

Mass Times 18th - 25th January 2025

Sat 18th 10am *Pete Gray R.I.P.*

Sat 18th 6pm *Patrick Bergin R.I.P.*

Sun 19th 9am *Edward Moran R.I.P.*

Sun 19th 11am *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

Mon 20th 10am *John & Audrey McCaffrey R.I.P.*

Tues 21st 9:30am *Isabel Smith R.I.P.*

Tues 21st 11am *Paul Gherzi R.I.P. Requiem Mass*

Weds 22nd 10am *Tangyn Johns' Intentions*

Weds 22nd 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 23rd 10am

Fri 24th 10am

Sat 25th 10am

Sat 25th 6pm *Beth Monahan R.I.P.*

Confessions on Saturdays 10:30—11am at St. Joh Vianney. Or by appointment



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Isabel Smith, Paul Gherzi, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Pete Gray, Robin Pope, Terence Murrell, Helen (Ros) Eltham, Patrick Callaghan, Denis Buckley, Beth Monaghan, Michael O'Connor, Mary Derbyshire, Jeanne Taylor, Edward Purcell, Colin Kirkham, Marie Pert, Vera Picken, Philip Kent, Mary Smith, Gabrysia Anderson, Wojciech Dubenski, Mary O'Sullivan, John Prove, Marjorie Whitaker, Anthony Windsor, Geoffrey Whitehead, Audrey McCaffrey, Mary Black, Edward Moran, Richard Corkery, Jack Kneafsey, John McCaffrey. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Nancy Walsh, Dagmar Couchman, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Dot Armstrong, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Sue Maher, Gloria Allen, Pam Morgan and all those suffering at this time. Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list .

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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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If You Could Choose A Miracle?

If you were in Jesus' shoes and you were about to grab the world's attention with your first miracle, what might that first miracle be? Might you reverse global warming or end poverty? Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. To many it seems a frivolous kind of miracle something akin to a party trick, but John relates the miracle with good reason. John's gospel is quite different in character from the other three. It's written in a very symbolic style, and it doesn't follow the same order, or record the same stories as the others. St. John is concerned in showing us signs, which gradually reveal the glory of God through Jesus. The author seems to be mainly interested in the significance of the deeds of Jesus. So what is the significance of this miracle? John writes, "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." Suddenly confronted with enough wine to swim in, the disciples had no choice but to begin to believe in who Jesus really was. Neither would the symbolism have been lost on the people of the time. It was the people's belief that at the time of salvation God would provide a table for feasting for his servants and a cup that would never run dry. In short, the substance of the sign was of no consequence at all; it was the message the sign conveyed that was all-important.

The symbolism we read in this first miracle speaks of an old religion bogged down with oppressive rules and laws liberated by a new faith governed by love, compassion, joy, generosity, and abundance. Being a Christian is a very serious business, and as Christians we are asked to address life and death issues, but that doesn't mean we should trudge around with long pious faces. Jesus frequently likens the Kingdom of God to a feast, so smile.... the changing of water to wine is a sign of better things to come.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For January - For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Join us in the hall for refreshments after 9am Mass.

Isabel Smith R.I.P.

Isabel died in the JR hospital last Monday, following a fall. She will be remembered as a lovely and loyal parishioner and member of our choir. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.

Paul Gheri R.I.P.

We also remember in our prayers, Paul Gheri who died in South Africa. His funeral will be on Tuesday 21st January, 11am at St. John Vianney. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

A Temporary VOLUNTEER is Needed to clean the hall on 2nd or 3rd March. For further details please contact Maria asap on 07952837027 .

Right to Life - As we just enter a week of prayer for Christian unity, let us pray that all Christians might express our shared love of Christ in charity towards the most vulnerable, including the sick, the poor, and the unborn. Lord hear us...

Prayer Group - next meeting is on Monday 27th January at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.



Safeguarding Notice - Children should be accompanied by a parent when using the toilets at Church. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office . Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.



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The Second Collection this week is for Pax Christi - working for justice, reconciliation and non-violence. . The theme of this year's message is *Forgive us our Trespasses: Grant us Your Peace*. Donations can be made in the basket at the back of Church. There are envelopes in the basket if you would like Pax Christi to claim gift aid on your donation.

United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - "That they all may be one..." (Jn 17:21)

United Service is being held at the Methodist Church in Newbury Street on **Sunday 19th January**. The service begins with tea/cake in the hall from 3pm onwards, with the church service beginning at 4pm. All are welcome to attend.

How the Faith of JRR Tolkein Influenced His Writing - a talk by Catherine Neal at Blessed Hugh Church, Faringdon on Friday 24th January at 7:45pm. Entry to the talk is free or you can book a Fish and Chip supper for £12, which starts at 7pm. See poster in the porch.

Date for your Diary - Saturday 1st February 7:30pm the return of the very popular Laurel and Hardy show "Hats off to Laurel and Hardy " at the Walwyn Hall Lambourn. Tickets £15 available from Anne Strickland at Lambourn Mass, or call 01488 71580

Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

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 Rep: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090

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

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