 4th August. There will be teas and coffee after Mass on 4th August to celebrate our parish patron, St. John Vianney.

Important Contacts.

Hospital / Home visits. Sick Communion,

If you are sick or going into hospital and would like a visit or Holy Communion, call the office on **01235 762374**

Parish Safeguarding ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090

Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :

Fr. Matthew Topham. East Hendred. Tel: 01235 835038

Fr. Dominic Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338