

Mass Times 15th - 22nd March 2025

Sat 15th 10am

Sat 15th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 16th 9am

Sun 16th 11am *Elizabeth Preece R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 17th St. Patrick Feast Day 10am *Irene McDonagh R.I.P.*

Tues 18th 10am *Patrick Bergin R.I.P.*

Tues 18th 10:30am Stations of the Cross

Weds 19th St. Joseph Solemnity 10am

Weds 19th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Weds 19th 7pm Station of the Cross and Benediction

Thurs 20th 10am

Fri 21st 10am *Nora O'Malley R.I.P.*

Sat 22nd 10am *Jill Hopkins' Ints.*

Sat 22nd 6pm *Colin Gray R.I.P.*

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Eugene Lambe, Isabel Smith, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Patricia Halifax, Douglas Frewer, Teresa Hicklin, Nora O'Malley, Michael Eyre, Mary Robinson, Patricia Senior, James Lynch, Becky Holt, Edward Moss, Bridget Madden, Richard Wells, Sybill Murphy, Patrick Bergin, Romero Urcelay, Kathleen Roberts, Isolina Durrant, Patricia Baigrie, Judy House, Diana Wasborough, Patricia Wellington, Tania Tompkins, Alphonsus Hill, Mary Johnson, James McCarthy, Stella Gardiner, Maria Coates. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Kevin Maher, Monique Regan, Cathy, Longworth, Nancy Walsh,, 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 .

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 C 2nd Sunday in Lent 16th March 2025



Believing Jesus is the Son of God

Jesus is the Son of God, but there are those who have other opinions. Perhaps he was just a very good man with a gift for teaching and healing. Perhaps he was just a prophet. Perhaps he was just a charismatic leader, a social worker, a philanthropist, a rebel or some kind of religious genius.

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. And as Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is

changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure, which he is to accomplish at Jerusalem.

What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary human being. Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee. Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer. In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity. Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'. It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first-hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the Knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For March - For the elderly, that they may be supported and cared for in their needs.

Pray for the recovery of Pope Francis - We pray for the recovery of Pope Francis. We ask God, "Have mercy on Pope Francis in his illness now, we pray, and guide the medical staff who are caring for him. Grant him peace and healing. Through Christ our Lord."

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

Choir News - The choir will be practicing every Friday evening at 7:30pm in the hall, to prepare for the Masses and services of Holy Week and Easter. If you like singing and would be interested to join the choir, just speak to Neville after Mass.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey, where you'll find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25th March"

Little People - Thank you for all your support for Little People. Our clients are so grateful for the food, clothing and household items that you donate. At the moment, we are in need of baby clothes ages 0 - 3yrs and boys clothes ages 5 - 8 yrs. Any items can be left in the food bank box in the porch. Many thanks

Care Not Killing - Important Petition - The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. Please consider signing the Care Not Killing petition which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales. Forms are at the back of Church. See the poster on the noticeboard if you prefer to access via the QR code.

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 or on the card machine. Thank you for your support.



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The Second Collection This Weekend is for CAFOD - The decision by the government to reduce overseas development assistance from 0.5% to 0.3% means that, in some of the most vulnerable places on earth, more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods. With the support of our parishes for this Lent Fast Day Appeal we can share hope with these communities and stand with them in solidarity against the impact of this cut. CAFOD has partners making a difference right now across the world, committed to working wherever the need is greatest. If you are a UK tax payer, you are invited to use an envelope available at the back of Church and fill in the gift aid slip which will increase your donation.

Lent Soup Lunches - Every Friday during Lent, starting at 12:30pm. If you can help by making soup, please sign up on the form in the porch. All are welcome to come along. Donations—recipients to be decided.

Stations of the Cross
St. John Vianney
Tuesdays at 10:30am
Wednesday Evenings 7pm, followed by Benediction

Scripture Study
Tuesdays 7-7:30pm
on Zoom

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 12 Noon The Passion (Lambourn)
Friday 3pm The Passion and Veneration of The Cross
Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 9am Easter Sunday
Sunday 11am (Lambourn)

Office Hours - Tuesday 11am to 1:30pm. Thursday and Friday 11am to 2:30pm. 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
Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn
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Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :

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